

Transformerless Advantages

Due to the reduction of active components in the signal path, this is a desirable design feature in the realm of transparent preamps. A transformer will always add a level of coloration to a signal, and as such, a design employing transformers cannot rival the transparency of a well-designed transformerless input, particularly in the upper range of the frequency spectrum. (We're talking audiophile degrees here.) Transformerless designs are more prevalent in solid state preamps. Transformerless tube designs do exist but they tend to be very expensive since they are more difficult to build than their solid state counterparts. Major proponents of transformerless design are John La Grou (Millennia Media) and George Massenburg (GML).

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