To date (2022) McIntosh has produced 5 different versions of the Mc 275 amplifier based on electrical design, layout of the front panel and electrical specifications. Within some of those versions there are also variations - cosmetic differences.

With only a couple of exceptions, each of these versions have been known as MC275. McIntosh had a different stock number for each version and variation, but from a branded aspect, all are known as MC275.

Along the way there became a need to differentiate the various iterations of the amplifier. One way or another, these were given the unofficial “Mark” designation. However, the early use of this system was different than what has been settled on later. So, some of the older information about a particular “MK” unit may no longer be valid.

(450 V power supply). Tubes: 4-KT88/6550 output, 12AX7, 2-12AU7, 2-12AZ7, 2-12BH7. S/N: 10,001~10,147 AND 100E1~572E9

Specifications: 16-40kHz (+0,-0.1dB). Distortion: 0.5%. Noise & Hum: -90 dB. Output impedance: 4, 8, 16 67 and 600 ohms.

**MC275 “Spotting features”**: 1. Octal output on front angled panel. 2. Terminal strips are vertical. 3. Gain controls. 4. Balance control. 5. Stereo/Twin Amp/Mono switch. 6. Power cord is on the vertical front panel and fuse is on the angled front. 7. 117/125V Line Voltage switch. 8. Stereo, Twin and Mono audio inputs. 9. Convenience outlet on vertical front panel.

(450 V power supply). Tubes: 4-KT88/6550 output, 3-12AX7A, 4-12AZ7. S/N: E1001~E???

Specifications: 20-20kHz (+0,-0.2dB). Distortion: 0.5%. Noise & Hum: -100 dB. Output impedance: 4, 8, 16 ohms. Damping factor greater than 10.

**MC275 CE features:** 1. Hybrid PCB/Point-to-point wiring. 2. Chromed steel chassis. 3. 450 V power supply.


(450 V power supply). Tubes: 4-KT88/6550 output, 3-12AX7A, 4-12AZ7. S/N: ??1001~?????

Specifications: 20-20kHz (+0,-0.2dB). Distortion: 0.5%. Noise & Hum: -100 dB. Output impedance: 4, 8, 16 ohms. Damping factor greater than 10.

MC275 [MK III] features: 1. Hybrid PCB/Point-to-point wiring. 2. Stainless steel chassis. 3. 450 V power supply. 4. Same design as CE.

MC275G: (1998 ~ 1999) Titanium gold stainless steel chassis. Same design as CE.

(450 V power supply). Tubes: 4-KT88/6550 output, 3-12AX7A, 4-12AZ7. S/N: MC275G-01~MC275G-71

Specifications: 20-20kHz (+0,-0.2dB). Distortion: 0.5%. Noise & Hum: -100 dB. Output impedance: 4, 8, 16 ohms. Damping factor greater than 10.

MC275G features: 1. Hybrid PCB/Point-to-point wiring. 2. Stainless steel chassis with gold finish. 3. 450 V power supply.

MC275G “Spotting features“: 1. Gold finish. 2. Gain controls. 3. Unbalanced inputs on far right-hand side of the vertical front. 4. Power cord and fuse are on the vertical front. 5. Convenience outlet on vertical front panel.

(450 V power supply). Tubes: 4-KT88/6550 output, 3-12AX7A, 4-12AT7. S/N: VN1001~VN????

Specifications: 20-20kHz (+0,-0.2dB). Distortion: 0.5%. Noise & Hum: -100 dB. Output impedance: 4, 8, 16 ohms. Damping factor greater than 14.

MC275 [MK IV] features: 1. PCB wiring. 2. Stainless steel chassis. 3. 450 V power supply.

MC275 GOLD [MK IV]: (200? ~ 200?) Stainless steel chassis with gold finish. Same design as MC 275 [MK IV].

(450 V power supply). Tubes: 4-KT88/6550 output, 3-12AX7A, 4-12AT7. S/N: VR1001~VR????

Specifications: 20-20kHz (+0,-0.2dB). Distortion: 0.5%. Noise & Hum: -100 dB. Output impedance: 4, 8, 16 ohms. Damping factor greater than 14.

MC275 [MK IV] GOLD features: 1. PCB wiring. 2. Stainless steel chassis with gold finish. 3. 450 V power supply. Same design as MC275 [MK IV].

MC 275 STEREO POWER AMPLIFIER VERSIONS

**MC275 [MK V]:** *(2009 ~ 2012)*  
**Changes:** RoHS. Gain controls eliminated.  
Early small 5-way plastic binding posts changed to gold metal in later production.  
Changes to the vertical and angled front panels.  
(450 V power supply).  
Tubes: 4-KT88/6550 output, 3-12AX7A, 4-12AT7.  
S/N: WM1001~WM????

Specifications: 20-20kHz (+0,-0.5dB).  
Distortion: 0.5%. Noise & Hum: -100 dB.  
Output impedance: 4, 8, 16 ohms.  
Damping factor greater than 14.

**MC275 [MK V] features:**  
1. PCB wiring.  
2. Stainless steel chassis.  
3. 450 V power supply.  
4. RoHS.

**MC275 [MK V] “Spotting features”:**  
1. No gain controls.  
3. Unbalanced inputs on far right-hand side of the slanted front panel.  
4. 5-way speaker binding posts.  
5. Power cord socket and fuse are on the rear panel.

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(490 V power supply). Tubes: 4-KT88/6550 output, 3-12AX7A, 4-12AT7. S/N: ABH1001~ABH???

Specifications: 20-20kHz (+0,-0.5dB). Distortion: 0.5%. Noise & Hum: -105 dB. Output impedance: 4, 8, 16 ohms. Damping factor greater than 22.

MC275 50TH ANNIVERSARY features: 1. PCB wiring. 2. Stainless steel chassis with gold finish. 3. New design and 490 V power supply. 4. Sentry Monitor sequential testing/lighted bases for small tubes.

MC275 50TH ANNIVERSARY “Spotting features”: 1. McIntosh 275 50th Anniversary badge. 2. Large 5-way speaker binding posts on angled front panel. 3. All other connectors and controls are on the vertical front panel. 4. Unbalanced inputs on the right of the vertical front. 4. Power cord socket and fuse are on the rear panel. 5. Stainless Steel chassis with gold finish. 6. Output tubes are recessed. 7. Sentry Monitor sequential testing/lighted bases for small tubes. 8. Power Control In/Out. 9. Power-on indicator.
MC275 [MK VI]: (2012 ~ Current) Stainless steel chassis. Same design as the MC275 50th Anniversary unit.

(490 V power supply). Tubes: 4-KT88/6550 output, 3-12AX7A, 4-12AT7. S/N: ABP1001~ABP???

Specifications: 20-20kHz (+0,-0.5dB). Distortion: 0.5%. Noise & Hum: -105 dB. Output impedance: 4, 8, 16 ohms. Damping factor greater than 22.


MC275 [MK VI] “Spotting features”:  1. Large 5-way speaker binding posts on angled front panel. 2. All other connectors and controls are on the vertical front panel. 3. Unbalanced inputs on the right of the vertical front. 4. Power cord receptacle and fuse are on the rear panel. 5. Output tubes are recessed. 6. Sentry Monitor sequential testing/lighted bases for small tubes. 7. Stainless steel chassis. 8. Power Control In/Out. 9. Power-on indicator.

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MC 275
STEREO POWER AMPLIFIER VERSIONS


MK IV – (2004 ~ 2006)

MK IV GOLD – (200? ~ 200?)
MC 275
STEREO POWER AMPLIFIER VERSIONS

**MK V** - (2009 ~ 2012)

**MK VI 50th Anniversary** - (2012 ~ 2016)

**MK VI** - (2012 ~ Current)