

1926 – Majestic BG

Categoria/*category*: Altifalante de Corneta / *Horn Loudspeaker*

Fabricante / *Maker*: Grigsby-Grunow – Hinds

Modelo / *Model*: BG, WG-10.

Princípio / *Principle*: Corneta / *Horn*.

Formato / *Shape*: Modelo de mesa / *Tablemodel*.

Motor / *Driver*: Eletroímã e diafragma de aço / *Electromagnet and steel diaphragm*.

Materiais / *Materials*: Aço, latão, nitrato de celulose (piralina) / *Steel, brass, cellulose nitrate (pyraline)*.

Produzido / *Produced*: 1926.

Dimensões / *Dimensions*: 320 x 445 x 320 mm; Horn \varnothing = 320 mm.

Peso: / *Weight*: 1,2 kg

Impedância / *Impedance*: 1150 Ω .

Nota / *Note*: Este altifalante é um dos mais bonitos produzidos na década de 1920; é extremamente raro, raridade talvez ligada à fraca penetração que teve no mercado e aos sucessivos insucessos comerciais da empresa que o produzia /

This speaker is one of the most beautiful produced in the 1920s; it is extremely rare; a rarity perhaps linked to the weak penetration it had in the market and to the successive commercial failures of the company that produced it.

Experiência: [Pode ouvir aqui uma demonstração.](#)



História / History:

1. A Grigsby-Grunow-Hinds Co. was founded in 1921 in Chicago, USA. The first devices manufactured were AC-DC converters to power tube radios; they appeared in the market around 1925 and adopted the brand name Majestic.
2. In 1925 the company produced its only loudspeaker, Majestic BG, using a synthetic material based on [cellulose nitrate](#) (explosive material) that was passivated by introducing various substances. The material is called pyraline and was the first moldable synthetic plastic, but it is highly flammable and has a low melting point of around 75 °C.
3. Cellulose nitrate can be transparent and with the addition of various substances it can acquire various colours. It produces very beautiful objects with a variety of colours in the same piece, like the colors present in this loudspeaker.
4. The company had several bankruptcies, and was reformed with slightly different names, always resurrecting the Majestic brand.
5. Grigsby-Grunow was licensed on October 3, 1929 to manufacture electronic valves also designated under the Majestic brand.
6. Around 1933 the original company went bankrupt, but was succeeded by two companies: Majestic Radio and Television Corporation, which continued the Majestic name, and General Household Utilities, which continued under the Grunow name.