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Subject: Do I need a high powered SS when a GC might do?

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One of my goals with this hobby is to eventually move into a three-way active crossover multiamp system. It's a long term goal and will develop as time and money is available. The next step I want to take is to build an amp for the woofer. It's a JBL 2235H and will be used up to 500Hz. I don't know where I got the idea from, but I seem to think that I need a high power SS amp for this purpose. I've been looking into kits from Seal, Marchand, ESP, ampslab, etc. BUT... in my current set up, a 10W tube amp is enough to drive the entire speaker in higher than acceptable levels. SO... am I completely off base with my search for a high power MOSFET amp when technically, a 5W amp would be more than sufficient in this setup? I can build another gainclone with boutique parts for less than a quarter of the cost of this SS kits. Would I be missing anything if I just opted for a gainclone instead of an SS amp? Love to hear some feedback from those who have lived with both a gainclone and a good quality SS amp. Gar.

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