Subject: Re: SEX vs DECWARE

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Boy Dan when you said "Any recomedations for a first SET amp--one that could maybe be a last SET amp?" You left a door WIDE OPEN! "If" you really want an SET that not could, but WOULD be your last SET amp, then check out the Italian designed, 150LB, Mastersound Reference 845. I have this amp (the integrated~not monobloc) and jumped off the audio upgrade path, immediately & forever! It puts out 40W ch (so you can use real-world speakers) of the sweetest SET music I've ever heard! As good as it is (and it's VERY GOOD) you can bring it's performance up quite a few notches by pulling out the stock 12AU7's and inserting Mazda "chrome-plate" EC82CC's. Then pull out the 5687's, put in Bendix 6900's and prepare to sit and listen for hours and hours, as one song turns into a whole CD and one CD turns into a marathon listening session. Ahhhhh, errrr, excuse me. I'm sorry I guess I get took excited about audio. I just reread your question and I doubt the Mastersound would be someone's first SET. However I can promise it would be their last SET.Tom Scata (thetubeguy1954)

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