Subject: Re: Still a bit of a generalization, but...
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I agree with that too. Push-pull designs have more parts, so if all of them are expensive then that will be double the cost of a SET amp using the same parts. You've got a pair of output tubes and a splitter, more stuff. But some of the parts in a push-pull amp can be made smaller for the same power level as a comparible SET amplifier. Single-ended tube amps need bigger tubes and output transformers to get the same power.I am confident that if you remove budget constraints, you can make any of the popular topologies sound good. But if you make price/performance the goal, I think SET starts losing ground.That may be why the budget models are probably better off push-pull. Whatever the case, the low end SET stuff just doesn't appeal to me. More expensive SET amps sure do though.