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Subject: Re: Still bewildered by it all!

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Howard, unfortunately, I've been too cheap to systematically test the sound of various resistors and capacitors to give a meaningful report. I typically breadboard with surplus store parts (ie \$0.02 resistors, \$0.15 caps) to make sure everything works, there are no hums, and I like what I hear. I then build with the "cheap" boutique parts such as Holco resistors, Riken for grid stoppers, Mills for power resistors, JJ for power caps, Solens for non-coupling caps, and Auricaps for coupling caps. I find all these components give a large improvement over the surplus store parts. These parts are also the cheapest of boutique components. The next level represents a big price jump. I'm certain many of the higher grade brands could improve the sound even more, but I'm not convinced the improvement would be worth the additional costs for me.gar.

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