Subject: Re: Looking for Good Speakers
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First of all, I think it's GREAT that you want to get your husband some new speakers! What a lucky guy!If feasible, you might consider letting your husband choose the speakers that will be his gift. Let me explain:Those of us into this hobby are quite individualistic; our priorities vary enormously from one person to the next. I'm a long-time hobbyist turned dealer as well as speaker manufacturer, and I couldn't begin to pick a speaker for someone without knowing a lot about them and their situation. Besides... for most of us, the "quest" for a new toy really is a big part of the fun. Just my opinion, of course.That being said, I can understand if you want to go ahead and surprise him, in which case I'd suggest getting something that can be returned without a severe restocking fee. The big Levinson amp gives a lot of flexibility with speaker choice, and there are lots of very good speakers that come in below the price of that amp. Okay, let me toss out a few questions if you don't mind:What kind of music does your husband like? Soft or medium or loud, or all three? Which is the higher priority: excellent sound for one person in the exact "sweet spot", or very good sound throughout the room? What size is the listening room? What sort of speaker-placement flexibility will he have? Many speakers work best out in the room a few feet, but that can conflict with the priorities of the lady of the house. What are the cosmetic requirements or preferences for the speakers? Will the speakers need to stand up to curious, enthusiastic toddlers, clumsy big dogs, and such? Any other special requirements? What speakers does he have now, does he like them, and are you aware of any comments he's made about what he'd prefer? Are you located in a major metropolitan area, with access to stereo shops?Feel free to contact me if you'd like. Don't worry, I'll leave my salesman hat off and put my hobbyist hat on. Best wishes,Dukeaudiokinesis at yahoo dot com