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Subject: Re: part out Valencias & build NorthCreek or Pi? or keep Valencias?

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The Heathkits do some amazing things - fantastic 'throw' (or what as a musician I'd call 'projection'), good soundstage, nice detail, very life-like sound. However, they're bass-shy, very large and fairly ugly. They're in my garage presently...leaving the big door closed and listening to some Brahms piano pieces from behind the speakers, the reflection off the door has the amazing effect of the piano really being right there in the room. I've never had that experience before. Rumor has it that the 846B (with two round ports) has stronger bass than the 846A (where the horn sits back from the baffle and that opening serves as the port). However, the bass that is present has a great rolling, effortless quality. I've also considered building new cabinets from the old Altec plans...If I can get similar or better sound from a Pi or NorthCreek kit, that seems like the way to go. Certainly your Valencias and Theater 4s sound different; do you prefer one over the other? Do the Theater 4s work better in an average-size living room? My tripath amp has great detail (to my ears) but it seems that a higher powered amp would bring more richness or body to the sound...totally conjecture on my part. What differences did you find using the GC? How do Pi speakers sound with these kind of DIY amps?(by the way, sorry for the rambling response, it's late. And thanks!)

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