Subject: Re: You don't understand why DBT's
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"It would seem to me that to assign differences in sound implies ranking's; in order to have a difference you must have a quality descision that implicates the difference."No. Absolutely not.This is a binary choice. 1=There is a difference, 0=There is not a difference. The choices are not A=It sounds good, B=It sounds bad, C=There is a difference but I like both systems, D=..... Quality is not an issue with DBT, only a detectable difference."If I gave the impresssion that I personally required expected results I have mis-lead readers of the post."Well, you said: "You get results that make your hair stand on end. Solid State amps suddenly sound best; CD's beat vinyl etc." Perhaps I misread this, but it sure sounds like you expect tubes to sound better than SS and vinyl better than CD's. This was the waving red flag that caused my perhaps impolite response. What sounds best is a highly individualistic, very subjective concept and each and every serious audiophile will have a different answer."Since there would have to be a certified difference between components to make the test of any use...."Again, no. If the difference was so large that there is general agreement upon casual listening, there is no need for a test. You are again making the mistake that a DBT is to determine which is best. It is not. The value of a DBT is to determine if a difference exists at all."Shootouts; well I can see some value because after all; there you are truth be told, I mean at some point you have to race the horse."This is pure opinion and my opinion differs. My speakers are designed for a very specific niche. When I demo them, I choose conditions that present the speakers in their best light. I choose amps, program material, SPL levels, etc. In any valid shootout, the conditions for all speakers have to be the same. This gives the real potential for all the speakers to sound crappy. No, it's best to listen to good audio equipment it a proper environment, then move on to the next room with a properly optimized environment.Bob