Subject: Initial Listening Impressions of Yamaha ca-1010
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Hi Everyone, I recevied the Yamaha ca-1010 and have heard it for 2 evenings now. I connected it to both sets of speakers I listen to usually: my klipschorns and my homebrews. Both are really "SET" speakers. Anyways, I connected the Yamaha amp. This is a 90 watt AB or an 18 watt class A amp, built in the late 1970's. I ran it in class A for my initila impressions. The amplifier has decent frequency control. Detail retrieval seems as good as the SETs, or maybe a little better. Imaging is very significantly worse, with the sound coming from the two sepakers, unlike my toher amps, all of which image much better. Overall, listenng to classical music on the klipschorns with this is fine, but my smaller home brews don't sound as good with this amp. I will now speculate why. This SS amp is more "neutral" than the SETs I listen to, esp. in terms of distortion. The SETS probably have much more even order distortion, leading to a fatter. richer sound, whcih augments well with my wide-range driver set-up. The "neutral" sound of the YAmaha brings out the limitations of the widerange driver setup, while the SETs actually add richness and cancel out the leanness in my home brews. ANyway, just my initial listening impressions. A level matched comparo review will follow. thanx-akhilesh