
Subject: Damage to Hearing

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Every time I see Mike's auto subwoofer it reminds me to buy stock in hearing aid companies. This is a joke that my wife and I, two older fogies in our early sixties, frequently make when some guy with a ridiculously loud car stereo pulls within 500 feet of us. It is sad to think that a whole generation will be unable to appreciate good music by the time they are forty. Well, come to think of it, they can't appreciate good music now! ("Rock and Roll is here to stay; it will never die; it will always be that way; but I don't know why; I don't care what people say; Rock and Roll is here to stay....") I made the comment last night at the Duplicate Bridge club when some annoyingly loud car was thumping away out in the parking lot, and she said that she thought that bass was not as damaging to hearing as treble. Got me thinking. In electromagnetic radiation, higher frequencies contain more energy than lower ones. And I think that I read the same thing lately in my studies of Acoustics. (Been reading some of Olson and Marshall's books.) Is it true that Mike.e might not really be deaf by the time he is 30? Is it true that there is no justice in the world, and all these guys with their #\$\$%^ \$^@#\$\$%-F@#\$\$&*\$ thumping noisy car stereos are not really going to go deaf any day now? (As opposed the the rock concert goers, for whom it is already too late.):) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) :) ;)