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Subject: Re: Altec Voice of the Theater

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Wayne-The 825-828 VOT most certainly is bass-shy due to it's stepped response. Mind that it was designed for theater use and Hilliard wanted directional control over the upper bass and lower mid, also Hilliard was keen on acoustic lineup of the woofers and treble drivers, something impossible with the Shearer horns that preceded the VOTs. The midrange and upper bass is glorious though, especially if using the 515B woofer. No woofers other than Altec should be used in these cabinets as I doubt other woofers will have that Altec magic. My 825s do lack lower bass for sure though, the 2 JBL 4846s I ordered should take care of that though. That the Altec VOTs still have a following 55 years after introduction shows that Hilliard and Lansing were really onto something; these speakers, warts and all, still sound fantastic.