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Subject: Do I "need" a subwoofer?

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1) Recently I modernized my preamplifier to an Outlaw 950, which supports Dolby 5.1 decoding. My current main speakers are kit Speakerlab SK (1980's; Klipsch-style corner horn mated to a 7" midrange and EV tweeter), and the sides are Klipsch Cornwalls. The Speakerlabs "claim" 32Hz to (I forget) +- 3dB. Would I get much value out of adding a sub to this system? Can I damage these (stereo) speakers by listening to movies with a lot of low frequency content? 2) I am considering upgrading my system with Seven Pi-18 Premium or Professional, or Seven Pi Professional all JBL, depending on how flush I am at the time. :) Would I get much value out of adding a sub to this system? 3) Is the Adire Tempest one of the better choices for adding to either of these systems? I have heard subwoofers as I walked by at places like Best Buy. Mainly, they made me quicken my pace, as their distorted noise hurt my ears. Younger readers: invest in hearing aid stock - your generation is going to be needing them big time long before they get to my age! :)

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