Subject: Re: Altec 511B / 811B users? opinions? Posted by ToFo on Sat, 05 Feb 2005 06:56:16 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I largely agree. I like these horns a lot, but there have there different personalities depending on application. Smooth response and wide, flat coverage is my bag. The 2370's do have the coverage, but aren't smooth enough with the drivers I prefer. The Altecs do sound a lot like them with the JBL drivers when listening on axis, but exibit classic collapsing directivity from their curvature. With the PSD 2002 an Altec is flat and smooth, but on the 2370 there is a large dropout at 2.5K and a strong pointy peak at 7K. I now use Theater 4's with Peavey CH-3/PSD 2002. CH-3's aren't gorgeous, and they don't do big midrange, but they are decently flat, smooth and wide with the 2002. Unfortunately not enough top end with the 2426 by comparison. I'm impressed how three horns give such a wide variance of responses with different drivers. It seems the 2426 has great self damping. The 2002 maybe not. It changes personality a lot according to horn. Funny how the 2426 is smooth on all of these horns. Wish I liked the sound balance of this driver without EQ. The Altec horn seems to damp the best, Then the CH-3 has 2370 type coverage with bit of Altec smoothing, Then the 2370A seems totally loose with some drivers. Hmmmm. Thomas

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