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Subject: Re: Amp selection for 2 Pi Towers.

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I'm with you. I like some amps of both types, and of course, some I like better than others. I have several good solid state amps and several good tube amps. My solid state amps are from 15 watts to 2000 watts, and I like them a lot. My tube amps are all around 8 to 12 watts, and they're great sounding too. The thing about tube amps is that they are art as much as they are electronics.

SET amps have a lush midrange that's irresistible, but they generally lack bass control.

Push-Pull tube amps are a little more like solid state, in that they have better bass control and are sometimes more tonally balanced, but they don't do vocals like SET amps do. That little Stoetkit I enjoy so much has nearly SET-like midrange with nearly solid-state-like bass, plus it looks really cool. It uses an amplifier configuration called ultra-linear, which is a push-pull type. It has sweet

and the Stoetkit, and it also has enough power to watch action movies. It has plenty of power, so you won't even push it hard in a room of a couple hundred square feet. So those are the reasons I