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Subject: Re: No offense, Matts, but  
Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Sun, 05 Mar 2006 18:32:09 GMT  
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I'm bothered by what many consider a perfectly reasonable suspicion of invidious commercial interest. It's reached a point where every post praising something has to have a disclaimer. "I have no connection with or derive no benefit from..." Why? Consider this: If the positive comments concern a new product, or at least new to me, I'm happy the Internet gave me the opportunity to expand my awareness. If the opinion is that of a conscienceless salesman or someone with imperfect knowledge of the product, in either case, I trust my own ability to discover the truth. Quite often, I think, the poster might have valuable information coincident with a commercial interest. The problem with Audiophiles is the same as with present-day society, everyone's afraid of everyone else! With the exception of 'falsely crying FIRE! in a crowded theatre' I want my freedom of speech. And I want you to have yours.

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