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Subject: Re: Stereophile RMAF subject.

Posted by [Norris Wilson](#) on Sat, 25 Oct 2008 22:12:53 GMT

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"For instance: the kick drum on the opening of Metallica's "One" can make you empty your bladder if played at live volumes." I must admit, I have NOT lost bladder control due to the impact of a musical note being played at extreme sound levels. But, I agree a hard thwak on a big kettle drum, or long sustaining low note being played on an electric bass guitar can have an impact large enough to move sheet rock in an out on a wall. I have been to several rock concerts over the years. One being Grand Funk Railroad, claimed to be loudest band in the world. Unfortunately, I was silly enough to sit right in front of the PA system for more than three hours. It took me four days to get my hearing back after that concert. Listening to loud music for long periods of time can certainly have its dangers. But, it can be fun too, where you can be exhilarated by the speed, dynamics, and emotion of the music. I like to listen to music that way some times myself. But am a little more concerned these days about keeping the hearing ability that I have left. I limit my loud music time to minutes, rather than hours in my earlier concert going days. Live and you learn? Norris

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