Subject: Re: What amp?
Posted by PR Audio on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 07:05:57 GMT
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Hi, Crystal,

I just happened to stumble across your old post while playing around with the ART search function...

Professional interest (the company I worked for built speakers for Lanzar here in the US, prior to Lanzar taking everything to China -- grrrr...

Can you describe what was wrong with the sound, what you were getting that you don't like, or what were you not getting,and if you got it straightened out, what was involved?

I find that about 95% of the time, once you've spent upwards of $400-$500 in a car system, really bad sound in a car, outside of noise problems, is due to either configuration / setup issues (eq., level, and crossover settings), speaker installation issues, poor speakers, poor speaker selection, or insufficient power to get to where you want to go, SPL-wise.
From what you have described, I doubt that poor speakers or insufficient power are the problem. (I realize that current Lanzar amps are grossly overrated, when it comes to power output, but, given the subs you have, I'd think even 400-500 watts of actual / real output power would be sufficient for anyone not wanting to damage their hearing in short order! The Decware subs are pretty efficient, as car subs go...)

Now, it may be that you have fairly good sound and want to do better, so I'm not knocking the Alpine amps -- they are pretty good amps. But, I'd hate to have you buy a new amp only to find that something else was a much bigger factor in what's going on.

Also, you asked for another recommendation: See if you can find a dealer local to you who sells Sundown Audio amps. These are designed by a small U.S. company of real car audio enthusiasts, and while not cheap, are not terribly expensive, either. If you prefer a bigger name, see if you can find a deal on a JL Audio amp. (The company I worked for also built for JL, until a few years ago, so I know from an engineering level perspective what effort goes into their product designs. It's pretty impressive.)