
Subject: Re: 4 Pi Speakers and 3 Pi Subwoofer Request Plus Question

Posted by [Dave_S](#) on Sun, 10 Apr 2011 01:18:49 GMT

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OneBean wrote on Sat, 09 April 2011 11:39 Dave, I have the 4 Pi speakers in standard configuration. I have been listening to them for over 5 years. Prior to that, I was on a constant hunt to upgrade my speakers. That stopped when I built the 4 Pi. These speakers are nothing short of amazing. Dynamic, incredible midrange, just rock solid performance. I have listened to all sorts of high end speakers costing thousands of dollars, and have always left feeling flat and disappointed. I run mine on 3.5 watt tube amps, and use them for everything from TV watching, to listening to records. The real proof is when my non audiophile friends set down and listen to them and say they have never heard any stereo sound that good. They say things like, the sound is coming from the TV, not the speakers, and it's like I can imagine the players on stage because I can hear them all individually. One note, you will need a sub, or multiple subs. Wayne can fill you in on the sub details, he's very helpful. I truly believe these speakers have no design compromises. Every aspect of the design was done to maximize performance. Store bought speakers are designed around a ton of things that have nothing to do with the sound quality, like making sure they fit in a box that ships easy, designed to use cost effective materials to get higher margins (drivers, crossovers, wood) and appeal to the widest demographic possible. By the time they accomplish these things, it's amazing they even make any music at all. I hope this helps. Good luck in your journey.

OneBean

Thanks. It is always reassuring to hear a few more opinions.

I will probably do most of the upgrades except the capacitors. That will help pay for the cost of the subs. My speaker quest started when I contemplated buying a sub to add to my current speakers and mentioned it to a coworker. He said that it was a nasty compromise and that the main speakers are the thing to invest in. Wayne's tendency to use 2 subs may be more of the answer and makes the design more like a set of 3-way speakers. I'll have to run the 2 speaker/2 sub design past him. The speakers seem to have the basic design features that he leaned towards like larger drivers that can move air.

One other user here has a set of Orions and 4 Pi speakers. He didn't say that the 4 Pi was better - but seemed to enjoy the 4 Pi speakers just as much. The Orions seem like a little more than I am willing to tackle and may be hard to set up in my room.

One more question: If I go with the 3 Pi subs, what does one do about the crossover, low pass filter?