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Subject: Re: Good wire article

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IDK why anyone would write off the EM reality of the situation. Like I wrote, my 6 feet of 99c store cable at 24awg is just as good as my 3 feet of Radioshack 16awg wire, both at 8ohms. It was twice the length and maybe 1/12th of the cost.

I am confident enough in that to use it in any situation where there is only 6 feet of cable length.

The only time you would really need to worry about speaker wire at line level is if you have really long runs or really low impedance.

20awg gets the job done for basically any home stereo wiring, IMO. That way you can use a 4ohm load and have tons of slack.

Actually, 16awg wire is more likely to break plastic "grabbing" terminals or have a mediocre contact with them, making it a liability. I have an old amp with the screw type terminals and it is extremely hard to get a good solid contact or to tighten them down adequately.