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Subject: Re: The most expensive speakers in the world  
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I believe the entry point for a really good sounding mainstream high end speaker is about \$1,000/pr. You can get a pair for less, but they will have some serious compromises. The point of diminishing returns seems to be about \$10,000/pr. You could spend much more, but any well designed and fairly priced \$10,000 pair will sound and look very nice.

"Fairly priced \$10,000 pair" may seem like an oxymoron, but the typical mainstream speaker at that price point will have about \$2,000 worth of parts, and that's what's needed for really excellent sound in an upscale enclosure. Selling a speaker whose materials cost \$2K for \$10K many seem excessive, but the manufacturer needs to cover all his overhead including wages, benefits, advertising, dealer markup, etc. I believe the best values are those offered by non-mainstream high end speaker manufacturers like Pi Speakers, Selah Audio, GR Research, AudioKinesis, etc.

Here's some eye candy <http://most-expensive.net/speakers>

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