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Subject: Re: Compression Drivers

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I suppose it might be worth looking at but I must admit I'm not too pleased with what I think are probably Chinese copies. I'm seeing this happen a lot in audio lately, little companies springing up selling Chinese knock-offs of products from popular brands. Some of these companies are actually sponsoring this "development" in China by sending them the devices to copy.

I don't know that it is illegal to send a compression driver to China to be copied, unless it infringes on a patent. But I'm not interested in supporting that kind of thing myself. I mean, isn't there some responsibility on the part of these companies to do a little bit of R&D in order to be in the manufacturing business, or is it right that they just copy whatever they want?

If B&C wanted to shift their manufacturing to China for cost savings, that's one thing. You may or may not find that to be a good move. But for other companies to do that, to have zero R&D investment, no engineers, no technical talent at all - for them to send a device to China just to have it copied cheaply, well, I find that more than distasteful, I find it downright disgusting.

So I guess you can say I'm not going to be trying the Denovo or Parts Express driver copies. I would suggest to all other hobbyists that the best thing they could do to support ongoing development of quality hifi products is to avoid buying from companies that copy products like those. If the company has no engineering staff, avoid purchasing their "house" brand products, particularly if they have specs that match another popular model. That's my view, for what it's worth.