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Subject: Re: Not What I Thought It Would Be

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2012 02:32:50 GMT

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The "wattage" doesn't matter as to how loud a speaker is at a given drive level. That is described by its "sensitivity" specification. However, the maximum output can be known by three values - max power, sensitivity and compression. At low frequencies, the limit is usually excursion and not thermal, but basically if you know the power limit and sensitivity of a speaker, you can know its maximum SPL.

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