Subject: Re: What Was Your First Stereo?
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I think my first experience (you have to be really old to tell this story)was right at the introduction of stereo. We had a mono record player with amp and speaker all in one.

I started looking at the (crystal) cartridge and noticed it had four pins, but only two were being used. I hooked the other two to a radio that had a phono input on the back. The sound was horribly mismatched, but it was stereo.

After that I assembled an EICO tube pre/power amp from a kit with 14 watts per channel. All point to point wiring and discrete components. I bought some Jensen speakers that weren't all that good and a turntable with a ceramic cartridge.

After that I went to a magnetic cartridge and Dual turntable. If memory serves, that turntable had an arm you zero, and then you dialed in the force in fractions of a gram that was applied by a spring. One of their ads showed the turntable playing at a 45 degree angle with the arm playing up hill.

After that it was a regular progression from tubes to transistors, more power, better speakers, more expensive turntables and cartridges.

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