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Subject: Pre/pros in THX small in number big in price  
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Preamps capable of processing surround-sound are usually called preamp/processors or pre/pros for short.

Most of the mass-market home entertainment manufacturers seem to have dropped THX certification, presumably because of the extra expense. As a result, in many cases you'll have to pay a substantial premium, both because of the certification expense itself and because most of the items are manufactured in relatively small quantities and thus have substantially higher per-unit overhead costs.

The THX web site can be used to generate lists of THX certified equipment in appropriate categories. Unfortunately, there's no indication of whether or not a device is currently in production. Many of them are not, and some current models which do have THX certification aren't listed.

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