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Subject: Re: NAD amps.

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Well, yeah, I guess "mid-fi" is a fairly subjective and arbitrary term, isn't it? I like NAD, have some of their gear, and didn't mean to be derogative of NAD. What I consider "mid-fi" are products made in large quantities on an assembly line using parts purchased as commodities from various suppliers and sold retail through several commercial chains. Open up one amp and you'll see parts from various suppliers; Buy the same model amp a year later and find parts in the same locations from different companies. Mid-fi equipment is mass produced as opposed to being handmade. These things don't necessarily make what I'm calling "mid-fi" bad, and in fact, many mid-fi products sound much better to me than some "boutique" high-end products. But the market, manufacturing style and product perception is different.

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