Subject: Re: High End, What's Different?
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Hi, Yes, The car manufacturers have been doing it for years.....more chrome = greater value. At least that is what they try to convince you of. Same is now rampant in audio. Lots of glitz, little of quality. So how to sort the good from the bad. Check out the forums. If you see something you like ask about it. DO NOT rely on the reviews on the site that has the item. Many are now faked. It is really best to listen to things before you buy. Hard to do sometimes as there are few brick and mortar stores that carry quality audio gear. Check about a return policy, if it is really good then the likelihood that the product is good increases. Pay with a credit card. You have more rights and are more likely to get resolution if the sale is a bummer. Something to watch out for in audio gear is what I call the horsepower race. More does not equate with better and much of it is inflated. Rampant in the consumer level goods. I have seen mini speakers rated at things like 1000 watts. It would become incandescent at that level. A sonic light bulb. Also in amplifiers. 1000watts of peak music power is a meaningless term. Continuous power is better but not really a measure of quality. Distortion and frequency response quoted at a single frequency at one watt is somewhat more useful, but really doesn't tell you how something sounds in your system. The best thing is use your ears to judge, but next best is someone you trust that either has or is familiar with the item.