Subject: Futzing with vibration control
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Another interesting tweak. Did something similar with the 2 pi towers a while back but now it's with the 4 pi's.

Used cheap rubber isolation feet under the subs and speakers. These are the feet that will prevent washers and dryers from walking around the floor and are available at hardware stores. They are somewhat like large vibrapods but tend to only cost a dollar or two each.

The living room has a suspended wood floor with some parts of it being worse than others. Long story, just know that the floor is the biggest sonic issue in the room.

Added a set of these rubber footers to a sub and listened. The footers removed some interaction with the floor, some sort of smearing, and made a very nice improvement. Added footers to another sub and it got even better so it continued until all three subs were isolated. Even the subs that are on the "good" part of the floor sound a lot better.

The 4 pi's are also on the floor and have felt on their feet for some modest vibration control. More rubber footers were ordered. The results were pretty similar to what happened with the subs, it cleaned up bass smearing and resonances.

It is not a subtle improvement. There's more clarity, cleaner tone and a whole lot of wow moments.

It changed things enough that some mediocre recordings are now sounding pretty good. That floored me as they just seemed to be bad recordings rather than something going on with the system. Who knew? Good recordings are better than ever.

If you have a wood floor it's worth a try. In my room it's equal to, or greater than, a big ticket gear upgrade.