Subject: Re: Independent or Chain Retailers?
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Hi,a curious thought process. If you don't like Amazon because of its owner, then do you by gasoline for your vehicle, or any number of other common things we all seem to use. A vast majority of such companies are run or owned by rather rich individuals. I think it is also worth recalling that Amazon started out as an online used text book seller. Bezos managed to turn it into a powerhouse company. It does tend to put small companies at a disadvantage, but so does any large company. A nearby Walmart plays havoc with small local stores. I personally find Amazon useful, especially in these times when I try to avoid contact with potentially virus sick folks. Arizona is now having a serious issue with new cases and I am in a high risk group. Having something I want delivered in a day or so is definitely to my advantage right now. Even more so is that many of the electronic components I use are available through Amazon at prices equal and sometimes lower than if I ordered them directly from my usual suppliers. Often with no cost shipping and fast delivery times. Considering that a number of such suppliers often charge a fee that is in the range of $10, plus shipping, plus sales tax buying stuff from Amazon makes good sense to me. So YMMV and I respect your right to disagree. I do agree that it was nice when there were local high end audio stores that would demonstrate quality gear. I used to frequent many of them. All are gone now and the remaining big box variants just don't fill the gap.