Subject: Re: Do you think Home Theatre Calibration services are worth the cost?
Posted by Kurt on Tue, 24 Feb 2026 15:23:55 GMT
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George wrote on Sun, 08 February 2026 23:08Kurt wrote on Mon, 26 January 2026 10:12I know that I have no right to tell you how to spend your money, but I feel that spending a thousand dollars for pro calibration is not for me.

I said this because most of the modern AV receivers like Dirac and Audyssey have built-in auto-calibration which does a fantastic job measuring your room and setting and setting levels, EQ and delays. You get to do this by pairing it with a nice SPL meter app on your mobile device and tools like Room EQ Wizard (REW). Then you can dial in speaker balance, tame room models, and get an awesome imaging doing it yourself.

I think doing that video will need a little bit of patience to achieve, but that is still possible as long as you do it right. I mean, there is this good feeling when you do it well.

I've had success calibrating every system that I've bought right from the 5.1 Atmos till the latest one, and the results have been beautiful.

For me, I suggest you use that money to get better speakers or maybe go to a music concert this year to enjoy.
Time is what I don't have! I won't be cool spending a large chunk of my time trying to do the calibration stuff myself when I have other activities that need my time. I would rather spend to get a professional who can handle it instead of trying to do it myself. Thanks for your response though. It was detailed and straightforward.

Well, I understand it when you say that creating time to do it might be pretty difficult. I mean it is very few that would want to spend hours doing this when life is already busy and demands us to show up for various reasons.

However, I think there are many reasons you should try doing the calibration service yourself.

The first one is that it helps you understand the setup better. Whether you are using the YouTube guides or making use of the receiver's auto-calibration tool like Dirac, you can be able to figure out how your room adjusts to sounds. You also get to do this even when you add new furniture to the house without having to pay extra bucks to anyone to assist you in doing so. The other is that it gives you absolute control over doing it how you wish. It is also fun (you can only know this when you create that time to get the work done).

Also, as I said earlier, I'm not forcing you to do it, but when you consider the cash you will save which you can use to do other device upgrades and also the opportunity to learn how it is, you will agree with me that doing it yourself outweighs the chance to give it to someone else.