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Subject: RE: B&C DE200 now with some hours???

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Sun, 07 Oct 2007 22:23:47 GMT

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PE says the driver is 106dB, 8 ohms. I've now got 16 Ohms WW with a .47 cap attenuation. Vocals don't sound natural. Kinda hollow, "cupped hands" sorta thang. Will a .33 cap (have some on order) be better or worse? Should I move up to the polyimadidy DE250? Granted, whose heard both but would you expect the plastic diaphragm to sound better/ worse than the titanium? Oh, how I miss the 2446!

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Subject: Re: RE: B&C DE200 now with some hours???

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 08 Oct 2007 04:37:34 GMT

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I dunno if that's what's up, Bill. I wouldn't expect the driver to start sounding worse after just a few hours with moderate power. I suppose it might have had some foreign object get inside; That would be more likely in my mind to make a change of sound character. Then again, that wouldn't change DC resistance. And I can't imagine debris getting in there in a home hifi environment. So this is an oddball thing, I think. The DE200 sounds a lot like the PSD2002 to me. They don't sound exactly the same, of course, but similar. The DE250 sounds more like the old drivers with aluminum diaphragms, but with much more extension than aluminum drivers, like a titanium 'phragm has. Sort of a cross between them, smoother than titanium, more extension perhaps. Not as much extension as beryllium, but nice.

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Subject: Re: RE: B&C DE200 now with some hours???

Posted by [Matts](#) on Mon, 08 Oct 2007 13:34:37 GMT

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I wouldn't hesitate on the 250's. The biggest fans of mine have all been female, and they all loved the way the 2002's sounded until they heard the 250's. I had one of each in for awhile, so it was ez to A/B them. I like them a lot better also, but assume women have better hearing in high frequencies. I'm using Wayne's stock xover design, but with all 'boutique' parts.

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Subject: Re: RE: B&C DE250s arriving today

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Tue, 09 Oct 2007 09:15:46 GMT

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Giving the ol' credit card a work out. Had to hear the 250s for myself and the price is nearly the same. PE lets you send back no questions so we'll see which stays. BTW, which CD horn are you guys using?

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Subject: Re: RE: B&C DE250s arriving today  
Posted by [Matts](#) on Tue, 09 Oct 2007 14:28:48 GMT  
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Sounds like a good plan. I'm using the Eminence H290. Give 'em a few days to open up- doesn't take very long. Don't forget the cat's review...

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Subject: Re: RE: B&C DE250: all that and a bag of chips!  
Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Tue, 09 Oct 2007 17:06:40 GMT  
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I'm blown away! One album side. Sooo close to the natural tone of the 1812's but not as dynamic. Wow. Regular Pi/Eminence 3rd order BW with better caps and coils, .33uF Mundorf Supreme with 3- 8 ohm Mills for attenuation. 2226 with 1.5 mH foil inductor. My new reference. Moose says hi.

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Subject: Re: RE: B&C DE250: all that and a bag of chips!  
Posted by [Matts](#) on Tue, 09 Oct 2007 17:58:48 GMT  
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man, you didn't waste any time... Mine got smoother over a few days. We'll be twins pretty soon- I have some 2226's in boxes and some 10-ga. custom 0.7mH inductors on standby... Right now I still have the Eminence Omega's in and they sound excellent. Hope Moose can sleep better now.

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Subject: Re: RE: Big on first impressions  
Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Tue, 09 Oct 2007 19:13:44 GMT  
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It's a rare review where I don't note my first impression 'cause a big believer that there's more brain than component break-in. Still, there's a little of that awww vocal sound in the half octave

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from middle "G" to High "D" that could be stiffness of the 'phragm. I hope. I scored some 20uF Aerovox oil can caps the other day and we'll see what they do for the x-over. Speakerman swears by them. I also wonder about the M-cap being bright. I have some .33 Auricaps buried in a nother speaker system which may have to come apart. Really glad you guys suggested the 250s. Thanks.

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Subject: Re: RE: Pictures!

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Tue, 09 Oct 2007 20:29:03 GMT

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Can you tell I'm home with back trouble today and running out of things to do?

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Subject: Re: RE: Pictures!

Posted by [spkrman57](#) on Thu, 11 Oct 2007 16:06:10 GMT

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Bill, What is the cubic footage of the 2226 cabinet in in the pic, and the port sizes also please. Ron

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Subject: DE250 Response Curves

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 13 Oct 2007 04:02:33 GMT

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I've taken some DE250 measurements with PSD2002 curves overlaid for comparison. See the link below: B&C DE250 vs Eminence PSD2002

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