Subject: Troll: HI FI is absolute or relative?
Posted by akhilesh on Fri, 09 Jan 2004 21:23:38 GMT
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HI All,Is Hi fi a measurable concept, or is it subjective?Would you rather trade some fidelity for better euphonics (are you a tubophile?)?Or do you believe HiFi should be absolutely measurable (are you a krellite?)-akhilesh

Subject: Re: Troll: HI FI is absolute or relative?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 09 Jan 2004 23:47:52 GMT
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Perfection is absolute. And since perfection isn't possible, the best we can hope for is a pleasant illusion.I strive to achieve a recreation that is as accurate as possible. Since perfection isn't possible, this really means that I try to limit the amount and severity of anomalies. Where there are compromises to be made - and there always are - I choose what's important to me, being realistic about what resources are available.As much as I prefer to stay objective, the fact is that it still boils down to an emotional response.

Subject: I'm a constructivist...
Posted by artsybrute on Fri, 16 Jan 2004 19:46:57 GMT
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I've been an audiophile for over 35 years and have some strong opinions.I believe it's about what you like, can hear, and what you like about what you hear. I used to be into Dylan and the Band, Joan Jett and stuff like that, loved accuracy and power. Now, like many older audiophiles who have burned out a portion of their hearing but still have perfect pitch, I'm into cellos, oboes and the like. I don't believe the most accurate systems let one hear stuff like the differences between a 1965 Martin guitar and a Gibson, just because our present systems still need to greatly compress the dynamic range. Maybe in ten years.So I like pure analog tube sound, turntable to SET to sensitive speakers at this point in time. I leave accurate reproduction to my home theatre system, 'cause the soud engineers there strive to make films that can sound better soundtrack-wise with accurate playback equipment. With music, I love the sound of harmonics that might not even have been there in the third row (orchestra) center seat.I think some of my audiophile friends are gonna flame me on this one.