Subject: Building A Vintage STEREO System (recommendation)
Posted by Braniff727 on Sat, 16 Jan 2010 21:58:19 GMT
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A couple of questions as I LOVE music, but I am really ignorant as to what vintage equipment will best suit my needs.

WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR:
A basic audio system. I play mainly LP's and MP3's, have a LARGE collection of CD's as well. A good system on a modest budget.

QUESTIONS:
What would work best? A standard receiver or stereo integrated amp? What are some good vintage speakers that will work well with said amp?

Brands? I see a lot of Marantz and Sansui receivers/amps in local shops here in LA. Speakers I am clueless on vintage and what will work best with this set up. Seems silly to get a new, hi-tech speaker for an old amp. Enlighten me please!

I have on old Dual turn table, but may replace it. Ideas on ones that produce good quality sound?

Thanks a million and I look forward to your ideas!

Subject: Re: Building A Vintage STEREO System (recommendation)
Posted by Wayne Parham on Sun, 17 Jan 2010 16:30:33 GMT
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I don't think separates are inherently better than integrated amps or even receivers. I've seen some really good integrated amps, especially when considering tube gear. I've also seen some rally good separates, dedicated preamps and monoblocks or stereo amps. But the opposite is true too, there are some stinkers out there of each type. Just pay attention to detail, listen to them and examine them for build quality. I tend to listen for hum and for how they sound when they get near their limits as well as how they play at low levels.

Same thing with speakers. I'd do some studying here on the various loudspeaker forums to learn a little about each loudspeaker technology and what to listen for.

Your Dual turntable is probably really nice, if it was good to start with and you've kept it in good condition, I'd probably start out with it. You can also browse the turntable forum for information about some of the other turntables out there.