Subject: Are Expensive DIY Amplifier kits taking the excitement of building your own audio gear?
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I've been thinking about some of these expensive DIY amplifier kits. Sometimes, I feel like they are taking away what makes this hobby unique.

I get the appeal. One can buy an ICEpower or Hypex module, add a power kit and enclosure, and end up with a good amp. While I don't see anything amiss with that, I also wonder at what point can one look at building being just assembling?

I always look at DIY as a means of understanding how things work. I would like to know more about the circuits, not just about putting everything together. This is what goes on my mind when I use my Boss Katana 100 or while at my cousin's place who got a Quilter Aviator Cub.

I don't want to be misunderstood. I still see kit builders as DIY enthusiasts, but I just wonder if we've gotten too relaxed buying our way past the hardest parts.

What is your opinion? Does assembling a commercial module count as a proper DIY build, or does it have to involve being able to design at least a part of the circuit ourselves?