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Subject: Speaker brands to avoid  
Posted by [Chuckles101](#) on Fri, 25 Jun 2010 16:51:27 GMT  
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A lot of us know that some speaker companies simply charge extra for the same product. Some speakers break down easily or do not do what they say they will. Have any of you encountered any such speakers?

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Subject: Re: Speaker brands to avoid  
Posted by [candoon](#) on Fri, 25 Jun 2010 18:13:23 GMT  
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I have always been bad (until marriage honestly) about dealing with anything electrical. My receiver that is in the living room right now is years and years old. I have never gotten faulty type issues before but I have gotten a bunk phone once or twice.

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Subject: Re: Speaker brands to avoid  
Posted by [brian21](#) on Sun, 25 Sep 2011 07:29:25 GMT  
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I've never had a terrible experience personally, but I've heard some bad things about Bose products. They seem pretty expensive too, so I think I'll stay away from that brand, at least for now.

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Subject: Re: Speaker brands to avoid  
Posted by [Nymeria](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2011 13:39:08 GMT  
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Yes, I think Bose speakers are overpriced junk. Give me a speaker that will actually move air. I'm also not a fan of Peavey (sorry if anyone here is).

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Subject: Re: Speaker brands to avoid  
Posted by [Freddy](#) on Thu, 03 Nov 2011 05:20:41 GMT  
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I personally wouldn't say all Bose speakers are overpriced junk. My friend has some reasonably priced Bose PC speakers that he uses for his laptop. They're not as bad as I thought they would be. I would agree that you can definitely do better than Bose though, so I understand why the brand gets so much negative attention.

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Subject: Re: Speaker brands to avoid

Posted by [AudioFred](#) on Thu, 03 Nov 2011 13:20:14 GMT

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Here's a review of the Bose Acoustimass System with some alternative brand suggestions:  
<http://www.intellectual.net/bose.html>

For the kinds of speakers you find at big box stores like Best Buy, you're fine with any of the major speaker names like Polk, JBL, Klipsch, etc. But don't expect their least expensive lines to sound very good. For example, a Polk M10 isn't in the same league as their more expensive RTI-A1:  
<http://www.polkaudio.com/homeaudio/bookshelf.php>

One product you should always avoid is the big no-name speaker (e.g. three way with a 10" woofer that sells for the same price as a smaller name brand speaker. These are called "White Van Specials", and they always sound worse than bad.

Now, if you want a good sounding speaker but don't have hundreds and hundreds of dollars, I recommend the Parts Express BR1 kit. Building it is a two hour job, and you'll have to solder the crossover parts to the circuit board, but in the end you'll have a speaker that does everything well, including surprisingly good bass for a 6.5" woofer.

<http://www.parts-express.com/pe/showdetl.cfm?Partnumber=300-640>

[http://fredt300b.smugmug.com/Hobbies/The-Dayton-Audio-BR-1/5308863\\_g88p8F#324071336\\_xzNYX](http://fredt300b.smugmug.com/Hobbies/The-Dayton-Audio-BR-1/5308863_g88p8F#324071336_xzNYX)

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