Subject: Floorstanders - baffled by price range Posted by JiminyCricket on Thu, 15 Jul 2010 15:43:46 GMT

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Looking around the net I have found a really wide range in the prices of floor standing speakers. There are some good UK sites but in British pounds they vary from 80 - 5000!

Any recs in the low-mid pricing bracket?

Subject: Re: Floorstanders - baffled by price range Posted by Adveser on Sun, 25 Jul 2010 23:42:09 GMT

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Though I have never personally heard them myself. I don't think there is anything wrong with Cerwin Vega. They seem to be about the best deal out there. I think their most expensive and best pair of consumer loudspeakers are around 1200 dollars. I think they are the most reasonable brand out there for the price vs. quality.

I still have an old pair of 240watt technics and I think they sound great despite their 35-40Khz range(I grew up with them, so that is probably why)

Cerwin Vega makes something very similar, but can get down to 20Hz and is what I am considering upgrading to one of these days.

I hear they are somewhat bass heavy, which I consider an asset because you can keep things nice and lean and the speaker will do the work rather than the electronics in your amp.

I recently saw some Sony 3-way bookshelf speakers for about 80 bucks a pair that were actually much closer to a smaller floorstanding speaker in terms of size and specs. I think they actually have 8 or 10 inch woofers that get down to 40Hz if I recall correctly. I wouldn't hesitate to buy a pair myself to try them out either at the price.

I would look at the frequency range, output power, crossover frequencies and materials used. Once you decide on what you want then start looking at prices.

Another thing is to make sure that all the driverse are in the middle or "mirrored" to each other. I can almost guarantee that *I* would notice and would hate if the tweeter were situated on the left side of both speakers. Something to consider.

Subject: Re: Floorstanders - baffled by price range Posted by JiminyCricket on Tue, 27 Jul 2010 07:19:45 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Thanks for the detailed reply. lots to think about there. The bookshelf speakers are much closer to my price range - and not something I had thought of before

Subject: Re: Floorstanders - baffled by price range Posted by BigMacAndCheese on Fri, 15 Oct 2010 10:58:04 GMT

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I think the choice should be made largely on what you want to do with the speakers. If you intend to listen to music and watch movies you probably have a different set of needs from just using them for music alone.

Subject: Re: Floorstanders - baffled by price range Posted by MusicDiva on Fri, 15 Oct 2010 20:31:34 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I know these may be a bit above your price range, but I prefer anything Sony or Panasonic. I really trust the brand. I think it's worth the money. Plus, they always have really great sales!