Subject: Quiet setup
Posted by greysanatfan on Wed, 01 Dec 2010 16:37:20 GMT
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What is a good setup for someone who lives in an apartment or attached townhome and can't make too much noise, but still wants a quality speaker and audio system?  Any tips on how to reduce the noise, but still have fun?

Subject: Re: Quiet setup
Posted by AudioFred on Wed, 01 Dec 2010 23:19:04 GMT
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Keep in mind that bass frequencies are transmitted through walls and floors far more easily than midrange frequencies. Treble frequencies are attenutated almost entirely by the typical condo/apt insulated divider wall. So you'll definitely not want a subwoofer.

Also, if your room is relatively small a standmount speaker will be more than adequate. I built my son a standmount two way using the Parts Express 0.75 cu ft curved side enclosures, which works well in his condo and doesn't disturb the neighbors at moderate levels.

http://fredt300b.smugmug.com/Hobbies/Speakers/132721_wacsQ#295183549_FhzPq

Another idea would be to tell each neigbor you have a stereo and ask them to let you know if it ever disturbs them. The mere fact that you took the initiative to do this will increase their tolerance for occasional loud music. But don't push it, and above all, don't ever play loud music late at night or early in the morning. I make this last suggestion as the result of having lived in the apt below a neighbor who had a cheap fart-box subwoofer turned waaaaay too loud which he liked to listen to a seven on Sunday mornings.

Subject: Re: Quiet setup
Posted by Adveser on Thu, 02 Dec 2010 18:19:51 GMT
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High wattage. It seems much more dynamic and no where near as punchy or present, which is good for you. A 15watt system at 60db is going to be a lot different (noisier) than a 150watt one at the same SPL.

Subject: Re: Quiet setup
Posted by Jorel on Tue, 14 Dec 2010 14:50:12 GMT
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There is a topic here about suppressing sound but I can't figure out where it is already. There are some good advice there on how to suppress sound using curtains and walling.

For me, I think you can play your speaker loudly at day when your neighbors are out.