
Subject: Music system for an apartment building
Posted by [Drury](#) on Sun, 22 May 2011 01:35:46 GMT
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My sister just moved into a new apartment and has noticed that sound really travels through the walls. She can hear music (and sometimes even loud conversation) from other tenants because of this.

Of course she doesn't want to return the favor! Is there anything you can do to reduce this effect from a regular sound system?

Subject: Re: Music system for an apartment building
Posted by [audioaudio90](#) on Sun, 22 May 2011 15:08:47 GMT
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Subject: Re: Music system for an apartment building
Posted by [Doppler](#) on Tue, 14 Jun 2011 16:13:06 GMT
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A friend of mine once stayed in an apartment that had this issue. Being a person who values her privacy so much, she had to do some sort of soundproofing. I think she applied vinyl barrier to her walls. For the floors, she laid rugs and carpets.

Subject: Re: Music system for an apartment building
Posted by [brian21](#) on Fri, 07 Oct 2011 06:15:08 GMT
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Posted by [likearecordingbaby](#) on Fri, 13 Jul 2012 19:49:09 GMT

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This is the plight of living in close quarters, unfortunately. Like others have said, you can try insulation, but really, a low volume and/or headphones are the only things that will truly minimize any complaints.

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Posted by [audioaudio90](#) on Thu, 16 Aug 2012 11:54:45 GMT

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Yes, acoustic foam is not the prettiest wall covering. However, it is far more effective than my other suggestions (although they will certainly help), so it just depends on where people opt to compromise on aesthetics versus efficacy.
