
Subject: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [24KPython](#) on Mon, 12 Nov 2012 22:26:03 GMT
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Just wanted to share this tip for audiophile newbies...

If you want one of the best bang-for-buck audio "upgrades" available, go to your local thrift store and look for an old receiver from the 1970's and talk them into giving it to you for \$20-40.

How do you identify a great one? Beyond the obvious things like "does it work?":

1. They're really heavy! The best receivers have a huge transformer core. Accept nothing under 30 pounds.
 2. Look at the model #. The best of the brand-line usually have high numbers like 9001.
 3. Once your curiosity is piqued, google the model # on your phone. If it's really a treasure, it'll show up on an audiophile site with raving reviews.
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Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [Shane](#) on Thu, 15 Nov 2012 03:45:34 GMT
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Pick up one of the better model Marantz, Sansui, Kenwood, or Pioneer models--recap and you're set if the tuner doesn't need work. They make great second systems.

Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [VoigtClub](#) on Thu, 15 Nov 2012 21:22:39 GMT
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Ah, my old haunt Salvation Army, LOL. I've found so much great stuff there over the years. That reminds me that I still have a Sansui QRX-9001 sitting in the garage that I haven't gotten around to testing. (That sucker weighs 50lbs!)

Btw, a similar principle applies to speakers. There are so many speaker manufacturers and levels of quality that it can get hard to keep track of. But as a general rule, the best speakers have a huge magnet and a thick non-resonant cabinet... so they're also absurdly heavy for their size.

Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Mon, 19 Nov 2012 01:35:51 GMT
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Hi Everyone, I love thrift shops. I have made many scores from them. Two pairs of vintage Altec Lansing Speakers, A pair of Klipsch speakers, a Phillips TT, a Dual TT, a Marantz 2265B receiver,

and much more. All at bargain prices.

Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [Chicken](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2012 15:55:18 GMT

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I would love to find some vintage Altec Lansings! I agree that thrift shops are wonderful places to find old gear to refurbish, although I don't personally have much experience with that yet.

Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [Soundsensor](#) on Thu, 01 Aug 2013 00:43:36 GMT

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Thanks for this wonderful tip. I think I'm going to do a little shopping around and see what I can find. There's so many resell thrifts in my neck of the woods.

I will report back here with some of my finds, and maybe ask for a little advice.

Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [Soundsensor](#) on Sat, 03 Aug 2013 23:16:39 GMT

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I was able to find an Aiwa model# AV-D55U receiver. Not exactly what I would call vintage, but it looks to be in pretty good condition. Pretty heavy, and boasting 100 watts per channel.

I am getting mixed reviews for it online. What do you guys think is a good price for it? The store is asking \$25.

Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 03 Aug 2013 23:39:47 GMT

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Can't go wrong for twenty-five bucks! At that price, you'll spend more money in gas getting the thing from the store! I say go for it - If you don't like it, you aren't out much.

Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill

Posted by [Soundsensor](#) on Mon, 05 Aug 2013 00:20:05 GMT

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You know, I think you're right. I think I am going to try and get it a bit cheaper though. Not sure if I will have much luck talking him down. There really wasn't very many receivers available in resell shops in my area.

At any rate I think the thing was selling at around \$250 new so it's only 10 percent of that.

Thanks for the feed back.

Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [Fannie](#) on Fri, 27 Sep 2013 14:47:54 GMT

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I love searching thrift shops for great finds. People donate so many things just because they 'inherited' it from someone else. Sometimes your thrift shop doesn't really know what it's worth and then you really get a good deal.

Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [Georgiana](#) on Tue, 01 Oct 2013 13:29:48 GMT

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Rummages or estate sales can also be a great place to find things, especially parts. People cleaning out Dad or Grandpa's garage often don't even know what it is they are selling and will take whatever you want to offer.

Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [Chase](#) on Wed, 09 Oct 2013 14:05:45 GMT

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I have gotten a lot of my experience by going to Goodwill or the Salvation Army and picking up old speakers, radios and stereos for next to nothing. I don't really care if they work or not because, if I can't fix them, I gut them and use them for parts on my own projects.

Subject: Re: Grab An Old Receiver From Goodwill
Posted by [Azuri](#) on Tue, 03 Oct 2017 15:20:16 GMT

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To this day, the electronic section of thrift stores always seem overstocked. And I always take my phone when I go, so I can research if I stumble across something I get a "feeling" about.
