Subject: More Isn't Necessarily Better?
Posted by iLoveiPod on Mon, 15 Apr 2013 22:55:04 GMT
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I was reading an article about speakers earlier today, and part of the article said that it is a "common misconception" that adding more speakers to a room will improve that room's acoustics. Thoughts?

Subject: Re: More Isn't Necessarily Better?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 15 Apr 2013 23:47:47 GMT
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It depends on their directivities and where you put them. Certainly arbitrary placement is a problem.

Subject: Re: More Isn't Necessarily Better?
Posted by Chicken on Fri, 26 Apr 2013 16:11:23 GMT
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I agree with Wayne. It's much more complicated than throwing more speakers at the problem. I also think that certain rooms are so bad that there is a limit to what even careful sound design can do, but they are likely few and far between.

Subject: Re: More Isn't Necessarily Better?
Posted by audioaudio90 on Fri, 26 Jul 2013 12:01:48 GMT
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If it were as easy as just throwing a few more speakers in a room, there wouldn't be a need for sound designers. Placement and directionality matter.

Subject: Re: More Isn't Necessarily Better?
Posted by Azuri on Tue, 20 Aug 2013 22:18:54 GMT
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More sound doesn't necessarily mean better sound in my opinion. It could actually make matters worse if you have a small room with a bad design that causes bad acoustics.

Subject: Re: More Isn't Necessarily Better?
Posted by Headphones on Sun, 16 Feb 2014 03:45:23 GMT
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I think it depends on the overall quality and sound of the speakers. Quality over quantity. Having a lot of low-quality speakers isn't going to do much for you.

Subject: Re: More Isn't Necessarily Better?
Posted by Maille on Wed, 18 Jun 2014 01:01:56 GMT
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You're right about quality versus quantity. A good set of speakers that create great sound versus a bunch of cheap speakers where there is no care in the construction is a no-brainer.

Subject: Re: More Isn't Necessarily Better?
Posted by Nymeria on Sat, 30 Aug 2014 20:14:20 GMT
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I can see how people come to that erroneous conclusion. If you can't hear something well, adding more speakers seems logical, but it ignores the possibility of other acoustical issues, like waveform interference.