Subject: USB Speakers vs. standard jack?

Posted by Tadtone on Thu, 15 Dec 2016 16:12:21 GMT

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Just wondering whether there is any noticeable difference in sound quality between speakers plugged in through USB ports, or those plugged in through a dedicated jack? I've never noticed one, but my PC speakers aren't the greatest. Is there anything noticeable at the top end?

Subject: Re: USB Speakers vs. standard jack?

Posted by vhfspeeks on Sat, 31 Dec 2016 09:57:20 GMT

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Headphone jacks usually come off a dedicated sound card, which means it can do a lot of the sound refinement up front. USB comes off a standard USB socket which rarely has specialist sound processing so the speakers or headphones matter a lot more as the conversion to analog is done by them.

Subject: Re: USB Speakers vs. standard jack?

Posted by Cortney on Sat. 07 Jan 2017 19:28:21 GMT

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Thanks for that very informative reply. I was also wondering the same thing and I'm glad to know that my hunch was right.