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Subject: Funny audio gaffs and mess-ups  
Posted by [Hylo](#) on Sat, 28 Jan 2017 13:01:06 GMT  
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So many people on here focus on audio that there must be some good stories of gaffs or how not to do it. I've seen someone really determined mix a power and sound input using duct tape and pliers, for a really pretty light display that let the magic smoke out of the speakers. Any stories you want to share?

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Subject: Re: Funny audio gaffs and mess-ups  
Posted by [vhfspeaks](#) on Mon, 30 Jan 2017 08:25:35 GMT  
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Posted by [moss24](#) on Mon, 30 Jan 2017 11:17:43 GMT  
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This one cracked me up. I have countless stories of several times in which I have struggled to fix really small issues but had to take hours to find a solution.

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Subject: Re: Funny audio gaffs and mess-ups  
Posted by [Cortney](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2017 18:00:21 GMT  
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I would love to say I have such anecdotes to share, but the truth is that I get very frustrated pretty fast, and so I end up giving up and letting someone else take over the work.

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