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Subject: Can you have too much bass?

Posted by [vhfspeeks](#) on Mon, 20 Mar 2017 10:10:44 GMT

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This thread is inspired by the driver stopped outside my office right now, who is audibly of the opinion that you can't. I am in the back of the building and my keyboard is vibrating from it. So do you think it's possible to have too much bass?

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Subject: Re: Can you have too much bass?

Posted by [cwemoy](#) on Mon, 20 Mar 2017 11:01:58 GMT

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Too much bass is annoying and distracting. I wouldn't put too much of it; just enough for my ears and surrounding. Have you seen those people with a lot of bass in their cars?

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Subject: Re: Can you have too much bass?

Posted by [vhfspeeks](#) on Wed, 22 Mar 2017 08:32:05 GMT

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[cwemoy](#) wrote on Mon, 20 March 2017 06:01 Too much bass is annoying and distracting. I wouldn't put too much of it; just enough for my ears and surrounding. Have you seen those people with a lot of bass in their cars? No, but I have certainly heard them! Can they really hear the music they are playing, or would they be happy just playing thump-thump-thump-thump through the speakers?

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Subject: Re: Can you have too much bass?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 22 Mar 2017 17:33:05 GMT

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Balance

Too much or too little of anything is a bad thing.

We want the volume level of each frequency to be the same as all others, given the same drive level. In other words, if a bass note is recorded at the same level as a treble note, we want playback levels to be the same too. Not higher, not lower.

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Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Wed, 22 Mar 2017 19:12:02 GMT

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Noise pollution.

The one's who play bass loud enough to where they can't hear anything else must have enough money for new systems more often than the leverage listener.

Wayne is right, systems were made for balance, and when you don;t give a system that it will wear out a lot quicker.

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Subject: Re: Can you have too much bass?

Posted by [Vernon](#) on Thu, 23 Mar 2017 23:54:20 GMT

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I find anyone who forces everyone else to listen to their loud systems like that totally irritating. I love loud music but I wouldn't subject unsuspecting people to it that way.

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Subject: Re: Can you have too much bass?

Posted by [chatzy02](#) on Fri, 24 Mar 2017 01:42:02 GMT

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I know what you mean, Vernon. Music feels good when we are in the mood for it, there is nothing more annoying that having to listen to that loud bass when you're at work or trying to focus on something.

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Subject: Re: Can you have too much bass?

Posted by [lilbill](#) on Fri, 24 Mar 2017 16:09:57 GMT

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I have come to understand that personal taste comes in the way of sound and what may sound 'too much' to someone, might just be what someone else is comfortable with.

Nonetheless, it is helpful to be aware of your surrounding. I always keep my 'noise' levels at the bare minimum.

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Subject: The key to great bass -

Posted by [GoldenOldie](#) on Sun, 10 Sep 2017 20:18:48 GMT

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The key to great bass is and has always been equalization with the other components of the sound. If bass is too loud, it is distracting. If it is too soft, you can't really hear it at all. You have

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to find some middle ground to have a really good bass sound in conjunction with your overall sound. Just one old ladies opinion.

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Subject: Re: Can you have too much bass?

Posted by [gstarey66](#) on Tue, 30 Jan 2018 19:00:34 GMT

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Just a side comment.

Have you ever noticed that many bass lovers seem to tend not to care how clean it is as long as it is way loud.

Have heard systems that couldn't even tell what type of drum was being used, just boom, boom, boom. Guess they are in it for the body feel, not the music.

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Subject: Re: Can you have too much bass?

Posted by [Pique](#) on Wed, 31 Jan 2018 02:47:48 GMT

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Yeah, I totally know what you mean. I have a neighbor like that. It's funny that he never seems to notice how loud his speakers are, and yet you can hardly hear what's playing underneath the booms.

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