Subject: Wireless surround

Posted by bcharlton on Wed, 05 Apr 2017 08:58:52 GMT

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I've never been much of a fan of visible speaker wires and that's why I'm considering a wireless surround system. I've heard that you can get good quality and enhanced performance. I wouldn't mind the addition of more clutter including surge protectors or adapters. Right move?

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Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 05 Apr 2017 14:44:24 GMT

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I've not found a high-quality wireless amplifier. But I'm really picky about amps for my main speakers. I'm talking about an amp from someone like Bruce Heran (OddWatt) or Audio Note.

Having said that, I don't think that quality level is necessary for subs or surrounds. Not that I would go cheapo on the surrounds, but I just don't need the same level as I expect from the mains. A good quality amplifier that has the requisite power ability and that doesn't distort is fine. There are some wireless amps that work well in this regard.

I use a wireless amp from Rocketfish for surrounds on one of my home theater systems, and it has served me well. Kinda funny - It has single-ended triodes driving the mains, and a digital wireless amp on the surrounds. That's 1940s technology up front and 2000s technology in back. What a combination!

Subject: Re: Wireless surround

Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 06 Apr 2017 02:21:53 GMT

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Hi, (thanks for the kind words). I have never found a suitable wireless arrangement either. It ought to exist as some sort of digital link, but most seem to use Bluetooth and IMO it is not yet mature enough to do the job to my satisfaction. I am only using stereo for video at present, but when I last did I used 6 of my amps....talk about warm sounds KT120 amps up front and on the subs and KT88 ones on the rears. Lovely sound and as you might expect lots of it. It was right at the limits of the power my APC power conditioner could handle (15 amps).