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Subject: Buy components separately?  
Posted by [Aria](#) on Fri, 19 Jan 2018 19:30:21 GMT  
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Do you think it's best to mix and match your home theater components, like your subwoofers and front and surround speakers? Or do you usually just buy speakers and woofers that are packaged together?

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Subject: Re: Buy components separately?  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 19 Jan 2018 21:44:44 GMT  
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Companies specialize.

The best speakers aren't made by the best amplifier companies.  
The best amplifiers aren't made by the best monitor/television companies.  
The best BluRay players aren't made by the best speaker companies.

So while I think you can do pretty well from buying all components from one company, you can't get the best stuff all from one company.

Because of that, I chose components from the companies that I think make the best equipment in their market for my price point.

Sometimes there are several good choices. Sometimes not.

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Subject: Re: Buy components separately?  
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sun, 21 Jan 2018 02:21:33 GMT  
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Hi, I'm with Wayne on this. I go for what I figure will best do what I want at a price I can pay. Vintage or new really makes no difference. Modern ESL speakers, vintage speakers with new drivers, vintage turntables with new arms and cartridges, newer Blu-ray player, and so on. I do have one advantage though...I design and build all the electronics (amps, preamps, phono preamps - all use tubes).

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Subject: Re: Buy components separately?  
Posted by [Aria](#) on Wed, 24 Jan 2018 15:50:56 GMT  
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Thanks so much for the help, you guys! I totally get what you're saying. I'll have to make sure and shop around for separate components as well to see what the best I can get for my price range is. I'll make sure to check out some vintage pieces as well, Bruce. I wish I had your advantage! Maybe I'll get to designing and building all my electronics one day.

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Subject: Re: Buy components separately?  
Posted by [Lohan](#) on Sat, 27 Jan 2018 00:50:04 GMT  
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That seems to make a lot of sense, but also it would require you to have deep knowledge about the stuff you're buying, otherwise you run the risk of getting all the wrong things from all the different places.

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Subject: Re: Buy components separately?  
Posted by [J.Jacobs](#) on Mon, 26 Mar 2018 18:14:27 GMT  
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Lohan wrote on Fri, 26 January 2018 18:50 That seems to make a lot of sense, but also it would require you to have deep knowledge about the stuff you're buying, otherwise you run the risk of getting all the wrong things from all the different places.

That's true, Lohan. Really though, these purchases require a lot of research anyway. I think the extra effort would be well worth it. Whenever I buy a set of something, audio or otherwise, I always find at least one or two things to be subpar and end up purchasing a replacement.

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Subject: Re: Buy components separately?  
Posted by [ABtoJayZ](#) on Tue, 27 Mar 2018 17:47:31 GMT  
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J.Jacobs wrote on Mon, 26 March 2018 13:14 Whenever I buy a set of something, audio or otherwise, I always find at least one or two things to be subpar and end up purchasing a replacement.

I'm the exact same way. I'm trying to recall buying a set of anything and being happy with every single product. I'm having a lot of trouble. Ultimately, I think you save money (and are happier with your purchase) when you pick each item individually.

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