Subject: Are amps improving?
Posted by SpeakUp on Tue, 06 Mar 2018 20:12:07 GMT
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I've read a few articles claiming that, while there's a lot of development in audio technology, amps have more or less remained the same over the years. I think most of them have said that amps today are just as good as (or worse than) amps that were made twenty years ago. Is that true?

Subject: Re: Are amps improving?
Posted by gofar99 on Tue, 06 Mar 2018 21:57:02 GMT
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Hi, It kind of depends on what you call improving. Solid state ones are now cheaper and in many ways better than the really early ones. However I sense a plateau on them that is about 5-10 years old. Very small improvements that are unlikely to be noticed. I doubt that there is anyone alive that can hear the difference between 0.1% distortion and 0.05%. Same for a number of other parameters. IMO there has been an improvement in tube based amps. New designs and better components have upped the game there. Cost has not gone down though.

Subject: Re: Are amps improving?
Posted by tom-m on Sun, 08 Nov 2020 01:33:14 GMT
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Subject: Re: Are amps improving?
Posted by johnnycamp5 on Wed, 09 Dec 2020 20:22:57 GMT
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tom-m wrote on Sat, 07 November 2020 20:33I believe class D amps have made big quality improvements over the last 10 years, or so.
That would be good news.
Their efficiency, light weight and power are hard to beat.

Ive got a couple Crown amps (XLS drivecore 1002) that are only a few years old.
They seem to work quite well for my subwoofers.

In my room, and to my ears, they are basically un-listenable for my left and right mains (horns) though...