Subject: Amp under desk
Posted by Ouroboros on Tue, 03 Apr 2018 01:21:54 GMT
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I've seen some cool looking workstations where people have mounted their amps underneath their desks. Would there be any downsides to doing this? Other than saving space, are there any benefits? I've also read that there should be enough room for airflow between the top of the amp and the desk. How much space do you think is necessary?

Subject: Re: Amp under desk
Posted by gofar99 on Tue, 03 Apr 2018 02:29:32 GMT
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Hi That would depend on the amp. If it is a class D one then probably nearly no clearance is needed as they put out little heat. If it is a large class A tube amp...then at least 6 inches all around and IMO I would not put one there in the first place. I have put PCs under the desk on occasion...but with plenty of clearance ...especially around the back where many have fans.

Subject: Re: Amp under desk
Posted by Helen on Mon, 03 Nov 2025 17:50:21 GMT
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I haven’t tried mounting an amp under a desk, but I have seen pictures and it does look really tidy. I don't think there are any downsides to keeping it underneath the desks. The only thing to look out for is to watch out for heat, since amps can get warm.

Maybe leaving a few inches of space on top would help with airflow. I’m not sure if there are many extra benefits besides saving space.

Subject: Re: Amp under desk
Posted by Hank on Fri, 22 May 2026 17:11:49 GMT
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gofar99 wrote on Mon, 02 April 2018 21:29Hi That would depend on the amp. If it is a class D one then probably nearly no clearance is needed as they put out little heat. If it is a large class A tube amp...then at least 6 inches all around and IMO I would not put one there in the first place. I have put PCs under the desk on occasion...but with plenty of clearance ...especially around the back where many have fans.
You are right in terms of how the amp is built. I can't place a huge solid-state amp under the desk because of risk of overheating. It is not the ideal way to set it if one wants their gears to last for a long time.