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Subject: Cabinet for subwoofer.. bad idea?

Posted by [TechFreakofNature](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2018 12:47:32 GMT

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Hi everyone. First off: I'm not an expert builder, I've only built little things like spice racks, but I am looking to build a cabinet for my subwoofer. I do not like the look of it, so I hope that I can make it into something nicer, but I am wondering if this is a good idea at all or if it will mess with the sound too much (if I keep the front of it clear). I am open to suggestions about what materials are best or might even enhance the sound..? It's the Bose B1 Bass Module by the way.

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Subject: Re: Cabinet for subwoofer.. bad idea?

Posted by [The Noise](#) on Sat, 08 Sep 2018 16:54:43 GMT

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Why do you want it in a cabinet? I can see building a shelf for it, but I don't think a cabinet would look right. Or even sound right for that matter.

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Subject: Re: Cabinet for subwoofer.. bad idea?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 08 Sep 2018 17:48:42 GMT

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If you want to build a subwoofer cabinet, my suggestion is to build a proven design. But don't just repackage a commercial product from a retail store because those are rarely very good. Get one of the popular DIY designs - One that has published performance data that proves its value.

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Subject: Re: Cabinet for subwoofer.. bad idea?

Posted by [Jazzy](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2018 07:37:49 GMT

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Wayne, are you saying that we build the cabinet from scratch with a popular design? What do you mean by "repackage a commercial product from a retail store"? Is buying a cabinet for the subwoofer a bad choice?

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Subject: Re: Cabinet for subwoofer.. bad idea?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2018 18:00:08 GMT

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What I'm saying is don't mount a woofer in a cabinet without knowing that the two work well

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together. The cabinet and woofer are a tuned system, and one affects the other. You can definitely mismatch them.

Subwoofers are pretty simple devices. So they're probably the easiest speaker system to get right. But you can get them wrong too. Just make sure.

If you don't know what to do to "match" the woofer with the box, search this forum.

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Subject: Re: Cabinet for subwoofer.. bad idea?  
Posted by [Jazzy](#) on Wed, 10 Oct 2018 05:41:26 GMT  
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Oh, I thought you were mentioning about commercial cabinets compared to cabinets made from scratch. Does the type of wood affect the quality of the sound of the speaker?

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Subject: Re: Cabinet for subwoofer.. bad idea?  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 10 Oct 2018 13:41:29 GMT  
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