Subject: Your oldest piece of gear

Posted by Augustus on Fri, 12 Apr 2019 04:39:23 GMT

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What's the oldest piece of audio or visual gear that you own and still use today? I haven't exactly used it recently, but I kept my old Squeezebox Touch going after it was discontinued thanks to the forums with helpful advice dedicated to the device.

Subject: Re: Your oldest piece of gear

Posted by Rusty on Fri, 12 Apr 2019 14:38:45 GMT

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A Hafler 220 amplifier. Vintage, 1986. The only thing I've had to replace was the on/off switch. It's been a great piece of gear and sounds better than most of what is available for modest money these day's.

Subject: Re: Your oldest piece of gear

Posted by mamoss on Sat, 13 Apr 2019 06:41:39 GMT

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I used to have a lot of audio equipment that I ended up either giving away or storing at the basement store. Rusty, does the Hafler 220 amplifier work just fine?

Subject: Re: Your oldest piece of gear

Posted by Rusty on Sat, 13 Apr 2019 13:15:45 GMT

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Yes. It's a great sounding amp. A design of David Hafler. One of the first amplifiers to use mosfet output. Mine was a kit I soldered together. It's worked flawlessly save having to replace the power switch. They're always seen for sale on ebay for cheap.

Subject: Re: Your oldest piece of gear

Posted by Madison on Sat, 13 Apr 2019 22:03:15 GMT

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I prefer modern televisions, projectors, and home theater systems, but for just about everything else, I seek out older devices because I think things were made better back then. I've snagged some antique radios at estate sales. I've sold a few, but I mostly buy them for the nostalgia. My older relatives love to display them as a reminder of their childhood. I currently use my father's old Zenith stereo system. It plays records and tapes and has the standard radio, amps, and speakers. I had to replace the cartridge, but other than that, it worked fine, even after all that time of sitting and gathering dust. Most of the records still play too. My girls listen to my old Fisher

Price record player that I got for my third birthday. You might have had one of these - they looked like a small suitcase and were very popular back in the day. I was born right when records were about to be replaced by cassette tapes.