Subject: Wire Gauges Through Time

Posted by Kingfish on Sun, 06 Feb 2022 16:31:13 GMT

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I'm still a sort of novice when it comes to technicalities, so don't be mean.

If you get speakers that were made in the '60s and want to swap out the wires, can you? Has there been a major difference in gauge sizes and different size gauges on the market through the decades?

Subject: Re: Wire Gauges Through Time

Posted by Wayne Parham on Sun, 06 Feb 2022 16:58:42 GMT

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Sure! Just get some pure copper stranded speaker wire and solder it in place of the old wire. Use wire that's 18 gauge or larger.

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Posted by Kingfish on Tue, 05 Apr 2022 03:18:17 GMT

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18 or larger......got it. Thank you for that. It's a side project that helps take my mind off other things, and I always did like restoring old things.

Subject: Re: Wire Gauges Through Time

Posted by Madison on Mon, 02 May 2022 18:31:11 GMT

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That's good to know. I've run into projects like this and wasn't sure whether it was a better idea to restore or replace. At least I now know that the wires are replaceable.

Subject: Re: Wire Gauges Through Time

Posted by Rusty on Tue, 03 May 2022 11:59:14 GMT

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And don't forget. Larger gauge wire means a smaller number. 16 gauge is larger thicker wire than 18, etc.

Subject: Re: Wire Gauges Through Time

Posted by Kingfish on Tue, 21 Mar 2023 23:01:16 GMT

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I noticed that years ago, but since my tinkering is part-time, I tend to forget details. I have bought a book though explaining electricity on a basic level, and that's a good reference tool as well.