Subject: How old is the current speaker?
Posted by George on Thu, 23 Oct 2025 15:37:11 GMT
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Subject: Re: How old is the current speaker?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 23 Oct 2025 21:17:56 GMT
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Setting aside overload - mechanical or electrical - most speakers can be expected to last decades. The main thing that affects a speaker that is very old is the paper cone can get brittle. But I rarely see that on a speaker that is indoors in a controlled environment with pleasant temperature and average humidity. I usually see that in speakers that have been stored in hot, dry places like garages and storage units. The environment can also be hard on speakers in cars for the same reason.

Subject: Re: How old is the current speaker?
Posted by Becky on Mon, 24 Nov 2025 15:55:28 GMT
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I’ve noticed that too, especially with the speakers my friends buy. For me, I just look for ones that have good long-term reviews and not just the “sounds great out of the box” stuff. I also try to stick to brands that people say actually last.

I don’t really have a fancy method, but if it feels well-built and not super cheap or plasticky, I trust it more. And I try not to blast them at full volume all the time, that seems to make them die faster.

Subject: Re: How old is the current speaker?
Posted by Prince on Thu, 04 Dec 2025 18:12:03 GMT
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George wrote on Thu, 23 October 2025 10:37It seems that most speakers don't last longer as they start having one issue after another as the years go by. When it comes to selecting a good speaker, what is your target and how do you always go about picking the one that can last longer with no issues?
As an oldie in the business of buying speakers (for my home, for my kids at school and even for the offìce), I will be glad if you take some of these tips that I will share with you seriously.

The first one is that before you even start checking out models, you should be sure of what you are buying the speaker. Is it for the bedroom? For camping activities? Or for house parties? It is when you make this decision that you can be able to know which model to go for.

Another thing that I always say is that it is very important to understand what a good speaker should cost. If you are planning to get a good speaker, you should be putting aside around $90. I mean anything around 40 dollars is not what I can rate that high.

The other thing that I look at when getting a quality speaker that can last longer is what features it has and newer physical outputs and if possible, test all the features before deciding to make payment for the speaker.

This time is also a good time to buy as the Black Friday deals are a time when newer models are in the market with some good discounts that you can take advantage of.

Finally, you should look at getting speakers that come with a warranty. Most top brands that are sure of their products won't mind giving a longer warranty. So, go for them.

I wish you the best of luck if you are yet to pick one.

Subject: Re: How old is the current speaker?
Posted by Kurt on Sat, 09 May 2026 04:59:40 GMT
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The thing is that most speakers are expected to last for at least 10 years before they begin to give any issues whatsoever.

I purchased the Klipsch RF-7 floorstanders in 2003 for $1500 a pair which means I've used them for more than 2 decades. It was one of the most expensive speakers then, but I needed to get a sound device that could withstand the test of time.

To be honest, those speakers haven't had a major issue since then aside from the rubber surrounds on the woofers, which I spent $150 to replace when they were worn out.

Also, the good thing about Klipsch is that their spare parts are readily available in the market, so you won't spend so much getting them if there is a fault with the speaker.

I don't know the kind of room that you wish to use them in. Could you mind sharing?

Subject: Re: How old is the current speaker?
Posted by gofar99 on Sat, 09 May 2026 19:34:31 GMT
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fine after nearly 50 years. Some other brands are less durable. It is not necessarily more cost is equal to better speakers. Cheap ones though excepted. Pretty much any below $200 each are not going to deliver the sound quality or durability you want. Clearance sales at some of the better quality audio stores can be a good source for speakers. I have seen some really nice speakers the list for over $500 each going for as little as $200.

Subject: Re: How old is the current speaker?
Posted by Prince on Wed, 27 May 2026 17:58:56 GMT
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I've gotten some good deals from clearance sales. I have a friend who run an audio store, and each time that they have new arrivals, I am one of the first persons that he calls. There are speakers that I've gotten for less than a thousand bucks that still sound pretty good after many years of using them. So, I support the idea of checking such stores out for some good deals.

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Posted by George on Sun, 31 May 2026 14:33:44 GMT
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I can never depend fully on a speaker that costs less than 200 dollars for the long-term. I've gotten some of them in the past and it didn't last as much as I would have expected. If I am getting one at that amount, then it could be one that I got for my shop or the bathroom.

Subject: Re: How old is the current speaker?
Posted by Bercle on Thu, 09 Jul 2026 07:39:17 GMT
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It is a thing of joy that your Klipsch RF-7s have been working for over 2 decades with just a minor fix for those years.

I would like to know, if you don't mind sharing, are there other silent issues that anyone who is planning to get this type of speaker looks out for? I mean stuff like crossover challenges, driver wear, and all of that.