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Posted by Cole on Sat, 16 May 2026 03:56:27 GMT
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Subject: Re: How do you find the right gears like amps for your speakers without making a mistake?
Posted by George on Mon, 18 May 2026 05:14:36 GMT
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It's quite unfortunate you had such an experience. The reality is that getting expensive gear doesn't mean it can match your musical equipment. This has a lot to do with synergy and little about specs.

What I do when buying amps is that I test it before I make purchases, depending on the speaker that I am getting it for. For example, the Focal III Evo that you mentioned is 4 ohm, 92dB sensitivity, and leans bright. This means, talking from experience, that it needs amps that have clean power, control, and a neutral tone to avoid harshness.

So, I think that understanding the type of speaker that you have and its features can always help you in making the right decisions when it comes to getting the amps that match it. It doesn't have to be an expensive amp, but if you find one, that's still fine.

Subject: Re: How do you find the right gears like amps for your speakers without making a mistake?
Posted by Prince on Wed, 20 May 2026 13:44:53 GMT

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There are certain amps that I've seen work better with certain speakers. The Focal Utopia III Evo has always had a great combo with the McIntosh MA12000 and Accuphase E-5000.

You should try both if what you've got is not giving you the desired result.

It is important to know the sensitivity of your speakers before getting amps. I know that low sensitivity speakers will always need more watts and vice versa. So, ensure you have an idea of the type of speaker that you've got before going for any amp.