Subject: Vintage speakers vs. modern
Posted by JimBeam on Wed, 11 Jan 2006 10:23:28 GMT
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Hi there,I have an opportunity to get a pair of 15" speakers made in 70's. What I wonder about is - do speakers change their quality with the age or not? Can I rely that they'll be up to specs of the time they were made? Thanks for help!

Subject: Re: Vintage speakers vs. modern
Posted by JimBeam on Wed, 11 Jan 2006 10:26:51 GMT
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Sorry, forgot to mention - I was talking about a pair of Tannoy Albury SL105

Subject: Re: Vintage speakers vs. modern
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 11 Jan 2006 12:13:30 GMT
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Tannoys always sound good. So; depends on price and what you will be driving them with.

Subject: Re: Vintage speakers vs. modern
Posted by JimBeam on Wed, 11 Jan 2006 12:33:53 GMT
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I was planning to put a tube amplifier to run those Tannoys.

Subject: Re: Vintage speakers vs. modern
Posted by hurdy_gurdyman on Wed, 11 Jan 2006 13:39:11 GMT
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I don't know what type of magnet the Tannoy's have, but something to keep in mind is that AlNiCo magnets get weaker with age. Also, they can loose much of their magnetism if they are dropped or other impact occurs. Having them re-magnetised can be tricky, depending on their design. Most

of the vintage AlNiCo drivers I've had are fine, but I've had a couple that had the magnet much weaker than it should be.Dave

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Subject: Re: Vintage speakers vs. modern
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 12 Jan 2006 01:16:55 GMT
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Perfect; they have a pretty flat impedance curve that stays above 5ohms most of the time; so a tube amp is perfect for them. Which amp did you have in mind?

Subject: Not the slightest chance
Posted by egeddes on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 21:31:01 GMT
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There is no way that the speakers will be as good as new. All materials change with time and any change takes the speaker further away from its intent.
