Subject: 8 speakers, how to use them all? Posted by Barði on Wed, 31 Oct 2007 22:13:42 GMT

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I have 8 speakers, that i have collected trough the years. they are most quiet powerful (8 ohms, 80-150w). they are all pairs, they all are from a different manufacturer so they have different bass/treble levels. what mad device can i use to connect all these beasts, and customize their treble/bass for every pair of speakers? (the speakers are not with a power source installed, so they will need a power amp)?p.s. the idea is basically --> [1-2 in : 8 stereo out]

Subject: Re: 8 speakers, how to use them all? Posted by DSumpter on Thu, 01 Nov 2007 17:19:16 GMT

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Honestly I would use the pair you liked the most and sell the rest. Or you can use one pair on one system, say your main home theater and another on a second system like your bedroom or office. I wouldn't try to mix them up because the sound in the room will be a confused mess.Dave

Subject: Re: 8 speakers, how to use them all?

Posted by granch on Fri, 02 Nov 2007 02:29:06 GMT

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Depends on several things: your ears, what sort of sound you like, your pocket book (how much are you willing to spend just for the "H" of it, and such like. If the speakers are already mounted in baffles of some sort you are off and running. Connect them all in parallel and sprinkle them around your listening room. You may end up with something that sounds quite nice - you may not. But it can be fun to try different arrangements. Try bouncing some off walls (the sound, not the speaker). If you are very lucky you could end up with something like the Bose system that won against Consumer Reports in court. Lots of people like that kind of sound. Lots don't. If you lack the time, money, ear, or exploring spirit, then follow the previous advice. Don't play them loud for fear of overloading your amp. If you do find something you like then you can look into whether the amp can drive them as is or you will have to get more amp.-Dick