Subject: Guess I'll never be an "audiophile"...
Posted by GarMan on Wed, 08 Dec 2004 13:59:08 GMT
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... because I don't like my speakers flat.I've been playing with the attenuation level of the HF horns on my speakers and had it running "flat" for a couple of weeks. This is not "measured flat" mind you. But "flat" as defined by modeling the crossover value against manufacturer's response curves. The components are JBL 2235 and 2445/2380.The "flat" setup was very nice. Warm, smooth, mellow, inviting. But not involving at all. It didn't have any of that "draw you in, I want to pay attention to this" quality at all. Perfect if all you want is background music.Now, bump the mid/hi frequency (800Hz+) up by 4-6dB and everything changed. We're back to listen on the edge of your seat, 100% of your attention on the music again.To each their own I guess.Gar.

Subject: Re: Guess I'll never be an "audiophile"...
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 09 Dec 2004 00:40:45 GMT
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Maybe it's your room? Lotta furniture in there?

Subject: Re: Guess I'll never be an "audiophile"...
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 09 Dec 2004 06:01:51 GMT
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Hi Gar,You might find you like the early Klipsch sound because all their speakers were a little hot in the upper midrange. Some single driver speakers have this kind of extra presence too.Wayne

Subject: Welcome to the NON purist group!
Posted by spkrman57 on Thu, 09 Dec 2004 16:07:33 GMT
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I start with "textbook" figures, then I use my ear to fine-tune to my personal likes. And I am sure my hearing is not flat!!!!!Ron

Subject: Re: Guess I'll never be an "audiophile"...

Posted by kyle on Thu, 09 Dec 2004 20:55:16 GMT
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I had an exchange about this on another board a few months ago and it was obvious to me that my opinion was wrong. The general concensus was that the only important things are accuracy and neutrality. Of course I beg to differ, for me the only thing is enjoyment and pleasure. If my system sounds good to me and my wife or friends, then it's better than a system that's accurate and neutral but unliked by me and the afore mentioned others. Your mileage may vary.

Subject: Re: Guess I'll never be an "audiophile"...
Posted by Mike.e on Fri, 10 Dec 2004 00:04:51 GMT
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I dont think any of use are,nor want to be You might want to take some measurements at your head position,to see what the frequency response is Personally,I run about 3-12db more sub bass than the rest,simply because I love the bass,and dislike loud distorting LE mains.Cheers!

Subject: Re: Guess I'll never be an "audiophile"...
Posted by hurdy_gurdyman on Sun, 12 Dec 2004 23:23:13 GMT
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Use what sounds good to you and don't worry about anyone else. Remember, no matter how "flat" a speaker measures in an anechoic chamber, as soon as the sound from it enters your listening room it is altered. What sounds good in your room is all that matters.Dave:)

Subject: Re: Guess I'll never be an "audiophile"...
Posted by hurdy_gurdyman on Sun, 12 Dec 2004 23:27:30 GMT
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I like the sound of classic Klipsch Heritage speakers, and the sound of old classic fullrange drivers like EV. As long as it sounds "right" to me, what else matters, right? The heck with what those "audiophiles" think. They are all a bunch of weenies, anyway. Dave:)

Subject: Re: Guess I'll never be an "audiophile"...

Posted by Earl Geddes on Sat, 08 Jan 2005 19:30:11 GMT
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This really is the problem isn't it? We all can prefer "non-flat" at times, on certain recordings, etc. etc. Makes us the Sound Engineer!! What fun. But then it's not really "Hi-Fidelity reproduction" anymore is it? Not when we insert ourselves and our personal preferences into the mix.Over the long haul, I have always prefered flat. Its the only thing that I don't get tired of. And here I mean measured "flat" - direct sound and reverberant sound, axial response and power response.