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Subject: Cheap high efficiency speaker

Posted by [Dan](#) on Sun, 12 Dec 2004 18:10:27 GMT

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I need recommendations for inexpensive high efficiency speakers. I have an old solid state Dynaco amp and a tube FM3 tuner that my dad gave me and I think I may replace the Dynaco amp with a tube amp (with low power) in the future. I need speakers now so I figured it makes sense to get efficient speakers that would work with a tube amp.

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Subject: Re: Cheap high efficiency speaker

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Mon, 13 Dec 2004 02:03:27 GMT

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Head on over to the Pi site. There are many models at various price points that are great deals and work well with tubes.

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Subject: Re: Cheap high efficiency speaker

Posted by [hurdy\\_gurdyman](#) on Mon, 13 Dec 2004 14:08:52 GMT

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Are you looking for recommendations on drivers for DIY, or are you looking for complete speaker systems? Dave

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Subject: Re: Cheap high efficiency speaker

Posted by [Dan](#) on Tue, 14 Dec 2004 06:40:32 GMT

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I am looking for a pair of speakers that I don't need to put together that are efficient enough such that they will play loudly enough with a low power tube amp (DEC Zen maybe) that my wife will hopefully let me buy in the future. Right now I have a solid state dynaco preamp and amp that my dad built and a FM3 tube tuner that is awesome that my dad also built in the late 60's or early 70's. I would like to connect the tuner (which has a volume control) to a tube amp. From what I have read, the early Dynaco solid state preamps and amps aren't all that great so those will go into storage. Are the Klipsh speakers any good? Thanks!!

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Subject: Re: Cheap high efficiency speaker  
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Tue, 14 Dec 2004 12:33:35 GMT  
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I owned several of the Klipsch models and have always liked their sound. If you can find on E-bay the KG-2 or the rarer model KG4 they are cheap and very good as well as efficient.

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Subject: Re: Cheap high efficiency speaker  
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Thu, 16 Dec 2004 16:54:06 GMT  
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See link below for a list of high efficiency speakers. One warning: the words cheap and high efficiency pre-builts do not go together. You might look at Omega or Pi. If you do not plan to build yourself, seek out a local cabinet maker. You might be surprised at how affordable boxes can be made. Also, is there a local votech in your area? You can usually contact the shop teacher and see if they will do custom projects. It's good practice for the students and you could wind up with nice cabs for next to nothing.....Colin  
<http://www.welbornelabs.com/recomendspeaks.htm>

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Subject: Re: Cheap high efficiency speaker  
Posted by [Dan](#) on Fri, 17 Dec 2004 20:38:47 GMT  
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Thanks for all of your help! I will check out the Pi speakers.

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Subject: Re: Cheap high efficiency speaker  
Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:47:31 GMT  
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Hi Dan,What's your price range? Maybe that will help us give you more specific recos.thanx-akhilesh

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Subject: Re: Cheap high efficiency speaker  
Posted by [Dan](#) on Sat, 18 Dec 2004 22:06:58 GMT

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I would like to spend less than \$400 if possible. I was thinking of a pair of Klipsch bookshelf speakers if I can't do better. Thanks!!

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Subject: Re: Cheap high efficiency speaker  
Posted by [hurdy\\_gurdyman](#) on Sat, 18 Dec 2004 22:26:23 GMT  
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Just my opinion, but if I were looking for a pair of \$400 speakers, I think I'd put a lot of priorities ahead of efficiency, such as frequency response and bass distortion (sometimes hard to find info on). High efficiency AND high quality may not be available new for \$400 complete. Of course, I haven't seen all the \$400 models out there... Dave

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Subject: Re: Cheap high efficiency speaker  
Posted by [Dan](#) on Sun, 19 Dec 2004 01:15:11 GMT  
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I want high efficiency speakers because one day I want to use them with a tube amp that does not have a lot of power, like one from Decware. I have a pair of NHT SuperOne's and they are the best speakers I have heard for the money, but they don't play loud without a lot of power, and I am afraid that a low powered tube amp will start clipping at reasonable volume levels with my SuperOnes. I was thinking about Klipsch but figured that there has to be something better out there even in my low price range than mass market stuff because I have a very good ear. Thanks for your help!

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Subject: Two Pi Bass Reflex  
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Sun, 19 Dec 2004 03:35:28 GMT  
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A pair of Two Pi Bass Reflex drivers and Xover will run you \$120. This leaves you \$280 for cabs. Should be VERY doable for a \$400 budget. I honestly don't think you will do much better in your price range, sorry. I would take the advice of hurdy\_gurdyman to heart - look beyond sensitivity. I'm running a 35 wpc PP tube through Maggies (MMG-W, \$300/pair), which are about as inefficient as you can get. No, they will not play concert level, but they sound pretty awesome. They do, however, require a sub below 100HZ. Please let us know what you decide.....Colin  
<http://www.pispeakers.com/Prices.htm>

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Subject: Re: Cheap high efficiency speaker  
Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Mon, 20 Dec 2004 02:08:42 GMT  
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get a pair of used klipschs or JBLs. my 2 cents. -akhilesh

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