Subject: ALtec Vott evaluation: A7 - 500
Posted by akhilesh on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 02:46:36 GMT
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This is an evaluation of a VOTT system consisting of a 511b horn with an 808 driver and Altec 515B woofer/mid. The crossover was the altec n-800 or something (basically crosses the horn at around 800 Hz). The cabinets were genuine votts, and I listened to them for about 4 days. The room is very large, with high ceilings and a little bright but not too bright. The speakers were only about 8 feet away from each other. The amp used was a cheap sonic impact, being sourced by a Sony s3000 DVD player. The sound was very clean and revealing. I was very impressed by their ability to sound sweet and clear at very low volumes. Dynamic range was of course very very good. Imaging was hard to judge, since they were pretty close together. But air between instruments and voices was very good. Overall, I am very happy I had a chance to hear a full blown VOTT setup. I have taken the drivers & crossover out and given the cabs away, due to reasons of mass & volume. My next project will be to put the 515b In a bass reflex box that is tuned fairly high, and to use a sub below around 80 Hz. I plan to experiment with the crossover, but preliminary discussions with more experienced people like Wayne Parham seem to indicate that a crossover of around 1000-1200 Hz from the 515b to the 511b would be desirable (to match the directionality). I also plan to triamp the whole setup (incl the sub).Will keep you all posted!-akhilesh

Subject: Re: ALtec Vott evaluation: A7 - 500
Posted by angel mercado on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 02:56:29 GMT
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Well i hope it all works out with the wife akhilesh you have a lovely family and a wonderful home.You and Wayne seem to know your stuff about audio pretty good.Im very honor to meet you two guys

Subject: Re: ALtec Vott evaluation: A7 - 500
Posted by akhilesh on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 03:09:55 GMT
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HI Angel,Thanks. The drivers were in great shape, as were the cabs! I owe you lunch th next time we meet buddy!Once the system is built you are all invited to come by and listen!Angel, keep us posted on what you replace the VOTTS with. BTW, in my reviw,I forgot to mention: bass was thin, and with a sub those VOTTS would have been pretty much top of the line sound. Even without a sub they were very easy to lsiten to, very satisfying. -akhilesh

Subject: Re: ALtec Vott evaluation: A7 - 500
Posted by angel mercado on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 14:12:11 GMT
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Oh you dont want to know what im replacing the a-7 with im looking for a pair of Bose 901 series v these were my only speakers that i kept the longest until i went on the hi end mania i had them all electrostatics maggies altecs jbl dahlquist and many other i was busy changing speakers and amps and i wasnt listenning to the music anymore dont get me wrong the others sounded good but i missed ny 901 sound sorry i would still like to be a part of your group im not a basher and hope you respect my deciasion as well thanks if you know anyone wanting to trade there 901s for a pair of magnepan mg-1 let me know i have a pair with new grills and they are the improved version

Subject: Re: ALtec Vott evaluation: A7 - 500
Posted by akhilesh on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 16:44:01 GMT
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Will keep an eye out if I see someone, Angel!You should still come for our meets, if you are into that. I hear you about the music verus the hardware. -akhilesh

Subject: 901s
Posted by colinhester on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 18:45:47 GMT
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I heard 901s a few of times, mostly in show rooms. Pretty nice sounding from what I remember. My friend used to have a pair of 601s, which I always wanted. Can you tell us about the rest of your system.....Colin

Subject: Re: 901s
Posted by angel mercado on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 19:05:34 GMT
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I just have a marantz preamp model 13 and a marantz dc170 amp oh and a infinity powered subwoofer

Subject: Re: ALtec Vott evaluation: A7 - 500
Posted by angel mercado on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 19:07:18 GMT
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oh i will come to the meets i still think the hobby is fun dont get me wrong but man it can get expensive i dont remember the last time i bought a cd but i remember the last time i bought gear lol this hobby is worse then crack

Subject: Re: 901s
Posted by angel mercado on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 19:10:34 GMT
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the best sound i got of the 901s was with a pair of dynaco mk 3 to me it made me happy then my friend came over and listen for about a couple of hours he had electrostatics and he said it sounded great hmmmmm i think he sold them and has a pair of 901s ill have to call him he moved to idaho

Subject: Re: ALtec Vott evaluation: A7 - 500
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 20:06:12 GMT
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Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 20:08:06 GMT
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bring it.

Subject: Re: ALtec Vott evaluation: A7 - 500
Posted by Russellc on Fri, 08 Jul 2005 00:33:08 GMT
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I understand what you mean about the imaging. The A7 images, but it is a different presentation than with typical "high end" direct radiator speakers. The more you listen, the altecs image more like live music, which is never the same presentation as I get from my direct radiator type speakers. They (direct radiator) throw a large spacious image, and is enjoyable and all with lots of detail, but live music really doesn't sound like nor "image" like that. The altecs have a truely live sound presentation. I know there have been a few other altec users here all along, but it sure is nice to see so many other new A7 converts out there in this forum. Con grats Akhilesh on your A7 aquisition, sad to hear you couldn't use the cabs, they are huge! I have often wondered how the Altec drivers would perform in 7 Pi corner horns, and it will be interesting to see how yours turn out.Russellc