
Subject: What to buy - \$150 amp (stereo) and \$250 speakers

Posted by [s7on3d](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 18:38:38 GMT

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Hi Guys, I'm planning to buy a small sound system to connect in my small room. I'm going for a stereo system since I plan on using it only for music. I listen to lots of classical, Jazz (both classic and modern), and quite a bit of classic rock. My budget is quite small - around \$150 for an amp and \$250 for speakers. I want to know what you guys think would be the best match for my current situation. Thanks in advance, Ilan

Subject: Re: What to buy - \$150 amp (stereo) and \$250 speakers

Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2005 22:09:56 GMT

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I would suggest the cheap tripath chip amps (like a sonic impact or Teac) and Klipsch bookshelf speakers if you are going new. If you are going used, that's another matter. Let us know.-akhilesh

Subject: Another take.

Posted by [Poindexter](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 01:46:30 GMT

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Hi, Ilan, The most amazing sound/\$ I have heard has been from compact systems from the better Japanese manufacturers; Denon, Luxman (not, oddly enough, Nakamichi). The integration of the response of the input components, power amp, speakers, gives a wholeness to the sound that can humble high end separates at four times the cost. Check over on eBay for these things; I bet you can meet your budget and please your ears. Aloha, Poinz

Subject: Re: What to buy - \$150 amp (stereo) and \$250 speakers

Posted by [elektratic](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 02:36:35 GMT

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I was going to suggest a Sonic Impact amp and a pair of Axiom M3ti speakers (assuming you don't go diy on the speakers).

Subject: For a lot less money
Posted by [wunhuanglo](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 11:12:18 GMT
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you can buy a pair of small active monitors.
Some active monitors \$100 and up

Subject: Re: For a lot less money
Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 13:50:32 GMT
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What a great recommendation, Charlie(?).That would be a good way to go!-akhilesh

Subject: Those axiom speakers have gotten great reviews
Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 13:54:03 GMT
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Hey, thanks for mentioning those Axiom speakers. I did a quick read on them, and they sound like a DArn good value for the money! Also, the 93 db eff will allow the use of the sonic impact amp!-akhilesh

Subject: Re: What to buy - \$150 amp (stereo) and \$250 speakers
Posted by [s7on3d](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 19:07:11 GMT
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I've looked around at some of those options and I'd love to hear some more. I want to buy everything new. I want an amp and speaker system because depending on my budget later in life, I'd like to expand and upgrade the system piece by piece (firstly by adding a sub as soon as I have the cash... which may be quite a while). I have absolute no plans of building anything myself, as I dont have enough free time. You guys have some more options for good amps?

Subject: Re: What to buy - \$150 amp (stereo) and \$250 speakers
Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 19:40:37 GMT
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I'd go with the axiom speakers, and a tripath based amp, like the TEAC or the sonic impact.
-akhilesh

Subject: They're even a better deal if you buy from their outlet
Posted by [GarMan](#) on Mon, 20 Jun 2005 19:49:49 GMT
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<http://www.axiomaudio.com/factoryoutlet.html>

Subject: Yep
Posted by [elektratic](#) on Tue, 21 Jun 2005 15:15:24 GMT
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I bought a pair of "seconds" some years ago. If there was a blemish, I couldn't find it. As to sensitivity, I've used the pair for a bedroom/bedroom porch system with an 8W amp with great success. On my recommendation, my brother-in-law and several friends have purchased pairs for their main systems and have been uniformly happy with them.

Subject: Yes and No
Posted by [Mike.e](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2005 01:13:02 GMT
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Good idea, to have active (probably tiny chipamps) but I think that the word 'monitor' hardly can be assigned to a set of speakers worth only a hundred dollars. I think monitors these days are bookshelf speakers with amplifiers onboard rather than any acoustic reference. Mike.e
