Subject: fostex and speaker cables
Posted by jim denton on Sat, 25 Sep 2004 15:27:54 GMT
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can someone share with me some thoughts on speaker cables ---in reading about Fostex FRD designs and single drover speakers I came acrosss a young man and his project using fostex speakers and said that he was most impressed how well fostex responded to using Aucostic Zen speaker wires----question----is it the amp or the speaker or both???? speaker wire experiemtns are for the well heeled! JD

Subject: Re: fostex and speaker cables
Posted by robertG on Sat, 25 Sep 2004 16:41:09 GMT
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I don't want to contradict any belief in the audio circles, but...I am most impresses how well Fostex fullrange drivers respond to zip cord, and OFC gauge 12, and Cat 5 braided (and unbraided), magnet wires or anything else for that matter... The idea of a cable is to send the signal to the driver, without changing the signal. Since these drivers are very efficient, the cables need to carry very little current and don't seem to require big bucks "boutique" cables. True that some tube amps can respond differently, but with decent SS amp, I do not hear any drastic differences in any configuration. I simply do not understand the idea of spending money on cables, especially when you consider the fact that the crossover coils crossover in multiway speakers might have dozens of metres of small gauge wire...You are very right when stating speaker wires experiments are either for the well-heeled. Seems that the reviewers are also especially susceptible to hear a difference (the sound of advertsing dollars rolling in the bank).

Subject: Re: fostex and speaker cables
Posted by Manualblock on Mon, 27 Sep 2004 14:20:47 GMT
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Cables; Can I offer this from experience. Axon offer 2/4/8 teflon wrapped bundled cables of individually coated 24 ga. solid core for as little as 2$ a foot. Several of the speaker vendors offer it, I got mine from Zalytron. It has a nice smooth sound compatible with many combinations of equipment. The RCA plugs they sell are exceptional for the price. I use them against my discovery cable and they sound just as clear and detailed as the very much more expensive stuff from Discovery. J.R.

Subject: Re: fostex and speaker cables
Posted by zobsky on Mon, 27 Sep 2004 22:01:19 GMT
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i have had positive experiences using thin ga solid core magnet wire (24Ga ,. i think) , ... A-B'd vs. zip cord

Subject: Re: fostex and speaker cables
Posted by zobsky on Mon, 27 Sep 2004 22:01:59 GMT
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(sorry , .got cut off) on fostex fullrange speakers

Subject: Re: fostex and speaker cables
Posted by akhilesh on Tue, 28 Sep 2004 13:27:42 GMT
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JIm, IMHO try a broad gauge, well shileded wire like the premium wire at radio shack. From what I have read you need a low L & R in the wire. If your wire lengths are about 6 feet or less, then a premium speaker wire from radio shack should be fine. Alternately, you can buy co-ax from home depot, and use that as well...that tends to be well shielded. -akhilesh