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Subject: Tangbands had me at Hello

Posted by [GarMan](#) on Mon, 25 Apr 2005 13:37:51 GMT

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Okay. I'm sold! These little Tangbands are amazing! I bought a five pack of them with the intent of using them for computer speakers. They arrived Friday, dropped them into the 0.1 ft<sup>3</sup> ELF cabinets I built, and they sang right from the start. Very engaging set of speakers. The top end tends to beam, so you have to be on-axis. Bass rolls off very early, but you get acclimatized to it. Put them about a foot from a wall and it does enhance the bass. What you get from 100Hz up is smooth and sweet. A little hot in the midrange. Nothing a notch filter can't fix, but not essential. It doesn't get loud enough to shake a house, but enough to drown out conversation in a large sized room (15x20). And to top it all off, these drivers are only \$16 each (less if you buy in bulk). And you only need one per speaker. Cross a subwoofer with these ELF's at 150Hz and I'd say you'd have a very competent system for a small room. Five of these + a sub will definitely beat out by a mile those Home Theatre "cubes" they sell for \$1000+. I crossed mine with a pair of JBL 2235 at 250Hz through an active crossover and was extremely happy with the results. The biggest drawback about these little Tangband is that it has me thinking about what the Jordan's are like. But at \$160 a pop (10X the Tangband), it'll have to wait. I'll give a report on the Tangband pipes later this week. Gar.

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Subject: Re: Tangbands had me at Hello

Posted by [Russell Dawkins](#) on Tue, 26 Apr 2005 17:44:28 GMT

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Gar, you might want to check this out: <http://www.zaphaudio.com/audio-speaker18.html> John compared a large number of small wide range drivers and had previously chosen the Tang Band W3-871 as "the one" but after the comparo, switched to the Hi-Vi B3S and publishes a detailed construction project. The Hi-Vi B3S costs \$9.50 each. It must be said that his priorities are around mid range purity and he is of the opinion that 4" drivers and larger are too big and tend to beam, so this is a 3". This is an MTM implementation of them: <http://www.d-web.com/dbrown/db313/db313.htm> Russell

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Subject: Tangbands in front horns

Posted by [kloss](#) on Sat, 30 Apr 2005 14:04:26 GMT

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I have a pair in front petal horns they do sound good. My bud uses many Jordans he used tangband 1st he prefers jordans I don't to me the jordan needs much power has little output when given said power has rolled off treble and no bass. But in Near field with SS elec. They can be enjoyable. But as always YMMV

<http://steinman.mesls.org/stereo/J%20Kalinowski%20Loudspeakers%20101.jpg>

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