Subject: DCA5.5M musical experience
Posted by Eric Gonzales on Sat, 16 Jun 2007 02:05:49 GMT
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i bought mine already built. I paired mine with a Vista Audio i84 and an Oppo player running analog out. Music i listen to are jpop, pop, classical, jazz from dvda's/sacd's. This piece is really great-sounding (http://www.cdjapan.co.jp/detailview.html?KEY=AVAD-91200). Before these kinds of discs go extinct, buy 'em.Back to dcas. They have incredible bass. I've been so content with them i stopped shopping (ya, right). Hemps are wonderful speakers too. But I noticed they didn't have much midbass. In my setup, you have to turn up the volume high to get the bass out of the DCAs with the vocals getting loud. I always thought balanced power might boost the lower octaves of the tube amp + a good braided 11ga cable. So I tried it. I ordered a custom balanced power unit with 2 transformers (1 for oppo, 1 for vista audio) and no IEC13 connectors or an incoming AC power connector. The cables are hardwired. They go straight to the gear. Here's a pic.
(http://www.curtpalme.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=5403&sid=ead7b63f117fa0a6e4cc4c4417564f6c). Next, I custom ordered an 11ga braided speaker cables from jinsanity life. These changes really made the DCAs create musical life. Bottom frequencies are low, i can feel my chest pounding. It's like the loudness eq is on but there's no button. With the system complete, i'm back to listening music and watching dvds. Even with movies, these things have incredible bass. hope this helps. happy music !

Subject: Re: DCA5.5M musical experience
Posted by akhilesh on Sun, 17 Jun 2007 01:20:56 GMT
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Thanks for sharing Eric! Can you tell me which balanced pwer unit you orderded (from whom) ?I myself liek dthe DCA 5.5 Ms in a PAWO horn with the Vista audio amplifier a lot. What box are you using your DCA in?thanks-akhilesh

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i use them in a onkin type of enclosre. I get good bass from the beginning but hard to turn it up loud. When I added the jinsanity life cables + custom balanced power, the dca sounded fuller. Sometimes it even sounds like there's a sub inside. I don't need to turn it up loud anymore to get lots of bass.custom balanced power unit - www.custom-ht.comthe unit I had built is mentioned here:http://www.curtpalme.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=5403&sid=9dc4da145d3b58c6ff507f23f4d70c31

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Posted by gabbe on Sun, 17 Jun 2007 18:38:19 GMT
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hi Eric,can you tell me where can i find the spe of the trans ?gabbe

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The website for the power unit is www.custom-ht.com. You can email Gary at ebay@custom-ht.com.

Subject: Re: DCA5.5M musical experience
Posted by akhilesh on Tue, 19 Jun 2007 02:09:49 GMT
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Thanks Eric! And you think it made a large difference to the sound? Do you use any other power cleaning? I use a PS audio balun type device (ultimate outlet) that I found made a large difference in my sound, since a balun uses transformer transmission as well (i think). thanks for sharing this one. -akhilesh

Subject: Re: DCA5.5M musical experience
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i would say it made the sound livelier. And a lot of the little instruments being played are also accentuated. The amp is plugged in to the bp unit then to an inexpensive sinewave ups. But no ultimate outlets or bybee stuff. The zero autoformer is intriguing though.Do you know of any tube amps for the car like milbert without the price tag ? There's a diy trans for car tube use I found but that's about it: http://www.audiohobbyist.com/projects/smps.htm