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Subject: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [Shane](#) on Tue, 16 Sep 2008 07:29:16 GMT  
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For those of you that have played with the DCA4's, have you heard them in the zigmahornet cabinets? I've heard the ones that Akhilesh had in PAWO cabs and liked them a lot, but unfortunately didn't buy any at the time due to fundage problems. I've found the new supplier and can get them there, but am still hoping to find some that no-one used or lightly used, although the new supplier's prices are not bad at all (\$65 inclusive of Paypal fees and shipping --includes Ziggy plans and felt to line the back of the cabinet). I'm looking at the Ziggies because of WAF and basic floorspace issues. I would like to use these exclusively for acoustic guitar (eg. Govi) and jazz-lite (Diana Krall, etc...). with my almost completed Darling Amp.

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 17 Sep 2008 17:07:10 GMT  
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Have you heard from Akhilesh lately? I should give him a call. he was always working on single driver speakers, had done a bunch of 'em. I wonder what he is up to these days and if he's still writing for Positive Feedback or if he's taking a break.

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Subject: Akhilesh  
Posted by [Shane](#) on Wed, 17 Sep 2008 20:38:58 GMT  
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I was hoping he would chime in, but it seems he hasn't posted on the forum for nearly 6 months. Maybe he's got a pair of the DCA4's he'd want to part with?

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Subject: Re: Akhilesh  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 19 Sep 2008 16:53:47 GMT  
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I guess he needed a break from DIY audio stuff for a while.

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [gabbe](#) on Sat, 27 Sep 2008 19:05:01 GMT  
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hi shane,i am one of those who owned the dca 4", for the music u intend to play don't wait any longer, the dca 4" sound wonderful with the daring amps , i been playing with them for years now in a non folded horn i designed myself and i never use a sub , and they are my reference speakeri still have coral flat 6, beta 6 , 8a 40 and some other coral, dca 5.5 , tangbang bamboo 4" and some other Japanese 4" to 5" driver but i choose dca 4" so why wait ????

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [Shane](#) on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 00:04:27 GMT  
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Thanks! I think I'm going to have to try and get a pair.

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Thu, 02 Oct 2008 19:22:31 GMT  
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HI Guys! Sorry for the tardiness in replying. Yes, after my back injury last year I took a break from DIY speaker stuff (though I still have lots of drivers to try out). Also, work has gotten me busy at least till december. My next project, should it ever materialize will be the dca 5.5's in a BIB enclosure!Otherwise just enjoying hte music every chance I get, which is really rare these days. I would recommend the dca 5.5 over the 4's, but both are good drivers. The 5.5 have good enough highs and also good enough lows. THE 4 have slightly better highs, but IMHO need a sub, actively crossed at about 80 hz. The 5.5's go down to about 60 but seem to go down lower (don't ask me how) in the PAWO enclosure. According to other posts here, they go down to 30 hz in a BIB enclosure (well the enclosure goes down to 30 hz!). Imagine that in a 5.5 " driver. Pretty close to the holy grail eh? I have some pairs of both, but I am certainly not willing to part with them. Wayne, we need to have another audio meet soon...maybe listen to Mark's honky tonk badagonk system?-akhilesh

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [Shane](#) on Thu, 02 Oct 2008 20:03:44 GMT  
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Thanks for replying Akhilesh. I remember hearing your 4's in the PAWO enclosure at Tulsa and remembered you commenting on using a sub with them. I think I'm still going to go for the 4's in a Ziggie not only because of floor space issues and WAF, but for the cheap cost as well. I will run them on their own for a bit, but probably end up adding a sub with an active x-over. I see pairs of the 4's come up for sale once in a while.

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 02 Oct 2008 20:35:13 GMT

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Wow! What happened to your back? I don't remember hearing about it. I would love to get together at Mark's place to hear his Audio Note system. He invited us all over to his place last weekend, but there was no way I could go. I probably can't make time for a get together for another month at least. I finally decided to move from my starter home, one I had lived in since I was 29. Thought I'd get it while the interest rates were still good, but found myself right in the middle of all that sky is falling stuff. These days, they go over you with a fine tooth comb, but in the end I think they're still able to finance homes as long as you can demonstrate an ability to pay for them. So I closed in August and have been in the process of packing, moving, unpacking and organizing ever since then. At the same time, I'm getting the old place ready to sell. So with all this going on, my hands are full.

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets

Posted by [Erik](#) on Mon, 06 Oct 2008 20:51:45 GMT

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picked up my dca 4 drivers today. will build the zigma hornet cabinet in a few weeks. can you tell me more about these drivers or how they compare to other single driver models, ed's horn etc?

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets

Posted by [Shane](#) on Tue, 07 Oct 2008 03:30:05 GMT

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I have not heard the DCA 4's in a Ziggie before, but I have heard them in Akhilesh's PAWO enclosures. They had good definition and a remarkable depth to them. The bass was decent as well, but definitely needed to be augmented with a sub and xover if playing anything remotely loud. I am thinking of just using them as background music while reading or studying.

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [gabbe](#) on Tue, 07 Oct 2008 16:55:03 GMT  
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hi erik,if you are to use the zigma hornet then you need a sub but for my case i don't , my dca 4" are in a non fold horn (consider big) , the dca 4" sound better than the jordan JX 92 but you can't play them that loud, very natural sounding driver with 91dB, i play them with SE 2a3, SE double darling, 832 PP 6 watts and charlize T amp 10 watts zeno

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [Erik](#) on Tue, 07 Oct 2008 23:51:33 GMT  
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how loud? i will be using a fisher 500c, roughly 35 watts per side. i have other speakers for 'loud' and plan on using the zigas for acoustic bluegrass and the like. sounds like they will do that nicely? thanks much.

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [gabbe](#) on Wed, 08 Oct 2008 03:13:15 GMT  
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can u tell me the size of your listening area?zeno

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [Erik](#) on Wed, 08 Oct 2008 03:43:12 GMT  
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18' X 15' - a nice sounding room it is.

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [gabbe](#) on Wed, 08 Oct 2008 07:13:20 GMT  
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you plan to use 2 pair of dca 4" ? more than enough for me , i think they are loud enough for u as well, 35 watts is too much for me , as the speaker is 91 dB, i am sure you will love them.it is very funny that many people are not interested in these drivers, all i can say is they are wrong , dave really has made it right for this wonderful small driver, we should thanks to him, and wish him well in his health zeno

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [Erik](#) on Wed, 08 Oct 2008 15:45:54 GMT  
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no, just one pair of zigma's. how is dave doing?

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [gabbe](#) on Wed, 08 Oct 2008 17:23:01 GMT  
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i really don't know, i received a mail from him one and a half month ago. i wish him wellzeno

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [skite30](#) on Thu, 09 Oct 2008 20:54:59 GMT  
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I have a pair of dca4's and am curious if anyone knows the specs on these. I am considering a BIB for them but don't have any of the specs.

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Subject: Darling Amps  
Posted by [Shane](#) on Fri, 10 Oct 2008 08:15:44 GMT  
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Zeno, do you have some pics of your Darling amp and speakers? I'm in the process of finishing up my amp and am always curious about how people laid out their parts and the wiring details.

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Subject: Re: Darling Amps  
Posted by [zeno gabriel](#) on Fri, 10 Oct 2008 20:39:58 GMT  
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hi shane please give me your mail address , i will send them to u

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Subject: Re: Darling Amps  
Posted by [Shane](#) on Sat, 11 Oct 2008 01:27:58 GMT  
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send them to shanemail-forums at yahoo dot com Thanks!!!!

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [tsingle999](#) on Tue, 28 Oct 2008 19:03:20 GMT  
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I heard the zigmahornets at the VSAC 2008 and fell in love with them. Just need time to build the cabs now!

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [FredT](#) on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 13:28:57 GMT  
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I built a pair for a friend. Not bad. The enclosure does coax every possible hz of bass extension from them, but keep in mind they're small FR drivers with all the limitations of small FR's at both ends of the spectrum.  
The Zigmahornets

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Subject: Re: DCA 4 Zigmahornets  
Posted by [Erwin](#) on Thu, 01 Jan 2009 18:12:43 GMT  
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Hi akhilesh do you happen to have the parameters of this two drivers? dca 4 and dca 5.5? i would

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like to build one of those.or do you happen to have better plan for those driver which is in your opinion better than the zigmahornet and pawo that you do not mind to share?thanks in advance

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