
Subject: Stax discussion anyone?

Posted by [granch](#) on Thu, 26 Jul 2007 03:01:09 GMT

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Except for the one apparent misspoke by L.Alter, I see no mention of what I have always considered the finest headphones ("Ear Speakers) made. I have had a pair with amp for ...too long to remember and have given them to at least two friends. By finest, I mean capable of the best or highest fidelity reproduction over the whole spectrum with a great dynamic range. Yes, they do not isolate you from your environment as well as most others, but if that isn't a problem - say you want to listen to the symphony after Ma has gone to bed, then what could be better. I have used Sennheiser, and several other of the claustrophobic kinds with no comparison.-Dick

Subject: Re: Stax discussion anyone?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 26 Jul 2007 17:36:47 GMT

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I'll have to check those out. How much do they cost?

Subject: Re: Stax discussion anyone?

Posted by [granch](#) on Thu, 26 Jul 2007 18:27:08 GMT

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I'm not sure they are even made anymore. They were tightly controlled from Japan and very pricey. I bought bootlegged versions in lower manhattan for around \$300-400 as I recall including their special driving amplifier. They also had portable versions - I bought one for my son. This was all long ago. Say, 1970-ish. They are full range electrostatic earphones -= full meaning below 20 hz. (could be to DC, but I doubt it.) - Dick

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Posted by [granch](#) on Thu, 26 Jul 2007 19:14:49 GMT

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Yes, they are still made and ones like mine (Classic model) with solid state amp go for \$1170. See www.yamasinc.com They are the only licensed dealer for the US operating out of California. Considering what things cost today, I think that is a low price. They still have tube amps and several other models (styles) including at least one with a back cover to provide room isolation.-Dick

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Posted by [granch](#) on Fri, 27 Jul 2007 02:41:56 GMT

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Also several models are available on eBay. They never mention the proprietary problem, though, and several are clearly bootlegged like mine were. I see they now make electret models, etc. As some of the sellers point out, you have to hear them to believe and then you will never want to put another set on your head - unless you are forced at gunpoint. -Dick

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Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 27 Jul 2007 19:14:21 GMT

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Thanks for all the good info, very interesting!

Subject: Re: Stax discussion anyone?

Posted by [granch](#) on Sat, 28 Jul 2007 00:53:24 GMT

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You are most welcome! I look forward to your reaction when you have had an opportunity to try them out. -Dick
