Subject: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Alan Watkins on Wed, 07 Jan 2004 15:44:53 GMT

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these are old speakers, circa 1978. The tweeter is 70mm.any help appreciated the bass drivers is a b200 sp1039 kef unitbut i dont know who made the tweeters thanks Alan

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 20 Jan 2004 23:32:20 GMT

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I did some looking and couldn't find them. 'Spose you might post or E-Mail a photo? Be sure and include any other information you might have, such as physical dimensions. I think I can help you out with that info.

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Alan Watkins on Wed, 21 Jan 2004 07:46:41 GMT

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hi thanks for the reply - heres a pic of the tweetersthey are 70mm in diammeterhttp://homepage.ntlworld.com/quad303/images/tweeter.jpg

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 21 Jan 2004 08:24:58 GMT

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You're saying that the magnet is 70mm diameter, yes? I expect the dome is about 25mm across, yes?Can you show a photo of the back? Also, what does the tweeter mount on to?

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Posted by Alan Watkins on Wed, 21 Jan 2004 16:15:59 GMT

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hi thansk for the reply, yes the dome is 25mm and the magnet 70mm.heres a pic of the rear of the unit and the 'mounting plate'theres a 4 digit number, 7810 I think. But it seems to be a serial number rather than a code number, because the other good tweeter has a different number stamped on it.cheersalanhttp://homepage.ntlworld.com/quad303/images/tweeter2.jpg

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 22 Jan 2004 00:11:01 GMT

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What do you think about substituting another 1" dome tweeter for this one? I think I would probably replace both tweeters from both speakers if a stereo pair, but I think you might find this to be an acceptable solution. I'd probably keep the original units if I swapped them out, just in case. Also, have you checked with local speaker repair shops to see if they could just replace the diaphragm? Is there a local repair shop in your area?

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Alan Watkins on Thu, 05 Feb 2004 19:52:54 GMT

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thanks again for the info. I got a set of Seas SEAS 25TFFc (soft dome)tweeters, which are nice. I dont know if its me but I did prefer the original units. I have since found out that the tweeter is made by Audax, HD13D34 part no. I have contacted the only place I can find the part listed in Denmark to see if they can ship to me. Im not sure if theres a repair shop in my area, but thats another option for me.cheersAlan

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 05 Feb 2004 23:28:51 GMT

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Sounds like you did your homework. That's good information for the archives, so thanks for the

follow-up post.

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Fred on Sun, 20 Jun 2004 03:23:48 GMT

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What a joke! I'm looking for exactly the same thing!!!I have a pair of MA 4 that I bought in '77 and had my grandkids do some finger pokin' while I forgot that the covers were off!!!Anyway,,, just searching the internet and I come across this; what a godsend... thanks guys (and girls)

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Peter McCabe on Mon, 14 Mar 2005 19:49:03 GMT

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Tweeter was an Isophon (German) modified with damping material within the dome... giving it it's distinctive yellow colour. I used to own a pair back in the 70's. Believe me MA has not improved much on them (in terms of musical naturalness) since then.

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Peter McCabe on Mon, 14 Mar 2005 20:17:48 GMT

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If the speakers were the newer MA4 mk2 then they used the audax (black) units. if they were the original MA4 they used the Isophon tweeters (the better speaker in my opinion). If you remember them as being yellow (square face plate) they were definitely Isophon of Germany, good luck finding them.

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Alan Watkins on Wed, 23 Mar 2005 19:51:28 GMT

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Many thanks for that. Yes they are the square 'yellow' ones. I have one good one & I am searching for a match. I have replaced the units with some scanspeak units I had - They are sort of jammed into the holes in a very unprofessional way:)but they do sound fine. If anyone has an audax unit for sale - Please contact me

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by wahee on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 13:06:17 GMT

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just an update. I got a set of KK10 tweeters from ebay in the states. They fit perfectly and sound well. So they can still be got but they are hard to come by.

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Peter McCabe on Mon, 25 Apr 2005 19:20:24 GMT

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Kudos on finding the Isophon KK10s as they should be a good match for the Monitor Audio units. At the time, Monitor audio claimed that they used Isophon tweeters modified with there own proprietary "central and surround damping". That is why they were that distinctive yellow color. I'm not sure what they did but what a clear and sweet tweeter it was. The stock Isophon tweeters can be identified as being 'white' in color... they used their own white damping plug in the dome. These should be a close enough match if you can't find the exact Monitor Audio units. How do I know so much?... I went through the same thing about 25 years ago when I took out a tweeter on my MA4s. By the way, those vintage Monitor Audio MA4s are definite sleepers, up there with other classic English designs such as Spendor BC1, LS3/5A, Kef, IMF etc. I know as I've compared them. I do regret parting with mine.

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by Justian de Frias on Tue, 19 Jul 2005 18:24:34 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by MIKE SHAW on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 17:57:24 GMT

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The tweeters used in the Mk 1 MA 4's were 25m.m. soft dome units made bythe French company Isophon. The Mk.2 MA 4's used Son Audax units and didn't sound as good. Hope this helps.

Subject: Re: hi -anyone know what tweeters were used in the monitor audio MA4 speakers

Posted by MIKE SHAW on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 18:05:01 GMT

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