
Subject: Newbie Questions

Posted by [Johnny](#) on Thu, 31 Mar 2005 00:09:34 GMT

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Can anyone give me advice on buying an older model stereo receiver? I hate the sound of new stereos and have been researching older ones and looking on ebay to find one but I have no electronic skills to speak of. Also, being a young professional musician I am on a very tight budget. I just want something that's not too high maintenance but would bring out good sound on my vintage record player and newer cd player. After reading a lot of these forums and realizing that you guys all really know your shit, I'm a little nervous that a guy like me who can't do my own repairs might be asking for trouble. Any suggestions would be GREATLY appreciated. Thanks!
Johnny

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Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 31 Mar 2005 01:14:15 GMT

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If you're looking for tubes, of course McIntosh is popular but they may be a little more than you want to spend. You might look at getting a Dynaco amp and tuner instead. There is a lot of old vintage gear like that, but it's getting old enough that you usually have to go through it and rebuild it, or it costs a lot because someone has already done that. If you're looking for a solid state receiver, I'm particularly fond of the early 1980's Yamaha receivers. I thought they were excellent; maybe they were trying extra hard to break into the market. HiFi quality at mid-fi prices, and now that they're 25 years old, they're a steal. You can find a nice 80 or 120 watt receiver from 1980 for a hundred bucks. For that kind of money, you can afford to go through them and replace the aging caps with Black Gates and still not spend a lot.

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Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 31 Mar 2005 01:24:17 GMT

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You need to ask some questions of yourself; 1 How much power do you need; what speakers are you using? 2 Can you do any electronic assembly? 3 Have you heard anything you particularly enjoyed; especially if what you heard was with your own equipment. 4 What kind of budget are you on; is this keep it inexpensive; or a, I will spend for the best. 5 How long do you want to keep it? 6 This equipment you already have; what is it? 7 What kind of music are we talking here? If you can answer these questions we can help you.

Subject: Re: Newbie Questions
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Check with local Goowill / Salvation Army. There is good gear to be found if you're patient.
Check often. Usually they'll hook it up for you, just to be sure it's not dead.....Colin
