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Subject: need advice re speaker replacement ohms watts

Posted by [Tim Wicks](#) on Sun, 11 Jan 2009 04:12:08 GMT

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I am considering an amp project with a new speaker. I am getting a cheap bass amp that is a Drive 20 watt bass amp- AC 117V 60Hz 35W (on back of the amp) that I want to mod into a customized guitar amp for something different. Currently the amp has a no name 8 inch speaker (it is being delivered and I do not yet know the ohm rating) also significant is the speaker is totally enclosed in the cabinet-no open back. Is there a 10 inch speaker that I may be able to replace the 8 inch speaker that may give me a different sound? What do I need to consider as far as watt ratings in a replacement consideration- do i need to go higher of lower watt ratings if I am not matching exact? Do i need to match the OHMS exact. thanks for input here- Tim

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Subject: Re: need advice re speaker replacement ohms watts

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 11 Jan 2009 20:48:45 GMT

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I wouldn't be overly concerned about impedance, although it wouldn't be hard to match. Measure the DC resistance of the existing speaker with an ohmmeter. Advertised impedance will be about

hard either, because 20 watts isn't a lot of power. But sometimes guitar speakers don't handle a lot either. So make sure the speaker you choose will handle the power.

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