
Subject: tv sound

Posted by [fgepner](#) on Fri, 03 Sep 2004 17:31:29 GMT

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are all tv's audio outputs about the same?if not, what should i look for for good ht sound?i can tell the picture in the store but their ht amps always suck.

Subject: Re: tv sound

Posted by [Bill Fitzmaurice](#) on Fri, 03 Sep 2004 18:04:15 GMT

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The amps and speakers in TVs are generally worthless, but the tuning gear is usually adequate. Just make sure the TV has line level audio outputs that you can send to a 5.1/7.1 receiver. Digital outs are even better (if you have a receiver that can use them).

Subject: Re: tv sound

Posted by [lon](#) on Sat, 02 Oct 2004 05:54:30 GMT

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I have been thinking about this lately. If you used the standard tv out jacks to a low poweramp (like a gainclone or the item shown in my link) plus some high efficiency speaks in a good horn rig, would that work for someone who just wanted good tv sound?

All Electronics mini amp

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Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 02 Oct 2004 07:34:48 GMT

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Hi Lon, All that talk about chip amps over in the Semiconductor forum made me want to get down some of the chips I have and build a little amp. They do sound good, and are incredibly easy to build. Like Gnational said, all you really have to do is hook up power to 'em. I have a ton of those chips of various power levels from car stereos and what not over the years. I remember looking at the tech sheets that came with the chips and seeing that they didn't need much at all, but I still put 'em in my parts bin for "later." So I'm thinking I should dig through there and see what I have. Wayne

Subject: Re:Good vs.great tv sound

Posted by [Bill Fitzmaurice](#) on Sat, 02 Oct 2004 12:32:45 GMT

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Anything is better than a TVs built in speakers, but once you've heard even regular broadcast TV in 5.1 or 7.1 you won't be satisfied with anything less. 5.1/7.1 receivers today are so cheap there's no logical reason not to go for one.

Subject: Re: tv sound and sonotube links

Posted by [lon](#) on Sat, 02 Oct 2004 18:21:00 GMT

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My home theatre would be considered a joke by mostobservers. :-) So I've tried to concentrate on minimal hardware of all kinds tuned to the best they can be. Near as I can tell in a one to one comparison with my PVC Boomtoobz of about 8.5 ft length and a single Radio Shack RS 40-1197 up against my first line array sample build, The Toobz (tell me if this is the same spelling as the pop band) beat the line array. But the build is not complete. The ol' Best Buy has a 5.1 SS that keeps coming down in price and will maybe bottom out at \$79. Today I am wondering where my post on Sonotubes went. I'm reposting that because it has a lot of cool stuff in it you can make on the cheap... aside from the Shiva drivers.

Sonotube links
