Subject: HT on a shoestring
Posted by MWG on Sun, 19 Feb 2006 16:37:03 GMT
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I finally acquired enough pieces to play Bullit so I could watch the chase scene and be happy I still need a sub but the sound is decent through what I have. The Pioneer receiver isn't the most musical thing I've ever listened to but it's a cheap model. I have around 400.00 in the whole shebang and while it wont replace my 2 channel system it has it's place. It does make a movie come alive which is it's reason for being.

Subject: Re: HT on a shoestring
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 20 Feb 2006 14:56:16 GMT
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Some of the new HT stuff is pretty good. Which model Pioneer did you buy? Might be good to recommend it for others for a budget model that sounds nice.The systems that bug me are the ultra-cheap ones that have tiny little micro-speakers. Look at the specs, they indicate 10% THD. In a world of components that advertise 0.001% THD, that's nothing to brag about.

Subject: Re: HT on a shoestring
Posted by MWG on Tue, 21 Feb 2006 03:31:07 GMT
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The Pioneer is a VSX D 309. I doubt it's a current model as I bought it used for 85.00. It has 60WPC X 5 with less than .2 THD. So it's not high end for sure. It has AM/FM, 4 other inputs three are video and one is audio with no phono. It's easy to setup as I was able to do it without trouble I stayed with vintage speakers because the little KLH's aren't fatiguing to listen to.Here's sort of a breakdown on the system cost TV- Phillips 27" used 65.00HT Receiver- Pioneer VSX D 309 used 85.00 DVD- Denon 755/1910 refurbished 135.00Speakers-KLH 17's used 4@ 25.00 ea 100.00 No sub woofer yet. Total 385.00Hopefully this makes some sort of sense Wayne.

Subject: Re: HT on a shoestring
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 21 Feb 2006 15:12:29 GMT
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Thanks for the update. Looks like a pretty good receiver!Pioneer VSX-D309

Subject: Re: HT on a shoestring
Posted by MWG on Wed, 22 Feb 2006 01:19:07 GMT
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I have a Yamaha Ht integrated amp I got for 25.00 I'd rather use but it doesn't have a remote or do DTS. It has less power than the Pioneer but sounds a whole lot better. I tried to find a remote but it's a model that uses a fancy remote and the guy kept it for the new receiver he bought to replace it.

Subject: Re: HT on a shoestring
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 22 Feb 2006 15:23:44 GMT
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I had a couple of Yamaha receivers, one made in 1978 and the other made in 1980. The second one was a little more powerful than the first. Both were excellent.

Subject: Re: HT on a shoestring
Posted by telegraph.hill on Wed, 02 Aug 2006 22:08:38 GMT
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That sounds reasonable for the price.