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Subject: Expensive vs. Cheap

Posted by [shinningstar](#) on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 08:45:09 GMT

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What do you prefer to buy? Expensive or the cheaper home theatre? I bought a home theatre on Ebay. It's cheap but with a good quality. How about you?

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Subject: Re: Expensive vs. Cheap

Posted by [Ricardo](#) on Fri, 14 Sep 2007 10:37:11 GMT

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I'm not quite in the market for a home theatre system, but I notice prices that are pretty low. I think I'll test the more modestly priced systems first. A friend of mine has a pricey system, including gold-plated connectors on his cables which were pricey themselves. I realize that a system's only as good as its weakest component, but is it really necessary for gold-plated plugs in a home system?

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Subject: Re: Expensive vs. Cheap

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 08 Oct 2007 06:23:40 GMT

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I've seen some excesses in audio that were probably pointless, but gold on contacts is a good choice. Gold doesn't oxidize like other conductors, so it makes a better contact material. It's actually used in a lot of electronic equipment, from computers to hifi and everything in between. Pretty much everything but the cheapest gear uses gold plating on conductors that contact one another by mechanical connection, i.e. edge connectors, plugs, etc.

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Subject: Re: Expensive vs. Cheap

Posted by [jesstasy](#) on Sun, 25 Jul 2010 20:11:04 GMT

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Subject: Re: Expensive vs. Cheap  
Posted by [JiminyCricket](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2010 00:52:22 GMT  
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I agree and would add that always going for the lowest end product can leave you wanting to upgrade sooner anyhow, so it's false economy in the end.

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Subject: Re: Expensive vs. Cheap  
Posted by [rockhound](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2010 06:35:41 GMT  
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I would go with a top quality receiver since this is the heart of the system and at least two good speakers for your music. To me the music quality is much more important than the movie sound.

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Subject: Re: Expensive vs. Cheap  
Posted by [Adveser](#) on Mon, 02 Aug 2010 03:10:55 GMT  
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Stereo only for me. A well set up stereo can duplicate rear speakers and obviously there is no bass loss with decent loudspeakers.

Yes, even stereo music should be completely three dimensional with music coming from all sides. The first time I did it "right" I was shocked that cymbals were coming from the rear corner of the room.

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Subject: Re: Expensive vs. Cheap  
Posted by [Frontrowticket](#) on Sat, 07 Aug 2010 16:52:08 GMT  
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Good advice all over this thread, cheers! I am all set to read around and find some good reviews. It is too easy to waste money on cheap end products thinking you have a bargain, then get bitten as you want to upgrade soon after.

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Subject: Re: Expensive vs. Cheap  
Posted by [addictedtosound](#) on Thu, 19 Aug 2010 16:16:25 GMT  
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I find that expensive does not normally equate to quality. I've heard some unknown brands and they sound brilliant. Then again I am easily pleased.

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Subject: Re: Expensive vs. Cheap  
Posted by [Danny](#) on Mon, 20 Sep 2010 15:52:52 GMT  
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It's all in the research. I suppose you could find a good deal on Ebay - just make sure the seller has lots of good feedback, and read the description! Make sure it is exactly what you want! You are the only one to blame if you "assume" you are getting something that the seller did not offer.

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Subject: Re: Expensive vs. Cheap  
Posted by [woodfree](#) on Fri, 17 Dec 2010 11:37:11 GMT  
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I agree with Danny's point! Research is a very important part of the purchase. If I'm buying high-ticket items, I try to make sure I'm getting my money's worth, so I usually take a lot of time before buying. But if I'm in a real hurry, I usually buy something that's pricey, because in my opinion, companies that charge higher usually bring value to their product. At least, in my mind!

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