Subject: Budget SS Amp for Theater 4 Pi?
Posted by craigha@attbi.com on Sat, 29 Dec 2001 12:30:28 GMT
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I would like to plan a home stereo system around theTheater 4 Pi. I need to pinch my pennies and wouldlike some advice. What do you recommend for a lowerprice stereo power amp to match with the Theater 4 Pi?Used is great if it is readily available.Thanks.

Subject: Re: Budget SS Amp for Theater 4 Pi?
Posted by BillEpstein on Sat, 29 Dec 2001 16:12:56 GMT
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I've been using the 60 watt front end of my Outlaw A/V receiver until a few hours ago. Yeah, Paramours are on line!That leads me to believe that you would do well to cruise on over to Audiogon and check the solid state amp listings. There are always several 2-300$ integrated and power amps of good make like Acurus, Cambridge,NAD, etc. Saw a Aragon 4004 recently for about $400. Good luck.

http://www.audiogon.com/

Subject: AKSA DIY?
Posted by craigha@attbi.com on Sun, 30 Dec 2001 14:30:30 GMT
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I did a little looking and came across the AKSA kits.Since I'm into DIY this looks interesting. Hasanyone here tried an AKSA kit amp?See http://www.printedelectronics.comThanks

Subject: Re: AKSA DIY?
Posted by Charlie G on Mon, 31 Dec 2001 02:45:57 GMT
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It's an excellent amp.Especially now that Hugh has assembled circuit boards available. Be aware that you must deal with mains wiring to complete the amp and aquire the toroid transformers on your own. It would probably be easiest to get all the other parts that are available (capacitors, diodes, etc...) from Hugh.An amp like that would probably be a good match with a tube preamp, if that's your leaning. Especially something like a Foreplay. Although Hugh will (sometime soon, I think) be offering his own tube preamp.It doesn't come with super-high-end tweaking parts, but Hugh has a recommended list of things to upgrade. *Especially* make the C1 & C8 substitutions as recommended in the AKSA FAQ as soon as you can afford to. (But listen to the amp with the stock caps first, so you can hear the difference)It's hard to go wrong with it. Assuming you are comfortable performing the assembly, particularly the mains wiring.Charlie