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Subject: folded horns

Posted by [mckenzie](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2002 23:15:38 GMT

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Does anyone know where i can find design info for folded horns, especially advantages/disadvantages. Thank you Mckenzie

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Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2002 23:41:19 GMT

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Subject: Re: folded horns

Posted by [mckenzie](#) on Mon, 04 Feb 2002 05:17:06 GMT

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thanks for the quck answer, i have a fair amount of experience with DIY speakers but i am in the process of educating myself about horns so alot of this is greek to me. What kind of efficiency gains to horn loaded systems offer? Am I right in assuming that different types of horns offer different efficiency gains? If that assumption is right what type offers what efficiency gain? Sorry to be such a pain, and thanks for all the help Mckenzie

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Direct radiators generally operate in the 1% range, sometimes as high as 5% efficiency. Horns are in the 25% to 50% range, sometimes as high as 75% efficiency. The one main drawback is they are large, even if sometimes being acoustically small as in the case of basshorns. A truncated horn can suffer peaky response and reduced efficiency. So there are tradeoffs to consider, as in all things.