
Subject: Need advice...and plans

Posted by [Firefli](#) on Wed, 10 Apr 2002 12:44:11 GMT

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I am reading that the thermionic series is better for tube amps, but I see alot of people using 300B SE amps to drive Theater 4s. I have a pair of home made 300B amps and want a matching pair of home made speakers. I have room for either the Theater 4 or the Thermionic 3. So which would be better for my purposes?Others seem to have no problems driving the Theater 4s with 8 watts of 300B power - would this be a good route to go? If so could I have plans for the Theater 4s? (or the Thermionic 3s? or both?)On a side note - The Pi speakers seem to be defying the "rule" in speaker design that a huge driver cant reproduce midranges correctly, and sound ponderous and slow. However I hear nobody complaining about this problem, and hear only superlatives about midrange and speed. So how do the Pis pull off using a 15" woofer and a Horn and still sound fast while the B&W N801 with its huge 15" woofer is the slowest sounding speaker I have ever heard - even with a half kilowatt amp driving it?thanks for any help!My System and DIY Projects page

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Posted by [Garland](#) on Wed, 10 Apr 2002 17:16:52 GMT

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My Theater 4's are driven quite well by my Paramour 3.5W 2A3 amps. And the sound is anything but plodding! Listening to "Duke Ellington at Newport" the other day was a hugely dynamic and properly paced experience! -Almost as if you were there...!G.

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Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 10 Apr 2002 23:11:21 GMT

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sound better when pulled away from the walls a little bit. You'll have no problem driving either model with 8 watts.

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I'm also using Theater 4s with only 3.5 watts from Paramours. Though you won't hit dance club levels, your 8 watts will be plenty. Kevin
