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Subject: Thermionic or Theater 4 best for Paramours  
Posted by [MartinG](#) on Wed, 15 May 2002 10:14:13 GMT

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I've been reading this forum for a while now. I've searched the archives. I thought that the Thermionic series was designed for tube equipment but I've read that some folks think the Theater series is better. Is there an easy to understand answer to this? I built my Foreplay and my Paramours but I really don't understand the theory behind the circuits.

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Subject: Re: Thermionic or Theater 4 best for Paramours  
Posted by [SteveBrown](#) on Wed, 15 May 2002 10:24:32 GMT

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I know Wayne will have a good answer for you but I can say that I recently finished the Thermionic 3pi and use it with a SE 300B amp. Wow -- I've had some nice speakers in my system, but these blow all others away. The 300B's have no problem at all with them, bass is full, detailed and powerful, highs are clear but not silibant, imaging is very tight. I think the technical answer to your question is that one speaker, or series of speakers may make a better match due to the impedance rise at resonance. SE amps without feedback have a harder time with this than, say a low impedance solid state amp with lots of reserve power. As to which makes the best match, Wayne's the expert there. Steve

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Subject: "Tube-friendly" speakers  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 15 May 2002 10:44:56 GMT

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Subject: Re: Thermionic or Theater 4 best for Paramours  
Posted by [trancemitr](#) on Wed, 15 May 2002 23:41:11 GMT  
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I couldn't tell you which speaker was better, but I can say that I absolutely love my Theater 4s with my Paramours. They make an excellent match. Garland and Till E are using this combo as well. Kevin

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Subject: Thnaks!  
Posted by [MartinG](#) on Thu, 16 May 2002 11:50:15 GMT  
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I think I'll go with the Thermionic 4's.

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Subject: Re: Thermionic or Theater 4 best for Paramours  
Posted by [Garland](#) on Thu, 16 May 2002 13:17:12 GMT  
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-Just wanted to point out that the reason I went with the Theater 4's was the size of the cabinets: The Thermionic 4's are even larger than the Theater 4's, which, in my small home, are "suitably" large. G.

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Subject: Hmmmmm.  
Posted by [MartinG](#) on Thu, 16 May 2002 14:54:24 GMT  
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I may have to rethink my choice. The dimensions are listed as 42x30x20 and 36x24x18. I'm guessing the first number is height. Is the second one depth or width?

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Subject: Height x Width x Depth  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 16 May 2002 15:31:04 GMT  
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Big suckers, aren't they?

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Subject: Thanks Wayne!  
Posted by [MartinG](#) on Thu, 16 May 2002 16:31:34 GMT  
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I'll have to consult my wife. She usually says "Do whatever you want with the stereo" but 42x30x20 may be pushing it.

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Subject: Learn to negotiate 101  
Posted by [Rider](#) on Thu, 16 May 2002 19:19:47 GMT  
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Ask her which one she likes better. This 7 Pi (it would be so nice), or only the 4. ;-)  
If the answer is only the 4 remember to reward her anyways. Grant.

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Subject: They may be liberated, even hyphenated or just opinionated.....

Posted by [BillEpstein](#) on Thu, 16 May 2002 21:08:09 GMT

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....but the answer is still jewelry.

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Subject: You know, I think you're on to something!

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 16 May 2002 22:10:41 GMT

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Subject: my 4 Pi Pro's SIZE has caused me trouble

Posted by [Sam P.](#) on Fri, 17 May 2002 10:19:20 GMT

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in the opposite direction. The little lady never EVER whined about how full the LR was...until I built those teeny, tiny, 4 Pi Pro's who perform close to the jbl/altec, that are now "too large". So I showed her the 10 Pi pictures and offered to replace one pair of jbl/altec speakers with them...but I think she is afraid I will build the 10 Pi's, and keep what I have now...she is probably right:)One week, and she leaves for Europe for 5 weeks. And I'll need to keep the battery in her pickup truck charged somehow...maybe lots of trips to the wood store would help matters. I told her to bring me a pair of Lowther Dx2's for a souvenir...it would be hilarious to build the 10 Pi's, and have her return with the Lowther drivers...I can always sleep out in the shop till she cools off:)You know you have too many speakers when your wife offers to bring people home to audition them for purchase and removal from your domain. She never said if I get the money though... Sam

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Subject: Ha! That's great!!!

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 17 May 2002 11:00:20 GMT

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Subject: Re: Ha! That's great!!!

Posted by [Paul C.](#) on Fri, 17 May 2002 20:03:46 GMT

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One specification is left out of T-S parameters... the SAF."Spousal Approval Factor".