
Subject: Eminence Alpha 8 question! Urgent help needed!

Posted by [Erik Johansson](#) on Tue, 23 Jul 2002 06:01:24 GMT

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I called a local store to order a pair of Eminence Alpha 8 drivers for my 1 Pi speakers. I was surprised to find that the data for the drivers had changed (no parameters) from 100W to 125W. The only thing that changed except for the higher power handling is the surface area of the cone that has changed from 214cm² to 210cm². The distributor said that these drivers are the only Alpha 8 drivers that Eminence make nowadays and that they simply have updated it a little. He said that there aren't two versions available and that Eminence simply haven't updated their website yet to the new specs. I need to order a pair for my 1 Pi speakers so I need to know if they are ok (I'm afraid I'll fry my amp if the drivers aren't right since there are no x-over)./Erik

Subject: The size of the cone had changed earlier (change already on Eminence site). (nt)

Posted by [Erik Johansson](#) on Tue, 23 Jul 2002 06:06:52 GMT

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Subject: Eminence specifications over the years

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 23 Jul 2002 07:34:27 GMT

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I haven't noticed any changes in specifications of Alpha series parts in over a year. Around the beginning of 2001, Eminence made some specifications changes but hasn't done so since. For most of the life of the company, they have actually made components to customer spec, and so there really wasn't a standard model or product line. They offered some "branded" components having names similar to what they now use, but the characteristics of individual drivers were up to the distributor who purchased them. So up until 2000, if you purchased a "specific" Eminence component from two different distributors, you more than likely received two different parts. If you aren't sure that what you are getting hasn't sat on the shelf for a while, you might want to ask the dealer to confirm that the parts are what you expect they are.

Subject: Re: Eminence specifications over the years
Posted by [Erik Johansson](#) on Tue, 23 Jul 2002 07:37:39 GMT
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The only specification change is the 125W power rating. All the Thiele-Small parameters are the same. The store have to order them from the distributor, who I talked to on the phone earlier who said that they updated the specs on the Alpha 8. The Alpha 6 and Alpha 8MR are also rated at

Subject: Oops again! Not the Alpha 6, just the 8 and 8MR (nt)
Posted by [Erik Johansson](#) on Tue, 23 Jul 2002 07:44:33 GMT
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Subject: Maybe they are rated in peak power
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 23 Jul 2002 07:58:12 GMT
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Perhaps the distributor chooses to publish peak power ratings as opposed to RMS. Or maybe they just felt that the little Alpha's can handle more power than what Eminence rates 'em at. They do seem to be pretty tough little parts. I connect them to a 1200 watt amp pretty often, and I've never worried about over-powering them. Of course, if I put this amp's full power to them as a continuous sine, they would be destroyed in minutes but my point is these speakers definitely aren't delicate.

Subject: Re: Maybe they are rated in peak power
Posted by [Erik Johansson](#) on Tue, 23 Jul 2002 08:14:33 GMT
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So you think I can feel safe buying these drivers? Here is a link to the distributor's page for the Alpha 8. All the parameters seem to be the same./Erik

<http://www.starfelt.se/eminence/alpha8.htm>

Subject: Re: Maybe they are rated in peak power
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 23 Jul 2002 17:13:18 GMT
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Yes, they'll be fine. They appear to be the same part we get here in the USA.
