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Subject: Why?

Posted by [Shane](#) on Sat, 23 Feb 2008 05:40:40 GMT

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On a headphone forum I visit there is a guy asking about amps and speakers. He has \$500 for an amp and \$1000 for the speakers. Good size room (? 12x18'). People keep suggesting to him that he needs as many watts as he can get, because a 200W RMS/8 ohm speaker needs at least 100W of power to make them produce any "quality" bass and sound realistic. This is with recommendations of speakers running 94-95dB efficiency. Seems contrary to what I've personally heard on quite a few systems. I know I've got 50Wpc on my NAD amp and it will make my ears bleed and stuff fall off the wall with my Pi Two Towers in a 15x15 room. Plenty of low bass with that set up. Heck, I get pretty good low bass with my little 1W amp.

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Subject: Re: Why?

Posted by [Bob Brines](#) on Sat, 23 Feb 2008 21:55:32 GMT

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Absolutely crazy! I believe in headroom, but still.... I managed to bounce a figurine off of a shelf IN THE NEXT ROOM with 9 watts and 93dB speakers.Bob

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Subject: Re: Why?

Posted by [Shane](#) on Sun, 24 Feb 2008 04:37:15 GMT

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Agreed. The guy that is asking for advice says he doesn't have time to go audition speakers or amps and just wants to be told what to buy. The guy giving him advice keeps telling him he has years of experience with speakers and he needs tons of power to get clean, low bass and loud sound. Granted the OP just said he wants the speakers for listening to rap and electronica, so low end is a must. I gave my opinion and experience about speaker sensitivity and different types of speakers. but was basically ignored I believe because I wasn't falling into the old SS more-watts-is-better myth. I guarantee that with a single sub and a good 50W SS amp he could make his ears bleed and make stuff fall off the wall. Heck, even with a 10W amp and a good powered sub he could do it and I told him so. But he is unwilling to make time to go listen to as many speakers as he can (college student who doesn't think he has time) and just wants to be told what to buy, so I left my two-cents and moved on. Oh well, just had to vent. Maybe I'm becoming an audio snob?

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Subject: Re: Why?

Posted by [granch](#) on Sun, 24 Feb 2008 20:25:39 GMT

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Not at all. Some people have way more money than brains. Way more.-Dick

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Subject: Re: Why?

Posted by [Norris Wilson](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2008 04:36:06 GMT

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"Maybe I'm becoming an audio snob?"Shane, I know you better than that, you are FUNNY!Everyone has different priorities, musical taste and listening perception.Different strokes for different folks.NW

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Subject: Funny

Posted by [Shane](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2008 05:38:54 GMT

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Funny ha, or funny weird? Cuz I resemble that remark!!

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Subject: Re: Funny

Posted by [Norris Wilson](#) on Tue, 26 Feb 2008 01:59:22 GMT

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Neither apply! I thought that it was funny in that you would feel that you are a snob. Especially since I know that you are a nice guy and are nowhere close to being snobbish.NW

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Subject: Re: Funny

Posted by [Shane](#) on Tue, 26 Feb 2008 05:28:28 GMT

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Yeah, I was kiddin as well. Besides, I'm too poor to be an audio snob

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