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Subject: Single Driver doubter no more

Posted by [BillEpstein](#) on Tue, 21 Oct 2003 22:29:18 GMT

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Okay, here it is, whatever it is.....The Parts Express \$1.25 less 25% 4 1/2" full ranger in an 'oh so chic' mini-tower.....I wanted to see how cheap and easy this could be done. Just under \$24 worth of #2 common pine 1X6 and 1X8, \$1.99 tube of PL 400 urethane construction adhesive, some fiberglass insulation, 16 ga. zipcord inside and \$8 binding posts. The binding posts cost 8 times as much as the speaker!!!!!!!!!!I'm loving this.Put it thru it's paces with my usual Vivaldi, Krall, Ray Brown, Chieftains, etc. Two things stand out: the bass goes really low and matches the 2226 note for note. Maybe I should repeat that, "the bass matches the 2226's note for note." Really! You can't feel it in your chest, the kick drum is just a noise but this is not "one note" bass.T'other thing is that the speakers do that disappearing thing. None of the instruments are hung on the speakers.Make no mistake, this is an evil little speaker. It spits and sounds grainy. Diana Krall sounds Bulgarian. LOL! The Altec 806A/ Martinelli Woodhorn gives the illusion of a singer singing in a hall, this little bastard has the performer singing thru a not-so-good microphone.But, it's obvious that the design, with a high quality driver and the right cabinet tuning could be superb.Merry Pranks WebsiteCreating is more like performing than listening

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Subject: Re: Single Driver doubter no more

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 21 Oct 2003 23:13:04 GMT

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I know what you mean. A simple little system like this can sound pretty good with a watt or two.The first few recent popular single driver systems I heard kind of sucked, to be honest. So I had a somewhat biased opinion really, and thought I wouldn't really care much for most of the other similar offerings.But I heard a really surprising little setup at Phil Wilson's house. It was a Fostex unit; Maybe Phil will chime in and tell the model number. Sounds pretty good, to tell the truth.I guess it stands to reason that some products are better than others, and that there is probably a bit of personal preference that goes in there too. Seems to me that a guy can make a neat little minimalist system with the right parts. And the "right" parts for this application probably aren't necessarily all that expensive.So while some might worry about distortion from running such high bandwidth to a single device, when the drive circuit is a little bitty two watt tube amp, there's just not a lot of movement there to distort. It really becomes a non-issue with the flea-power amps. Looks like a lot of fun and it sounds pretty good too!

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Subject: Re: Single Driver doubter no more

Posted by [Chris R](#) on Tue, 21 Oct 2003 23:19:14 GMT

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The center channel I made uses two Fostex FE127's (plus a KSN1038).I'm a sucker for highs (or my hearing is crap after 100Ws of Traynor amp in my bedroom when I was a teen. Nah. Couldn't be that.).Anyway, I'm really impressed with the Fostex drivers. Not cheap, but sound pretty nice. The first Fostex pair I made were TQWTs with some cheap RS piezos. Those are FE207s 8". No complaints there. I have another pair I ordered by accident, really. Haven't made boxes for those yet. Those are FE167's. Chris

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**Subject: Re: He's lost**  
Posted by [Bill Martinelli](#) on Wed, 22 Oct 2003 02:09:19 GMT  
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Ohio (Reuters)- After encountering a freak accident this Monday. Mansfield Ohio's William Epstein now claims to hear perfectly. As Home Depot's most senior fork truck operator. Mr Epstein was buried alive beneath a complete unit of No. 2 common pine when the semi truck he was unloading jumped its wheel chock and the load shifted. Local fire fighters decided in order to save Mr. Epstein they could simply burn the wood pile and rescue him as the pile lessened from the fire. A clerk who could hear Mr. Epstein shouting through the lumber, translated to the fire fighting rescue team. That if they just un-piled the sticks from atop him. He promised to take all the wood home. Making single driver speakers from it all.

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**Subject: Re: Single Driver doubter no more**  
Posted by [Floyd Andrews](#) on Wed, 22 Oct 2003 20:55:44 GMT  
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Check the Pass Labs website for a recent article on back horn loaded single driver speakers using Jordan JX92s drivers.

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**Subject: Not to stop the joking, but..**  
Posted by [Bubbawat](#) on Wed, 22 Oct 2003 21:53:48 GMT  
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I too made a center channel with dual Fostex (168 Sigmas) and Klipsch K-77 and K-55 and Have a real like for their sound. As full rangers I wasn't too carried away, but limiting them to up to 700hz or so and they were very good indeed. Now back to my Caesar...

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Subject: Re: Single Driver doubter no more  
Posted by [Super\\_BQ](#) on Fri, 24 Oct 2003 10:25:26 GMT  
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I've had my stunt with the full range driver concept. I played and played around with the Hammer Dynamic's Super 12 speaker kit and it sounded hopeless to my ears. I mean in comparison to some of the ultra high-end monitors powered by Naim and that sorts... it sounded probably better.. but for my personal preference, I need 15" woofs to move the bass loud enough. BQ

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