
Subject: Some Pics of Bill E's refurbished cabs
Posted by [drguayo](#) on Tue, 30 Dec 2003 23:55:31 GMT

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Background:The cabinets were originally built by Bill Epstein but had the misfortune of being caught in the rain. When I got them from Ron(spkrman57) the veneer was peeling off so they looked like a shedding birch tree. I stripped all the veneer off(as well as some of the mdf in places) then filled in a few spots and was thinking of sanding them then painting them 100% black but alas my wife got involved and we came up with the idea of covering them in leather! I stapled 1 strip of leather(ette) from underneath up one side across the top down the other side and back underneath. I then faced the back and front with a their own pieces of leather. This left me with visible staples framing the back and front thus the idea of covering the staples with a quarter round of wood to finish them off. I have posted some pictures in a directory on my website(see link) just before I populate the components. I'm using the Theatre 4 Pi plans with Premium Stage components thus the extra large port size(7").I'll post some more pictures once they're populated and my centre channel speaker is finished.craigps. Thanks Bill for the excellent foundation to start my first speaker project.

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Subject: Woah! - That looks great!
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 31 Dec 2003 00:14:06 GMT

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That's a very interesting look. I really like it! Reminds me of the leather seats and trim in a fine luxury car.

Subject: Nice job Craig
Posted by [JLapaire](#) on Wed, 31 Dec 2003 10:28:21 GMT

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Every time I spray or brush the final coat and come back to find a bug or something in it I wonder if there's another way....Did you just stretch and staple or is it glued in some places?They turned out great - congratulations.John

Subject: Re: Some Pics of Bill E's refurbished cabs
Posted by [spkrman57](#) on Wed, 31 Dec 2003 13:58:45 GMT

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Can't wait to see it with drivers installed. Great work. Ron

Subject: Re: Nice job Craig

Posted by [drguayo](#) on Wed, 31 Dec 2003 21:38:30 GMT

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Hi: Thanks everyone for the great feedback. My next project will be better! I promise. I used the spray glue also. I stapled 1 end first then spray glued generously and then put down the leather and then used a rolling pin - then stapled the far end. Right after it was laid it looked great. 4 hours later there were air bubbles then when I woke up in the morning everything was flat and smooth. I was working in my friend's cold garage when I applied the glue which may have caused the air bubbles later due to the glue giving off gases with heat increase after I brought them into the house. Some day I hope to have a proper work space for all this and won't be working in the cold Canadian winter (although this year it's very mild) regards craig.
