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Subject: Why Front Gaskets?

Posted by [GarMan](#) on Mon, 14 Jun 2004 14:16:21 GMT

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Hi. Just got myself a pair of JBL 2235H (more on this in a later post) and was looking at the gasket on the frame. No gasket on the back of the rim, but a really good looking set on the front of the frame. Considering that most drivers are front-mounted, what is the purpose of the gasket in front. Is it there to hold the surround in place? If so, there must be a better way to do this. Perhaps an aluminum ring instead of cardboard. Gar.

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Subject: Re: Why Front Gaskets?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 14 Jun 2004 14:37:07 GMT

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Yeah, that's a pretty cool idea. If a driver were designed specifically for a implementation that would never require placement behind a baffle, then the front could be done with an attractive plastic or metal ring. It could be purely decorative and would look very nice that way. There are some JBL Pro drivers made like this, with the front basket casting brushed to an attractive finish. The surround is held in place on these drivers with a plastic ring that is fit flush to the frame and looks real nice. I think most raw drivers are made with a gasket in front and in back just to make the driver suitable for more installations. But some are made so that only front mounting is possible, and they do look very nice that way.

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