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Subject: Anyone using Pis for their HT? If so what are you doing for surrounds and center?

Posted by [James W. Johnson](#) on Wed, 14 Jul 2004 01:09:15 GMT

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Subject: Re: Anyone using Pis for their HT? If so what are you doing for surrounds and center?

Posted by [GarMan](#) on Wed, 14 Jul 2004 12:26:04 GMT

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I'm in the process of rebuilding mine to a pair of Theater 3's for HT use. From the test runs, they walk all over the Polks that I've been using, but a few steps down from the two channel setup. Stupid cr@ppy Sony reciever! For surrounds, I've got my beloved PI Ones. For Center, I'm using a speaker I picked up from a local shop, but I think a PI One would be a great choice. Resize it to 14Hx16Wx8D and you can fit the two drivers on top of each other on the front baffle. Alternatively, being a big fan of the PI Ones, I think five of these plus a sub would make a pretty awesome HT speaker system. Gar.

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Posted by [James W. Johnson](#) on Wed, 14 Jul 2004 15:12:42 GMT

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A few steps down for 2 channel? ..What is your 2 channel set-up? I am on my 3rd complete HT upgrade since I got into the hobby in 1998. I'd definately require a center with the PSD-2002 to maintain the voicing across the front so panning is smooth. I suppose I am going to have to hear my Stage 4 Pis first but if I like them I would be interested in a 3 or 4 Pi for center use and maybe some One Pis for surround duty. First and foremost though these Stage 4 Pis must excel in 2 channel as well as HT because I cannot afford 2 systems. I have been thru at least 7 or 8 pairs of main speakers since I got into this hobby so I pretty much expect each upgrade to at least be a lateral move..but I sort of am expecting an upward move with these Pis. The link is some pics of my HT which is just my spare bedroom. :-)  
<http://home.comcast.net/~bentvalve/>  
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James, what I meant was that the speakers sounded a lot better in my 2-channel setup than my home theater. I switch between my ASL1001 (KT88 push/pull) and my DIY Gainclone and the PI's sound great there. In my HT, so-so, but I blame it on the \$150 Sony receiver that I'm using. In any event, the PI's are still a lot better than the Polks I've been using for HT. I have a suspicion that Sony rolls off the bass in the "natural" setting to give their "Bass Boost" function more impact. With this receiver, I have a choice of weak bass, or boomy bass to complement the screechy top-end. :-P One of the drawbacks of using revealing speakers with a crappy amp. Wayne use to have a Premium 3PI, built around the Omega Pro 12" driver that would work very well with your Premium 4's. For Center Channel, you don't need to go deep, so a smaller box could still work. Gar.Gar.

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Subject: Re: Anyone using Pis for their HT? If so what are you doing for surrounds and center?

Posted by [Oscarl](#) on Thu, 15 Jul 2004 08:36:05 GMT

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I have been so busy the last year that I could not complete the project although I have all the parts and built and lined the boxes for the five speakers. Here it is: 2X 2Pi Towers 3X 1Pi (centre and surrounds) I have not built the sub yet as I mainly watch music DVDs and my wife is not too keen about HT sound, but I'm looking at using the Eminence Delta LF (3pi??) with a subwoofer amp like the ones they sell at partsexpress. I am unfortunately in South Africa and can find a similar subwoofer amp nowhere. As soon as I build the box, I will pay more attention to the search. I also don't have the HT amp yet but would most probably settle for a NAD or Denon. Good Luck Oscar

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