Subject: im new to PI speakers. i have some Q's
Posted by scp53 on Wed, 15 Dec 2004 22:22:55 GMT
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How does pi compare to other horn speaker companies like klipsch for example. i was looking into diying some horn speakers for 7.1 theater. obviously going diy is going to save a lot of $$$. do the kits come with cabs or do you make them yourself? basically i d like some more info about pi because im unfamiliar with them. thanks in advance. scp53

Subject: Re: im new to PI speakers. i have some Q's
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 15 Dec 2004 22:50:02 GMT
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Allow me to offer a reply here. I have owned Klipsch Kg 2/Kg 4/Cornwalls and heresies. They are nice speakers. The Pi Theater 4's are just a whole other size better at pretty much all of the important aspects of sound. Cleaner, better bass, more prescence,more real sounding midrange and nice clear highs. They are easy to build, they are just a box with holes in them. The instructions tell you exactly how to connect everything and what size the box is. Even if you needed someone to build the boxes, it would not be too expensive because they are simple to build.

Subject: Re: im new to PI speakers. i have some Q's
Posted by scp53 on Wed, 15 Dec 2004 23:09:04 GMT
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so let me get this right. you buy a kit that comes with just the components. then you build the cabs your self. is those prices are for one speaker? so for a pair you buy two kits?

Subject: Re: im new to PI speakers. i have some Q's
Posted by Russellc on Wed, 15 Dec 2004 23:26:13 GMT
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With the Kits you build your own box. Yes, you need two kits for a stereo pair. I asked these same questions when I first came to Pi. (thanks Wayne) You can also buy completed speakers, prices given for them are also per speaker. I always kind of liked Klipsch, particularly the La scala. Dollar for dollar, the Pi kits are going to clobber Klipsch in my opinion. With the JBL drivers, I feel quite safe in saying it should be no contest. Russellc

Subject: Re: im new to PI speakers. i have some Q's
Posted by scp53 on Thu, 16 Dec 2004 00:00:46 GMT
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im interested in building a horn loaded speaker with a 8" driver, any recommendations(i need 6 plus a center channel)? i see that pi offers studio kit stuff but only piezo tweeters. are there better 8" speakers with horns? and also are those studios sufficient for theater(other than lacking a horn)? my room would be 500-600 sq feet. thanks, scp53

Subject: Re: im new to PI speakers. i have some Q's
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 16 Dec 2004 01:11:30 GMT
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tower with soft-dome tweeter. The piezo tweeter has been discontinued, so we are now offering this one. Stock of the original kits are dwindling, and when they run out, new kits will contain this tweeter and price will be increased $20.00. The tweeter circuit contains a 10uF capacitor in series and a 16 ohm resistor across the tweeter. The woofer circuit remains the same. Baffle cutout for the tweeter is slightly larger, so existing speakers can be easily retrofitted.

Subject: Re: im new to PI speakers. i have some Q's
Posted by Mike Centracchio on Thu, 16 Dec 2004 01:26:34 GMT
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Wayne, I cant seem to find the 8 Pi speaker any place in your web site. Can you give me a clue? Thanks, Mike

Subject: Re: im new to PI speakers. i have some Q's
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 16 Dec 2004 01:48:47 GMT
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Subject: Re: im new to PI speakers. i have some Q's
Posted by scp53 on Sun, 19 Dec 2004 02:00:05 GMT
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ok, i think for the moment im sticking with the klipsch. but i need a center and dont want a klipsch or any other consumer center. will a basic $50-100 compression driver/horn combo sound ok with a efficient 8"/10" and match decently with the klipsch rb25s? the klipsch use a titanium driver so do i need a titanium driver for the center? im not talking perfectly matching, just close. id like to build the whole thing for under 300. and whats the difference between expontential and bi-radial horns. what is best for home use. surround speaker home use? i need info and what angles are best etc. thanks to all scp53:)

Subject: Re: im new to PI speakers. i have some Q's
Posted by RMW on Thu, 30 Dec 2004 04:34:32 GMT
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been discontinued, so we are now offering this one. Stock of the original kits are dwindling, and when they run out, new kits will contain this tweeter and price will be increased $20.00. The tweeter circuit contains a 10uF capacitor in series and a 16 ohm resistor across the tweeter. The woofer circuit remains the same. Baffle cutout for the tweeter is slightly larger, so existing speakers can be easily retrofitted."Hi Wayne,I managed to get my hands on six of the KSN1038 tweeters, and I plan to use them with Eminence Alpha 8's. In your opinion, are the Vifa soft domes audibly better than the CTS piezos? I realize that we're getting subjective here, but I would like to read your opinion.Thanks!

Subject: Re: im new to PI speakers. i have some Q's
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 30 Dec 2004 19:15:38 GMT
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That's a tough question, not on a technical level but on the subjective one. The reason is that I

It sounds good and doesn't cost much. It's tough as nails, you can't break it. And it is an attractive part too.The Vifa soft dome tweeter has flatter response and sounds very, very nice. It is unquestionably a better part, but it costs 4x as much too. The crossover region is smoother because the soft dome tweeter is capable of lower frequencies and also because it simply has a smoother response curve.All-in-all, I think they're both very good. I have both speakers, and I like them both. The version with the soft dome tweter is a little more refined sounding, but the one with the KSN1038 is a classic. It's hard to say which I prefer, but I guess it's a mute point since the KSN1038 option is gone.