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Subject: Active xover's

Posted by [GrantMarshall](#) on Thu, 28 Jul 2005 10:13:55 GMT

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With active xover's you have to pay attention to ohm's of the driver. With actives you don't. I'm assuming they automatically correct somehow or are they set for 8 ohm and aren't true for other impedences? Thanks in advance. Grant.

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Subject: Re: Active xover's

Posted by [GrantMarshall](#) on Thu, 28 Jul 2005 11:21:01 GMT

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Opps. Change the "With active xover's you have to pay attention to ohm's of the driver." to "With passive xover's you have to pay attention to ohm's of the driver." Thanks, Grant.

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Subject: Re: Active xover's

Posted by [Larry Acklin](#) on Thu, 28 Jul 2005 14:33:54 GMT

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Hi Grant- an active crossover splits the signal into frequency bands before the output amplifiers. The impedance of the drivers do not directly affect the crossover frequency, as in passive crossovers. However, driver impedance is inversely proportional to output (with solid state amps)- the 8 ohm power output of a power amp is about 1/2 of what the 4 ohm output is- 16 ohm would be half of what the 8 ohm rating is. As a practical matter, you can use the gain controls on the amp or crossover to balance outputs and levels so the result is acceptable. Figure no more than 4 ohms for any driver (or combination of drivers) and most any amp will be happy. Larry Acklin

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Subject: Re: Active xover's I hate typos

Posted by [Larry Acklin](#) on Thu, 28 Jul 2005 15:43:53 GMT

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Subject: Re: Active xover's

Posted by [GrantMarshall](#) on Thu, 28 Jul 2005 19:19:24 GMT

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Thanks for the response Larry. I understand it now I think. With frequency division only a certain range makes it to the amp. If you mixed 4 and 8 ohms one amp would work harder as a result of it. As long as you use integrated amps you can adjust. Thanks again. Grant.

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