Subject: Opinions on Eminence Magnum 18LF?
Posted by Chris R on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 18:37:58 GMT
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Anyone have opinions on the Eminence Magnum 18LF's? PE is closing out some that were re-branded for $150ea. Aside from the phasorplug, they look and spec identical. Part: 299-444Magnum18LF 40Hz in a 4.16cu ft box (Boxplot)Chris

Subject: Re: Opinions on Eminence Magnum 18LF?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 19:25:54 GMT
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I like Magnums. When Eminence dropped the Magnum 15HO and 18HO, I was very disappointed. Magnum 18LF's are a great buy at $150 so I'd snag 'em if I were you.

Subject: Re: Opinions on Eminence Magnum 18LF?
Posted by GarMan on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 19:38:12 GMT
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Are the new DEFINIMAX supposed to be a replacement for the Magnums? Do you know if Eminence has plans to roll out HO versions in 15" and 18"? The Definimax 12HO still looks very good on paper.

Subject: Re: Opinions on Eminence Magnum 18LF?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 20:38:11 GMT
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Eminence does not plan to release a speaker compatible to the Magnum 15HO or the Magnum 18HO, so those are off the table. I thought that was very odd, since the HO specs were essentially compatible with Omegas, JBL 22xx drivers, and several other devices. As for the 12HO, I find it to be a good midrange, but it doesn't have the right specs to go low. That makes it an awkward driver for me to use, so I don't.

Subject: Re: Opinions on Eminence Magnum 18LF?

Posted by GarMan on Fri, 21 Jul 2006 02:03:36 GMT
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The 12HO's definately not for a full range 2-way, but I still it's a great driver for someone who wants to keep the cabinet small and is willing to use a sub.Too bad about the 15HO and 18HO. When the Magnums came out with shorting rings, I thought Eminence was taking a serious shot at competing against JBL 22xx drivers headon.

Subject: Re: Opinions on Eminence Magnum 18LF?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 21 Jul 2006 03:27:59 GMT
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I agree, both about the Magnum 12HO and also about Eminence's stab at shorting rings. I hope they continue to research and improve using that technology, but sadly, I think they may have decided to leave it as a paper tiger. They have compained about lagging sales in the drivers with shorting rings, so I think they probably won't do much with them in the future except in name. They can "say" the Definimax drivers have a shorting ring, but I am not convinced it is an optimized shorting ring. I don't think they ever got it down, to be quite honest. Hopefully, they'll continue R&D sometime in the future.