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Everything in this system is intended to represent strong performance for the money and the result is very pleasing. The image size is very realistic. The system is very smooth, transparent, and alive, with great bass clarity and overall dynamics. It plays to near live levels in my medium sized room. I enjoy it very much! It may be crass to call this a budget system but I just saw Albert Porters system and figured out where I am at.

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05-30-02

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[05-30-02 System edited: it has taken 30 years to get here!](#) **Maxgain**

[06-01-02 Well, compared to albert's magnificent system, almost all of ...](#) Sdcampbell

[06-01-02 Thanks scott, that is my eventual plan\(3a's or 5's\) but i'm ...](#) **Maxgain**

[02-25-03 System edited: after having once again, been treated very ru ...](#) **Maxgain**

[08-16-03 System edited: like revisiting an old friend after many year ...](#) **Maxgain**

[09-12-03 System edited: i added an old photo of the system with the v ...](#) **Maxgain**

[09-12-03 Excellent looking system max!](#) Viggen

[09-12-03 Thanks, viggen. the room is an addition that i updated for ...](#) **Maxgain**

[09-12-03 Max, i really like the look of your setup. well thought out ...](#) Slipknot1

[09-12-03 Hey max, my system has actually remained the same for quite ...](#) Viggen

[09-12-03 Thanks slipknot1, the new speakers won't change the look or ...](#) **Maxgain**

[09-12-03 I've been meaning to take the iec on in my sp9 for a while, ...](#) Slipknot1

[09-12-03 Slipknot1, the iec on an sp 9 of any ilk is a delicate issue ...](#) **Maxgain**

- [09-24-03 System edited: i added some information about the drivers in ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [04-02-04 Oh yah...very nice system:-\)! Lak](#)
- [04-05-04 Thanks larry. the photo is a bit out of date. as i have me ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [04-06-04 No vandies max?? i liked your system, should have commented ...](#) Albertporter
- [04-06-04 Hi albert, thanks for looking. the phantom is a very intere ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [04-06-04 They sound unique and most interesting. i hope to audition a ...](#) Albertporter
- [04-19-04 Nice system maxgain,i noticed you have a lot of cool tweaks ...](#) Raytheprinter
- [04-20-04 Max- re: power conditioning, you may want to try one of the ...](#) Swampwalker
- [04-20-04 Max, did you ever try putting your sub in the middle front o ...](#) Lak
- [04-20-04 Raytheprinter,swampwalker,lak, glad you guys looked in to se ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [04-20-04 Thanks maxgain,your response has given me more confidence in ...](#) Raytheprinter
- [04-20-04 Max- if you go with the bdr cones and pucks, they are said t ...](#) Swampwalker
- [04-21-04 Ray, tube dambers are well worth the cost as tubes are very ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [05-13-04 System edited: i replaced the billy bags 2020 amp stand that ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [05-15-04 After having a chance to listen to the system with the new s ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [05-22-04 System edited: i have been in a vibration control mode now a ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [06-20-04 System edited: i have updated the information about my on go ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [07-03-04 Another update on the phantom project. the foster tweeter ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [08-31-04 Was browsing in a'gon tonight and saw the virtual system pic ...](#) Gmueller
- [08-31-04 George, glad to hear from you. glad to hear that you are sti ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [09-21-04 Surprised you had problems with richard, but my guess is tha ...](#) 3ox
- [09-22-04 Kevin, are the pawn shop phantom's still there? what did ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [10-04-04 Hi maxgain,i bought a couple herbie tube dampers ,they work ...](#) Raytheprinter
- [10-05-04 Ray, thanks. the system looks abit different now with the ne ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [12-26-04 System edited: i have added a set of fim 305 isolation beari ...](#) **Maxgain**
- [01-17-05 Nice looking system,, bet it really does sound great.p ...](#) Jlazart

01-18-05: Maxgain

John,

Thanks for looking in. It is sounding very nice right now. I tweaked the Phantom's with a new cap from VH Audio. Chris Venhaus sent me some of his new OIMP(oil impregnated metallized polypropylene caps to test. <http://v-cap.com/oilcapacitors.html> I used them in the mid range circuit of the Phantom's. These caps sound wonderful. They give the speakers a very detailed yet very natural quality. I am very pleased with the results. My hope is to get more for the tweeter circuit as soon as I can.

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03-03-05 [Hey max, i have 2ce sigs and am contemplating a single 2wq. ...](#) jpkay4@

03-03-05 [I like your system and was encouraged that you get good soun ...](#) Gammajo

03-03-05 [Thanks john and gammajo for reading along. the single sub i ...](#) **Maxgain**

04-13-05 [Wonderful system, not an albert porter system as you mention ...](#) Phd

04-14-05 [Phd,thanks for looking in and for the kind words.](#) **Maxgain**

06-25-05 [Sorry to get back to you so late! i used arc sp8 and d90b wi ...](#) 3ox

06-27-05 [Kevin, there were quite a few variations of the phantom ove ...](#) **Maxgain**

06-28-05 [Well, i met bill a few times back in the day and have heard ...](#) 3ox

07-11-05 [Kevin, i think you would enjoy the sound of my phantom's if ...](#) **Maxgain**

07-31-05 [System edited: if you have not tried the herbie's audio lab ...](#) **Maxgain**

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