

RMAF '08 Report

RMAF 2008 Show Report Everything gelled in Denver, and we couldn't have been happier with the sound in our room. A prototype 2-way monitor loudspeaker performed extremely well as did the killer open baffle planar speakers with open baffle subwoofer--wow!

The rest of the room was unreal as well, consider this value:

- Laptop streaming audio over USB through Foobar
 - Emperical Audio Off-Ramp Turbo 3 USB to S/PDIF convertor, \$990
 - TacT mini pre-amp and DAC, around \$3499
 - D-Sonic Magnum 1000S amp, \$1499
 - All BPT cabling, around \$1000
 - BPT CPC with Oyaide R-1 outlets, L-9T power cord, and Teflon V-Caps, \$999
- Serious performance for a modest investment. Just a note for computer audio guys, the Emperical Audio Off-Ramp Turbo 3 is a killer piece of gear! It's very much better than the modified SB3's we tried, and that's saying a lot. Most all of the files we played were 24/96, and the Off-Ramp performed beautifully ... digital done right.

In the pics you'll also see the tall ribbon and open baffle subwoofer combo called the NB2 (No Box & No Baffle). That is Chris' home system that he wanted to bring and see what people think. Well it's a winner! They just sound huge, and in a room with space (like Chris' house) they throw a massive sound-field that few speakers can match. The dual 15" open baffle subs when properly time-aligned with the TacT integrate so well it's hard to believe.

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