

## The Design Of Active Crossovers By Douglas Self

No matter how talented a performer you are, if the sound out front isn't up to scratch, you won't win over your audience. Even relatively inexpensive equipment can produce exceptionally good results - if only you know how to use it... Sound Check For The Performing Musician is a practical guide to equipment and sound for small to medium-sized gigs. It covers everything from choosing PA equipment and back line amplification, to selecting the right type of microphone and more. Also discussed are stage monitoring, effects and processors, uning, DI techniques, radio mics, basic wiring information, amplifier and loudspeaker principles - and even performance tips. An essential guide to getting a great sound on stage Clear, simple terms give the lowdown on amps, PAs and mics Everything you need to create the best setup for your budget Paul White is one of the UK's most acclaimed and respected authors on music technology. An accomplished musician himself, with a number of albums to his credit, he started out writing for the popular recording magazines Home Studio Recording and Music Technology before moving to the industry's leading monthly, Sound on Sound, of which he is now editor. He also runs his own highly successful studio and has worked with many high-profile musicians.

Written by a team of experts, the Loudspeaker and Headphone Handbook provides a detailed technical reference of all aspects of loudspeakers and headphones: from theory and construction of transducer drive units and enclosures, to such practical matters as construction, applications in rooms, public address, sound reinforcement, studio monitoring and musical instruments. Loudspeaker measurements and subjective evaluation are treated in

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equal detail and headphones are discussed comprehensively. This third edition takes account of recent significant advances in technology, including: · the latest computer-aided design systems · digital audio processing · new research procedures · the full range of loudspeakers · new user applications.

Handbook for Sound Engineers is the most comprehensive reference available for audio engineers. All audio topics are explored: if you work on anything related to audio you should not be without this book! The 4th edition of this trusted reference has been updated to reflect changes in the industry since the publication of the 3rd edition in 2002 -- including new technologies like software-based recording systems such as Pro Tools and Sound Forge; digital recording using MP3, wave files and others; mobile audio devices such as iPods and MP3 players. Over 40 topics are covered and written by many of the top professionals for their area in the field, including Glen Ballou on interpretation systems, intercoms, assistive listening, and image projection; Ken Pohlmann on compact discs and DVDs; David Miles Huber on MIDI; Dr. Eugene Patronis on amplifier design and outdoor sound systems; Bill Whitlock on audio transformers and preamplifiers; Pat Brown on fundamentals and gain structures; Ray Rayburn on virtual systems and digital interfacing; and Dr. Wolfgang Ahnert on computer-aided sound system design and acoustics for concert halls.

"Essential for anyone building, renovating or maintaining a recording studio; includes 3 whole new chapters on foldback, electrical supplies and analogue interfacing; new sections on cinema soundtrack mixing rooms and TV voice rooms. Covering acoustics, electro-acoustics and psychoacoustics Newell uses real world studios, their problems and solutions, to provide the foundations for successful studio design and maintenance." -back cover.

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Vol 2 is our third Volume, and has again a mix of technologies and subjects. Bob Cordell is back with a very high quality KT-88-based tube power amplifier. Rudolf Moers goes on an ultra-linear adventure. If there was ever anything you wanted to know about the design, advantages and trade-offs in ultra-linear tube power amps, this article will surely answer it. On the solid-state front, Kendall Castor-Perry designed a novel and ingenious gain-of-one power output stage that needs no adjustments or thermal compensation yet is extremely linear, even open loop. Our friend from Switzerland, Samuel Groner, came up with an equally high-performance push-pull transimpedance stage that could drive Kendall's output stage, or any other, for that matter. Nelson Pass has a sequel to the Arch Nemesis, transplanting the SiC power device with a custom-designed Static Induction Transistor, the Pass SIT 1. Marcel van de Gevel describes a simple loudspeaker correction filter that gets away with standard value capacitors and a simple gain-of-one buffer amp as the active element. Patrick K (aka as EUVL), inspired by designs from Nelson Pass, Marshall Leach and others presents a minimalistic I/V converter for current output DACs based on jFETs and a floating power supply. Stuart Yaniger shares with us some interesting insights and experiences related to controlled listening tests. Last but surely not least, Gary Galo's Guest Editorial provides a thought-provoking insight into the history, development and current state of digital audio. The 2nd part of Scott Wurcer's microphone preamp had to be postponed and can be found in Vol 3. There are also two book reviews: Rudolf Moer's Fundamental Amplifier Techniques with Electron Tubes is reviewed by Guido Tent, while Kendall Castor-Perry gives his views on Douglas Self's latest work The Design of Active Crossovers. Enjoy!

All the design and development inspiration and direction an audio engineer needs in

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one blockbuster book! Douglas Self has selected the very best sound engineering design material from the Focal and Newnes portfolio and compiled it into this volume. The result is a book covering the gamut of sound engineering. The material has been selected for its timelessness as well as for its relevance to contemporary sound engineering issues.

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The Design of Active Crossovers is a unique guide to the design of high-quality circuitry for splitting audio frequencies into separate bands and directing them to different loudspeaker drive units specifically designed for handling their own range of frequencies. Traditionally this has been done by using passive crossover units built into the loudspeaker boxes; this is the simplest solution, but it is also a bundle of compromises. The high cost of passive crossover components, and the power losses in them, means that passive crossovers have to use relatively few parts. This limits how well the crossover can do its basic job. Active crossovers, sometimes called electronic crossovers, tackle the problem in a much more sophisticated manner. The division of the audio into bands is performed at low signal levels, before the power amplifiers, where it can be done with much greater precision. Very sophisticated filtering and response-shaping networks can be built at comparatively low cost. Time-delay networks that compensate for physical misalignments in speaker construction can be

implemented easily; the equivalent in a passive crossover is impractical because of the large cost and the heavy signal losses. Active crossover technology is also directly applicable to other band-splitting signal-processing devices such as multi-band compressors. The use of active crossovers is increasing. They are used by almost every sound reinforcement system, by almost every recording studio monitoring set-up, and to a small but growing extent in domestic hifi. There is a growing acceptance in the hifi industry that multi-amplification using active crossovers is the obvious next step (and possibly the last big one) to getting the best possible sound. There is also a large usage of active crossovers in car audio, with the emphasis on routing the bass to enormous low-frequency loudspeakers. One of the very few drawbacks to using the active crossover approach is that it requires more power amplifiers; these have often been built into the loudspeaker, along with the crossover, and this deprives the customer of the chance to choose their own amplifier, leading to resistance to the whole active crossover philosophy. A comprehensive proposal for solving this problem is an important part of this book. The design of active crossovers is closely linked with that of the loudspeakers they drive. A chapter gives a concise but complete account of all the loudspeaker design issues that affect the associated active crossover. This book is packed full of valuable information, with virtually every page revealing nuggets of specialized knowledge never before published. Essential points of theory bearing on practical performance are lucidly and thoroughly explained, with the mathematics kept

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to an essential minimum. Douglas' background in design for manufacture ensures he keeps a wary eye on the cost of things. Features: Crossover basics and requirements The many different crossover types and how they work Design almost any kind of active filter with minimal mathematics Make crossover filters with very low noise and distortion Make high-performance time-delay filters that give a constant delay over a wide range of frequency Make a wide variety of audio equaliser stages: shelving, peaking and notch characteristics All about active crossover system design for optimal noise and dynamic range There is a large amount of new material that has never been published before. A few examples: using capacitance multipliers in biquad equalisers, opamp output biasing to reduce distortion, the design of NTMTM notch crossovers, the design of special filters for filler-driver crossovers, the use of mixed capacitors to reduce filter distortion, differentially elevated internal levels to reduce noise, and so on. Douglas wears his learning lightly, and this book features the engaging prose style familiar from his other books *The Audio Power Amplifier Design Handbook*, *Self on Audio*, and the recent *Small Signal Audio Design*. A comprehensive reference that covers all aspects of audio, with many practical, as well as theoretical, explanations, providing in-depth descriptions of how audio really works, using common sense explanations and mechanical analogies with minimal maths.

This book is essential for audio power amplifier designers and engineers for one simple

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reason...it enables you as a professional to develop reliable, high-performance circuits. The Author Douglas Self covers the major issues of distortion and linearity, power supplies, overload, DC-protection and reactive loading. He also tackles unusual forms of compensation and distortion produced by capacitors and fuses. This completely updated fifth edition includes four NEW chapters including one on The XD Principle, invented by the author, and used by Cambridge Audio. Crosstalk, power amplifier input systems, and microcontrollers in amplifiers are also now discussed in this fifth edition, making this book a must-have for audio power amplifier professionals and audiophiles. "This second edition of Small Signal Audio Design is the essential and unique guide to the design of high-quality analogue circuitry for preamplifiers, mixing consoles, and many other signal-processing devices. You will learn to use inexpensive and readily available parts to obtain state-of-the-art performance in all the vital parameters of noise, distortion, crosstalk, etc. This practical handbook provides a repertoire of circuit blocks from which almost any type of audio system can be built. Essential points of theory that determine practical performance are lucidly and thoroughly explained, with the mathematics at a minimum. Virtually every page reveals nuggets of specialized knowledge not found elsewhere. Douglas' background in design for manufacture ensures he keeps a wary eye on the cost of things. Learn how to: - Make amplifiers with apparently impossibly low noise - Design discrete circuitry that can handle enormous signals with vanishingly low distortion - Use ordinary bipolar transistors to make amplifiers with an input impedance of more than 50 Megohms - Transform the performance of low-cost-opamps, and how to make filters with very low noise and distortion - Make incredibly

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accurate volume controls - Make a huge variety of audio equalisers - Make magnetic cartridge preamplifiers that have noise so low it is limited by basic physics - Sum, switch, clip, compress, and route audio signals effectively - Build reliable power-supplies, with many practical ways to keep both the noise and the cost down"--

Recording Studio Design, Fourth Edition explains the key principles of successful studio design and construction using straightforward language and the use of practical examples appreciated by readers of previous editions. Updated to reflect new industry standards, this fourth edition addresses improvements in cinema sound, with specific attention paid to B-chain electroacoustic response and calibration. Using over 50 years' experience, author Philip Newell provides detail on the practical aspects of recording in various environments, not only exploring the complex issues relating to the acoustics but also providing real-world solutions. While the book contains detailed discussions about performing rooms, control rooms, and mobile studios, concepts of the infrastructures are also discussed, because no studio can perform optimally unless the technical and human requirements are adequately provided for. In this new edition, sound for cinema provides a platform for highlighting many, wider electroacoustic topics in a way that is relatively easy to visualise. The way in which sound and vision interact is an important aspect of many modern multimedia formats. The new edition includes: A new Chapter 22 that will thoroughly reflect recently published SMPTE investigations which will drastically impact standards for cinema sound; The inclusion of new academic research and its practical applications; An entire new illustrated chapter on room construction principles; and The consolidation of ideas which were only emerging when the earlier editions were published.

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Wonderpedia offers the books reviews, while NeoPopRealism Journal publishes news, views and other information additionally to the books reviews. These publications were founded by Nadia RUSS in 2007 and 2008, in new York City.

Car audio enthusiasts seeking guidance on installing or upgrading a system have had very few resources to guide them. Even worse, available information often conflicts with each other, leading to confusion or—even worse—terrible audio. Fortunately, this guide consolidates the most accurate information into one resource so you can make sense of it all. In an easy-to-read and entertaining format, you'll learn how to: choose equipment, including speakers, amplifiers, and head units; decide where to locate and how to enclose speakers; and tie fundamental audio principles together. The author also examines how upholstery, cabin shape, dash surfaces, and the shape and quantity of glass contribute to the acoustic signature of a car's interior and how they should influence audio design. While there are numerous audio systems in the various makes of vehicles, aficionados of sound quality want something more than what comes standard from the manufacturer.

Reviews of previous editions: Jam-packed with theory, circuit analysis, and DIY basics, it will walk you through all stages of design so that you can create your own wonders. Jones is an ex-BBC engineer with a cool writing style and you'll find it a no-pain education. Hi-Fi News and Record Review Valve Amplifiers is an extremely well written book, containing a wealth of information that all audio designers and builders will find useful. Glass Audio Valve Amplifiers is a market leader for one simple reason: in this specialist area it is recognized as the most complete guide to valve and vacuum tube amplifier design, modification, analysis, construction and maintenance. It is truly the all you need to know guide, and enables audio and circuit

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designers to succeed with their valve amplifier designs and projects. This book enables readers to understand, create, reconfigure and personalize high-end, audiophile quality amplifiers. Following a step-by-step approach to design, with little maths and lots of know-how, it starts with a brief review of electronic fundamentals relevant to valve amplifiers, simple stages, compound stages, linking stages together, and finally, complete designs. The new material included in this Fourth Edition ensures this book will stay at the top of any audio designer's or enthusiast's reference list. What's new: Chapter 1: Charge amplifiers Chapter 2: Additional circuits, semiconductor constant current sources expanded Chapter 3: Entire new section on noise Chapter 4: Lots of new measurements to explode or explain audio folklore Chapter 5: Astonishingly quiet, but cheap and simple HT supply Chapter 6: New power amplifier Chapter 7: New hybrid balanced RIAA stage, attenuator law faking VA3's focus was on distortion, but in VA4, focus is pushed towards background noise reduction. If that wasn't enough, there's more explanation, more measurements, more references, and plenty of new one-liners, any one of which might save hours of trouble. \* The practical guide to analysis, modification, design, construction and maintenance of valve amplifiers \* The fully up-to-date approach to valve electronics \* Essential reading for audio designers and music and electronics enthusiasts alike

(Yamaha Products). Sound reinforcement is the use of audio amplification systems. This book is the first and only book of its kind to cover all aspects of designing and using such systems for public address and musical performance. The book features information on both the audio theory involved and the practical

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applications of that theory, explaining everything from microphones to loudspeakers. This revised edition features almost 40 new pages and is even easier to follow with the addition of an index and a simplified page and chapter numbering system. New topics covered include: MIDI, Synchronization, and an Appendix on Logarithms. 416 Pages.

Need advice on which type of speaker to use and where? Very often the choice and positioning of loudspeakers is down to intuition, hearsay and chance. This practical guide explores the link between experience and the technology, giving you a better understanding of the tools you are using and why, leading to greatly improved results. Newell and Holland share years of experience in the design, application and use of loudspeakers for recording and reproducing music. Get practical advice on the applications of different loudspeakers to the different phases of the music recording and reproduction chain. If you are using loudspeakers in a recording studio, mastering facility, broadcasting studio, film post production facility, home or musician's studio, or you inspire to improve your music reproduction system this book will help you make the right decisions. This substantially enlarged edition of the classic reference includes hundreds of new entries from AAC (Advanced Audio Coding) to Zoom Microphone as well as revised and new articles on acoustics and computer technology.

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Since the first publication of this title twenty years ago, Martin Colloms has worked to ensure that each successive edition has kept ahead of innovations occurring in high performance loudspeaker design. This fully revised and updated volume includes more new material than ever before. Colloms maps the increasing pace of technological change in the industry, which has been driven by new applications, materials and design techniques. A highly detailed technical coverage of every aspect of high performance loudspeaker design which now includes: Multi-media and Home Theatre, Dolby PRO-LOGIC (?), Dolby AC-3 THX, and multi-channel surround sound Short path, low order crossover network designs, audibility and control of loudspeaker distortion, digital active speakers and the system requirements of optimized digital filters Bending wave panel speaker technology (NXT) A unique non-partisan interpretation of manufacturers' technologies and claims Throughout the industry this book has justly won its reputation as the quintessential volume covering speaker design and analysis, both amongst audio engineers, equipment designers and students of audio engineering.

Get ready to learn live sound reinforcement using the best-selling title on the subject available! The simple language, detailed illustrations, and concrete examples in this book are suitable for novice to intermediate-level users. "Live

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Sound Reinforcement" outlines all aspects of P.A. system operation and commonly encountered sound system design concerns. Topics include microphones, speaker systems, equalizers, mixers, signal processors, amplifiers, system wiring and interfaces, indoor and outdoor sound considerations and psychoacoustics.

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As the most popular and authoritative guide to recording Modern Recording Techniques provides everything you need to master the tools and day to day practice of music recording and production. From room acoustics and running a session to mic placement and designing a studio Modern Recording Techniques will give you a really good grounding in the theory and industry practice. Expanded to include the latest digital audio technology the 7th edition now includes sections on podcasting, new surround sound formats and HD and audio. If you are just starting out or looking for a step up in industry, Modern Recording Techniques provides an in depth excellent read- the must have book

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