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### **Scoring Tips for Front Speakers**

Use these tips to as a guide when filling out the buying scorecards in Sofa. These let you when assess the merits of the products you are contemplating buying and will help you shortlist a range of suitable products, thus making investing in home entertainment equipment a whole lot more enjoyable and rewarding.

#### **Brand**

The name of the relevant manufacturer or developer.

#### **Model**

The name of a product in a range.

#### **Cosmetic design**

It's simply got to look good.

#### **Construction quality**

Does it look and feel well made?

#### **Cabinet finish**

Is it real wood veneer or a synthetic finish?

#### **Magnetic shielding**

It should be a design feature

#### **Driver array**

The front panel low range and tweeter positioning.

#### **Low range drivers**

High quality high tech designs?

#### **High range drivers**

Dome tweeters are best for good dispersion.

#### **Bass loading system**

Bass reflex can give added oomph in a small enclosure.

#### **Frequency response**

Must be wide range to cater for 5.1 surround systems.

#### **Speaker sensitivity**

Will it be difficult for the receiver to drive?

#### **Impedance suitability**

8 ohms is best but 6 ohms could do.

**Power handling capacity**

The more real watts it handles the better.

**Sound character**

Your impressions of the overall sonic experience.

**Sound quality**

Is it balanced and smooth across the range it reproduces?

**Sound detail**

Mandatory for clear dialogue during heavy movies.

**Sound accuracy**

This will manifest as an honest, natural sound.

**Sound dispersion**

How many people hear centre channel sound properly.

**Output connectors**

Binding posts are best

**Bi-wire compatibility**

You never know when it will come in handy

**Dimensions**

Do you need it to fit in a shelving storage options or is it in the open room.

**Weight**

Can you move it freely without getting a hernia.

**Total Points Awarded**

A tally which gives you the value a product's worth.

**Comments**

Where you place notes of your personal experiences when auditioning the relevant products.

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