
Subject: Speaker Wire

Posted by [Sanbar](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 20:29:12 GMT

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Thanks for the input.

Barry

Subject: Re: Speaker Wire

Posted by [Bill L](#) on Thu, 19 Jun 2008 03:23:01 GMT

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Since it's a fixed install you could use solid electrical copper wire. Maybe that would be good?

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Thu, 19 Jun 2008 19:10:42 GMT

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Subject: Re: Speaker Wire

Posted by [Miguel Vigil \[1\]](#) on Sat, 21 Jun 2008 14:25:31 GMT

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Home Depot should carry even 14g or 12g copper sold as speaker wire in bulk.

Regards,

El Miguel

"John" <no@no.com> wrote in message news:485aaf32\$1@linux...

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Posted by [audioguy_editout_](#) on Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:44:25 GMT

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If it is going in the walls you need an FT4 fire rated cable. Find a local electrical supplier and get either 16 or 14Ga stranded, tinned, twisted pair, non-shielded, gray PVC jacketed cable. If you need 4 conductors, run two pieces.

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 05:16:22 GMT

Conversely ~if~ you have conduit already run to those places, you don't have to get the more expensive jacketed PVC fire retardent sleeves. But 'only' if you have conduit already. Otherwise, you want to do exactly what David said. In the unfortunate event of a fire, the last thing you need is to be unconcious on the floor because of inhalation of chemicals from burned wire jacket while the blaze takes you over. It's kinda bad for your long term health to be a s'mores.

If you're not sure, ask a pro at the place you purchase the wire. Not something you want to play with.

AA

"Dave(EK Sound)" <audioguy_editout_@shaw.ca> wrote in message news:485e91a7\$1@linux...

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