
Subject: computer case foam...Where?

Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 03:19:42 GMT

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Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?

Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 03:45:22 GMT

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Keep in mind that foam insulation = heat retention.

"brandon" <a@a.com> wrote in message news:44dd48ce\$1@linux...

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Posted by [audioguy_editout_](#) on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 04:05:02 GMT

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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 04:51:31 GMT

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This is the concept I am following.

My intake is different, but the exhaust is very similar.

<http://www.carsten-buschmann.de/noise-protection/section.htm>

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Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?
Posted by [Neil](#) on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 05:28:24 GMT
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Dave, that stuff has no noise-suppressive qualities - it's just small pieces of scrap foam barely held together with one another.

Brandon, try a craft store for foam rubber, like Hobby Lobby or the equivalent type of store in your area. If you can't find raw foam, look for something like plain table placemats with a foam rubber backing & you can just cut 'em to size (made plain so you can paint your own designs on them... you know, the typical crafts store kind of base materials) my ex mom-in-law was into that sort of thing, so I know they carry materials of that nature. I also noticed one time that they have polished brass tubing of a size & thickness suitable to make an LDC tube mic body out of, so maybe one day....! lol

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Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?
Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 14:56:07 GMT
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Hi Brandon,
Are you talking about putting the foam inside a computer case? Or putting foam inside a rack that the computer is going into?

Chris

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Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?
Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 14:57:09 GMT
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True, but closed cell foam rubber won't have much either... In a pinch, a person could probably use short pile carpet for a similar effect.

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 16:24:06 GMT
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Carpet pad or thin business loop carpet. Maybe thin acoustic tile, but I don't know what would be better. I would think that any thing that is too ruff, will cause wind turbulence and more noise. Time for an experiment!

I would look at all the studio treatment products first, to see if there is a product that would be best for this kind of application.

James

Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?
Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 17:29:10 GMT
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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 21:29:04 GMT
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The foam rubber is what was used in the example and probably what I will use for the exhaust maze.

The other foam is going to go in a rack enclosure that houses the computer cases. I will have two computers in this iso box and I will remove both sides of the cases or pretty much all the un-needed computer case housing. I was considering placing a power supply on the iso box just to power the fans. Is there a good candidate for this purpose. A PS that won't add too much noise ad heat which will defeat its purpose? Any suggestions?

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Get a small Antec with a built-in fan - reliable brand & quiet fans. I have a spare 350-watter if you need it, I'll let you have it for 50 bucks including shipping, but if you scrounge around a bit in your area you might be able to find the same kinda thing for the same price or maybe even less & not have to wait for it to be sent. If you can go lower power than that, then do it - it'll generate less heat. If you can find an older 250 or 300-watt one with a built-in fan, go for it; you can probably pick one of those up for 20 bucks at a Computer Renaissance - or the equivalent - in your area.

Neil

Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?
Posted by [gene lennon](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 03:54:40 GMT
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Speaking of foam.
Anyone know where to get the heavy dark gray foam used in mic cases and custom camera and instrumentation cases?
Gene

Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?
Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 04:27:17 GMT
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Marketek have that perhaps? I do not know to be honest, just tossing out a maybe. Also try MCM Electronics. You might also be able to call Shure (or a rep if you know one personally) as they no doubt use a lot of it for their cases and find out where they source from.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 12:14:01 GMT
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Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?

Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 16:36:13 GMT

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Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?
Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 16:40:23 GMT
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Would there be any benefit to making a plexiglass door?
Cosmetically I would like to put a wooden door, but thought I should ask if there was something I am overlooking. I got those cool glow led fans that I won't be able to see. Other than that I can't think of a reason to go through the trouble of a plexiglass door. Will plexiglass dissipate heat better than the wooden door?
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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 16:50:05 GMT
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Posted by [gene lennon](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 17:08:15 GMT
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Thanks for the input.

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 17:26:20 GMT
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Gene,

I just bought some 24"X96"x1" foam from Walmart.
It is just a long sheet of foam that you can cut to desired size. It is much like a mattress pad cover that you see.
It's not quite as heavy duty, but should do the trick for what you want.
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It's over by the fabrics department.

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that I will be installing in the enclosure with there own power supply. I
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Here is one I was thinking of...

<http://www.penn-elcom.com/ProductList.asp?GC=520>

The other is TCH, but they are harder to find on google...
will post it up tomorrow.

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>> "James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
>>
>>> Gene, I don't know if this will work for you, or not. Home Depot
>>> has hard
>>> dense foam rubber flooring that fits together like square puzzle peaces.
>>> People use it for children's play areas in a basement or around a work
>>
>>
>> bench.
>>
>>> You could layer this and kind of die cut this to fit.
>>> James
>>>
>>

>>
>> I hope to find the real stuff, but I will check this out if I cant.
>> Thanks
>> Gene

Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?
Posted by [gene Lennon\[3\]](#) on Mon, 14 Aug 2006 15:54:00 GMT
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"Dave(EK Sound)" <audioguy_editout_@shaw.ca> wrote:
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>
><http://www.penn-elcom.com/ProductList.asp?GC=520>
>
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>
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>>
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>>
Thanks Dave,
I will give this a try.
gene

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Mon, 14 Aug 2006 17:00:25 GMT
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<https://www.tchweb.com/cgi-bin/TCH2.storefront/>

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Posted by [gene Lennon\[3\]](#) on Mon, 14 Aug 2006 17:41:52 GMT
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>
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>

This store had the best options for small orders:

<http://www.foamorder.com/>

Thanks everyone.
Gene

Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?
Posted by [Miguel Vigil \[1\]](#) on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 17:33:44 GMT
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<http://www.bhphotovideo.com/bnh/controller/home?O=breadCrumb &A=search&Q=&ci=4461>

listed under brand name Pelican, group *Foam Sets*

Your local pro camera store should have other leads or supply.

Regards,

El Miguel

"gene lennon" <glennon@NOSPmyrealbox.com> wrote in message
news:44dea280\$1@linux...

- >
- > Speaking of foam.
- > Anyone know where to get the heavy dark gray foam used in mic cases and
- > custom
- > camera and instrumentation cases?
- > Gene
- >

Subject: Re: computer case foam...Where?
Posted by [Miguel Vigil \[1\]](#) on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 17:40:43 GMT
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The biggest caveat or potential danger with common store bought
foams to be used as sound attenuation

- Fire -

You need to think about fire retardant spray or treatment, whether
on you walls or inside a closed box.

Regards,

El Miguel

"Brandon" <a@a.com> wrote in message news:44dfd7c4\$1@linux...

- >
- > Unfortunately, the case is already built and that is not an option.
- > I am just going to put my audio comp in the enclosure so I will be able to
- > get to it no problem. I will pull the door off of the case and lay it on

> its side so the heat raises straight up from the MB. I bought some case
> fans
> that I will be installing in the enclosure with there own power supply. I
> will be using 1"thick standard foam for the inside of the enclosure and
> the
> exhaust maze.
> b
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>
> "DJ" <animix_spam-this-ahole_@animas.net> wrote:
>>Hinge the sides so you can open the up. You will thank yourself.
>>;o)
>>
>>"Brandon" <a@a.com> wrote in message news:44df54fd\$1@linux...
>>>
>>> No the sides do not open.
>>> I will might actually have two comps side by side in the case which will
>>> leave no room for getting in and out quickly. I was going to put my
>>> audio
>>> comp and my internet comp in there, but to reduce heat build up I should
>>> only put the audio comp in there. I don't usually surf the internet
>>> while
>>> I am recording anyway.
>>> However, I do use a KVM switcher and will have to get some extensions
> to
>>> make that work. That will leave room to get in and out.
>>> Also, I am very concerned about dust build up on the insulation.
>>> I guess regular maintenance will be required.
>>>
>>> thx,
>>> b
>>>
>>>
>>>
>>>
>>>
>>> Bill L <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote:
>>> >Brandon, Looking at the drawing I was curious about something: do the
>>> >sides of the box open up? If it were mine I would make sure I had fast
>>> >access to the guts of the computer. Personally I have always kept mine
>>> >in closets.
>>> >
>>> >Also, whatever you use for the foam, remeber there will b a lot of dust
>>>

>>> >building up over time, so use something that will not trap it or hold
> it.
>>> >
>>> >brandon wrote:
>>> >> All,
>>> >>
>>> >>
>>> >> I am in the middle of making my studio console and am
>>> >> building a sound proof computer compartment into it.
>>> >> I was wondering where I can purchase the foam that needs to line
>>> >> the enclosure. I need something about 1/4 inch thick for the
>>> >> ventalation maze, but something thicker could go in the main
>>> >> compartment.
>>> >>
>>> >> OH yeah.... Cheap please...
>>> >>
>>> >> Thx
>>> >> b
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>>
>>
>
