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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sun, 10 Sep 2006 03:12:43 GMT

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sun, 10 Sep 2006 04:06:51 GMT

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Posted by [Carl Amburn](#) on Sun, 10 Sep 2006 06:07:19 GMT  
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I miss frying them all the time. :) I crank my mixes up super-loud, so I \*don't\* miss the fatigue and headaches that those super-tweeters gave me after a few hours.

rock on DJ,  
-Carl

"DJ" <[animix\\_spam-this-ahole\\_@animas.net](mailto:animix_spam-this-ahole_@animas.net)> wrote in message  
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Posted by [emarenot](#) on Sun, 10 Sep 2006 16:19:40 GMT  
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I ran with NS10's for about twelve years. I think I replaced two tweeters in each. I still have 'em and as soon as I get a bigger room I plan on putting them up there with my Event Studio Precisions. I noticed also that the sweet spot lies within a pretty small area. The mixes I got off of them, however, translated really well. I had to switch though, as others have commented, the high mids and highs are quite sharp and of course they have absolutely no bottom.

Cheers,  
MR

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 10 Sep 2006 16:42:11 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sun, 10 Sep 2006 17:10:45 GMT  
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I must say that having those white cones staring out at me does provide some sense of having joined the "club" ;o). I've been experimenting with the crunchiness factor but I'm using an amp right now that really isn't up the task of driving these without a little bit of distortion when cranked to levels of 85+ dB so the crunchiness is being exasperated by the distortion. Moving them further back and further apart does mitigate the harshness a bit, but I'm really going to have to wait until my new power amp shows up to dial this in and experiment more. I'll likely be doing a lot of switching back and forth with these and my other reference system.

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Posted by [rick](#) on Sun, 10 Sep 2006 21:56:08 GMT

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"to make the studio look more professional." isn't that what we're all about??? impressing some guys who deliver pizzas for a living. i just spent 6 1/2 hours cleaning the carpets of pizza, coffee, and pop stains...oh yeah 7 pieces gum in the various rooms carpets...yup.... then again it could just be a michigan thing.

;o)

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Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Sun, 10 Sep 2006 23:42:41 GMT

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Mon, 11 Sep 2006 00:34:39 GMT  
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You can even go so far as using a battery to make sure the cone moves forward on both speakers to make sure one is not wired backwards inside too !

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Mon, 11 Sep 2006 02:16:16 GMT  
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Posted by [Lance Reichert](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 15:04:54 GMT

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The thing that's cool about my JVC boombox is that the "Hyperbass" and the peizo tweeters exacerbate any problems I may have in the highs and lows. If everything sits right at high AND low volumes - and I'm talking about low enough to talk over without straining - then it'll probably translate to most any other system.

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Subject: Re: NS10's....is it just me?

Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 18:18:35 GMT

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Dont forget to put the little piece of toilet paper over the tweeters for the authentic NS10 experience!!!

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Brandon Goodwin

Process Engineering  
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"Gantt Kushner" <[ganttmann@comcast.net](mailto:ganttmann@comcast.net)> wrote in message  
news:4508439a\$1@linux...

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> The thing that's cool about my JVC boombox is that the "Hyperbass" and the  
> peizo tweeters exacerbate any problems I may have in the highs and lows.  
> If everything sits right at high AND low volumes - and I'm talking about  
> low enough to talk over without straining - then it'll probably translate  
> to most any other system.

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> Gantt

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> "Lance Reichert" <[lance.rocks@nospam.verizon.net](mailto:lance.rocks@nospam.verizon.net)> wrote:

> >Hey Grant, I've used my JVC kaboom for mixing a few times as well. The  
basss

> >is unreal, but

> >man, the mids are great for checking guitar and voice.

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> >Lance

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> >"Gantt Kushner" <[ganttmann@comcast.net](mailto:ganttmann@comcast.net)> wrote in message

> >news:4504c8b2\$1@linux...

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> >> Oops. I suppose it'd be good to actualt type in a response!

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> >> I drive my NS-10M's w/ a Bryston 4B (250 watts/side). I seldom use  
them,

> >> preferring my old Tannoy SGM 10B's, but I have to admit that the  
NS-10M's

> >> are great for checking the stereo image. Where the Tannoys sometimes  
> seem

> >> a little hazy in the center the NS-10's are rock solid. They're good  
> for

> >> checking relationships in the mix (especially vocals), but I still  
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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 19:19:55 GMT

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 22:34:23 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 22:47:29 GMT  
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I'm getting some tracks in here from a friend in Austin who is the pickiest classical guitarist I've ever seen. He recorded them on a PT system at 96kHz. I'm going to either have to downsample them and process them in Paris or process them using analog through the inserts in Cubase..In any event, he's not happy with what he's getting in PT so I'll likely just \*Parisize\* them. He's really wanting to get that Quantec vibe, I think. I may try the Quantec IR's in SIR at 96k before I SRC these to go to the final CD media. It will be nice to have these NS10's to help me reference the ambience levels.

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