

THE WIZARD KNOWS, AND TRENDS!

THE LOUDSPEAKER REPORT CARD

For your auditory illumination, the Wizard has wisely evaluated all name-brand speakers, assigning a letter-grade rating to each speaker in each of the performance categories. The overall grade is an accurate reflection of each speaker's performance. A speaker's consumer selling price versus its overall grade determines that speaker's value, and whether or not Atlantis Sound carries it.

Note that only products of national manufacturers are rated since they are available nationally and can be serviced anywhere. A word about housebrand speakers — they are bad. The Wizard doesn't bother reviewing them because Atlantis will never handle bad speakers. The Report Card presented is for all popular models of national brands. Below, for your information is:

Comments.

1. The manufacturers that consistently produce A and B rated loudspeakers are **Advent, Bose, EPI, JBL, Pioneer**, and in the lower price ranges, **KLH**.
2. The criteria become more demanding as the price ranges increase. For instance: in the category over \$225, settle for nothing less than a pair of A-rated loudspeakers.
3. The "selling" price of any speaker is the lowest price that this speaker can be purchased on the East Coast.
4. Atlantis Sound carries only A and B rated loudspeakers.

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Manufacturer, Model, Price, Frequency:

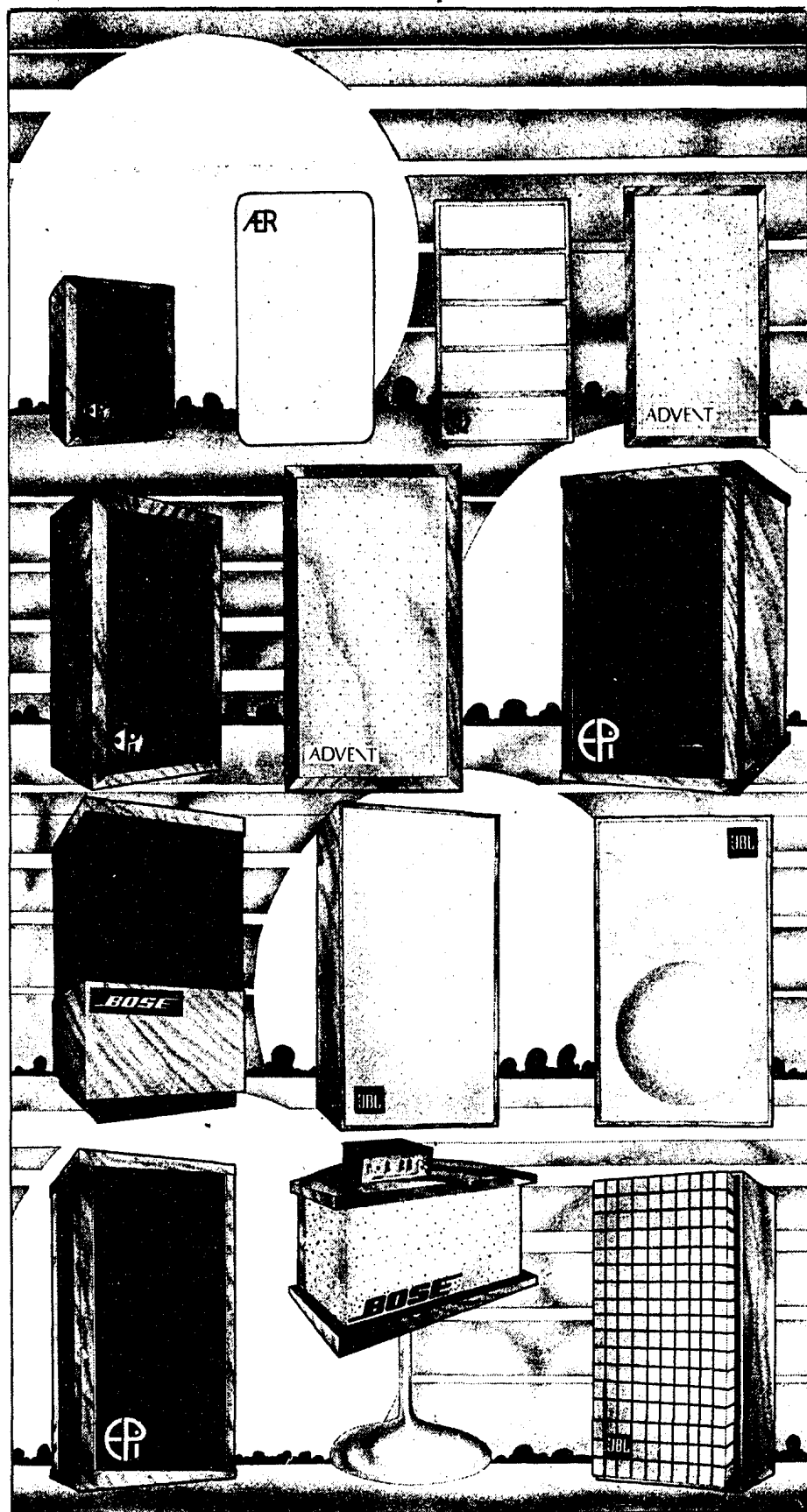
			Bass	Treble	Transient	Tonal	Efficiency	Spatial	Overall
Loudspeakers Under \$60.									
Acoustic Research	AR-7	\$45	C	B	B	B	C	C	B-
AER	28+	\$45	B	B	B	A	A	A	B+
AER	38+	\$59	B	B	A	A	A	A	A+
Dyna	A-25	\$59	B	C	C	C	C	C	C+
EPI	60	\$59	A	A	A	A	C	C	A-
Harmon Kardon	20	\$55	A	B	B	A	B	B	B+
KLH	31	\$45	B	B	B	B	A	B	B+
KLH	32	\$55	A	A	A	A	A	B	A-
Pioneer	Project 60	\$59	A	A	A	A	B	B	A-

Loudspeakers under \$100.									
ADC	303AX	\$65	D	C	D	D	C	C	C-
Advent	Small	\$70	A	A	A	A	C	B	A-
Altec	887	\$75	D	B	C	C	B	B	C+
EPI	100	\$94	A	A	A	A	B	B	A-
Fisher	XP65S	\$70	D	D	D	D	B	B	D+
Jensen	4	\$80	C	D	D	D	C	C	D+
Marantz	6G	\$89	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Pioneer	Project 100	\$99	B	A	A	B	B	B	B+
Rectilinear	Mini III	\$70	C	B	B	C	C	C	C+

Loudspeakers under \$220.									
Acoustic Research	3A	\$175	A	C	C	B	C	n/a*	C+
Advent	Large	\$102	A	A	A	A	B	n/a	A-
Bose	501II	\$139	A	A	A	A	A	B	A-
EPI	150	\$139	A	A	A	A	B	n/a	A-
EPI	201	\$200	B	A	A	A	B	B	A-
EPI	202	\$220	A	A	A	A	B	B	A-
JBL	L-26	\$129	B	B	A	A	A	n/a	B+
KLH	5	\$135	B	C	B	C	B	n/a	B-
Micro-Acoustic	FRM-1	\$150	C	B	B	C	B	C	B-

Loudspeakers over \$225.										
Altec	per pair	878B	\$450	C	B	B	C	A	n/a	B-
Bose	per pair	901II	\$525	A	A	A	A	C	A+	A
EPI		400	\$390	A	A	A	A	B	A+	A
ESS		AMT-1	\$300	C	A	B	B	B	B	B
Infinity		Monitor	\$435	B	A	B	B	C	B	B
JBL		L-100	\$275	B	A	A	A	A	n/a	A
McIntosh		ML-1	\$312	C	C	C	B	D	n/a	C
OHM		F	\$450	C	B	C	C	C	B	C+
Rectilinear		III	\$225	C	A	B	B	C	n/a	B-

*n/a means not applicable.



From top to bottom, left to right. 1st row: EPI 60, AER 38+, Pioneer Project 60, Smaller Advent. 2nd row: EPI 100, Advent Utility, EPI 150. 3rd row: Bose 501 II, JBL Decade, JBL L88+. 4th row: EPI 202, Bose 901 II, JBL L 100.