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Amplified Speakers

We have a big, honking sound system for the overall atmosphere. But we have "spot sound" associated with several props, such as the [scream box](#) that is triggered when the [popup skeleton](#) activates.

Each of these spot sounds uses a sound source, like a portable CD player, and a set of self-powered speakers. This allows us to crank the sound level of each prop up and down, and aim the speakers in the direction of the TOTs.

Some time ago, I thought it reasonable to build small dedicated amplifiers for each prop that required spot sound. I have come completely around on this subject: small sound systems are an exercise in purchasing, not manufacture. This is because small sound systems, usually intended for use with computers, are so inexpensive nowadays, it's scary!

For just a few bucks, you get amplifier, volume control, speaker(s), and some sort of power (either a plug for the wall, or a compartment for batteries).

Inland

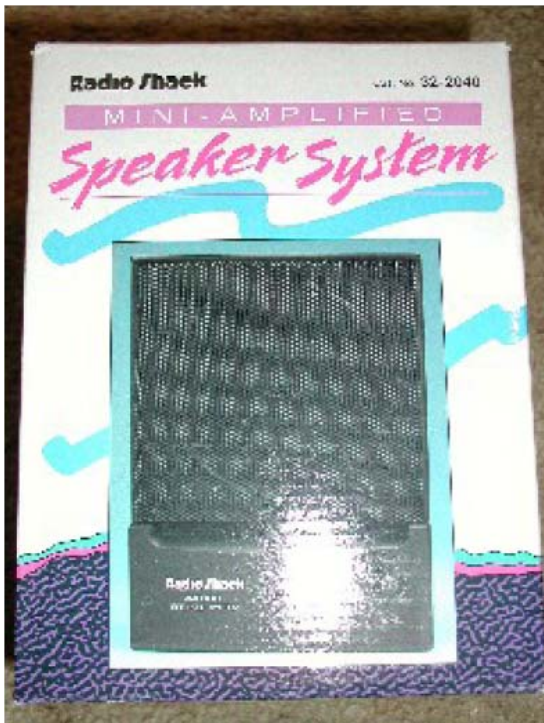


This is a two-speaker stereo unit made by Inland. It is powered from the AC line.

I got this one at [Fry's](#), but not for the \$9.99 price tag. They show up on sale for \$2.99 or \$4.99 every few weeks.

According to the package, these units are available in either black or beige cases. I have looked a lot, but never seen these particular amplified speakers in black cases. Spray paint fixes that.

Radio Shack



This is a little monophonic amplified speaker from Radio Shack. It is normally battery-powered, but has a jack to accept an external power source.

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