

I recently installed the Zed Draconia (no BB) in place of a TRU T4.100 with BB.
The rest of the system included an Alpine 9815, CDT ES-620, and 12" IDQ.

My first thoughts were Control and Detail.
I honestly wasn't expecting much, if any, difference because of the price. Plus I really didn't think there'd be much of an audible difference between amplifiers. As soon as I listened to the Draconia, I was surprisingly amazed at the difference.

(I actually had the TRU tested because of the difference I was hearing, but it tested ok, with low distortion, 100w around 13.4v, clean sine waves, etc.)

The Zed's mid-bass and sub output was tighter, and there was more detail in the music. I know an amp has a simple job of "amplifying" the signal, and this amp does just that. I suppose a better explanation would be that it doesn't color or add anything that shouldn't be there.

The Zed amps have an isolated pre-amp section with its own power supply. This may be the reason I noticed less noise versus the T4.100 in the exact same setup.

I don't think TRU amps are bad, but this Zed simply sounds better, at less than 1/2 the price.

Yeah, the mounts could look better for those who need to show the amp. My car is a daily driver, and the amp stays hidden, so it's no biggie to me. I do like the big ass heavy duty heatsink case. :-)

By the way, the Zed Draconia has a Band Pass option on channels 3/4 for an active setup. That's pretty damn cool. Stephen said he could retro-fit a subsonic filter, since I use it for sub duty as well. I believe the new Kronos 4ch may have that built-in.

On both setups, I used the 9815 crossovers, with the amp crossovers bypassed.

After 2 weeks of installing the Zed amp, I then replaced the Eurosports with Oz Matrix Elite components. The extra detail is even more noticeable now. Fingers on strings, breathing, background instruments, etc. And they are much more accurate. I can actually listen to piano, horns, and electric guitar now.

The Zed amp and Oz components are a great sounding combination for less than \$750 total. :-)

Thanks for a great amp,
Robert Fisher

