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# Anthem PVA-8 Multi-Channel Amplifier Reviewed

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## High Points

- You gotta love Anthem's easy-to-use binding posts for easy installation. Anyone who has jammed quality [speaker cables](#) (9 channels of them these days) into the back of an over-crowded receiver will appreciate how easy it is to install the PVA-8.
- Audiophiles could easily live with the sound of this 125 watt per channel amp across two channels even if it is piped into other rooms of the house.
- No receiver I have ever heard has the balls, weight or manhood that the Anthem PVA-8 has. This includes the \$4,000 feature-queen receivers out there on the market today. If you have more than one zone in your home - consider a more significant amp for the application.
- Compared to other multi-channel amps, the PVA-8 is not so physically heavy that it will rupture a disc in your back or crack a [rack shelf](#).

## Low Points

- 125 watts per channel of real power is a good amount of juice for most systems but for larger rooms or for people with the need to (as [Spinal Tap](#) once sang) "make some eardrums bleed" you might need more power. Be careful to look into the stated efficiency of your speakers. If you are north of 90dB and your room isn't gigantic - you should be more than fine. If you in the 88dB or lower range or you have a theater room with lots of space or open walls, you might need more power.
- The look of the Anthem PVA-8 isn't as sexy as some of the other products in the Anthem line in terms of [industrial design](#), but when all are lined up in a nice rack - they can look pretty happening.

## Conclusion

Anthem has a winner on its hands with the \$2,299 PVA-8 multi-channel amp. It can kick the snot out of an [AV receiver](#) on all fronts when it comes to powering multiple speakers. It can also woo an audiophile with engaging musical playback and it can draw even a jaded home theater enthusiast into the dialog of a movie with ease. For those of us with music piped into nearly every room of the house - it's reasonable to consider ordering more than one Anthem PVA-8 as it will bring audiophile sound to multiple speakers in various locations throughout your home with grace and ease.

## Additional Resources

- [Learn about other multi-channel amps at HomeTheaterReview.com](#)
- [Discuss multi-channel amps at HomeTheaterSpot.com](#)
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