

DISTORTION STOPPER

The distortion problem presented under the heading "Pocket-Stereo Amp" in *Ask R-E* (**Radio-Electronics**, August 1992) might not be caused by the LM386 circuit; it could be caused by insufficient load on the source amplifier from the pocket stereo—particularly if the output amplifier is made from discrete components. The key to my conclusion was the report of distortion at all listening levels.

I recommend loading the pocket stereo with a 20- to 50-ohm resistor, as shown in Fig. 1.

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