

The Temple Comparator, Speaker Selector

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The Temple Comparator, a speaker selector made by Temple, Inc. of Chicago, is a cone shaped black Bakelite switch with a selector knob on top, allowing the connection of 5 speakers. The literature says that it produces speaker sales by allowing several speakers to be connected for easy comparison of their tonal quality. These were sold in the 1920's at a cost of \$3.50. The brochure shows only speakers with separate drivers, so this was before Temple began making open cone speakers. It is a unique item measuring about 3 ¼ inches at the base and 2 ½ inches tall. It makes a nice addition to a speaker collection. I've seen them sell in the \$35 range on eBay, without the original box.

