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Let H and G be graphs such that G is a subgraph of H. A G-decomposition of H is a set $\Delta = \{G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_t\}$ of pairwise edge-disjoint subgraphs of H each of which is isomorphic to G and such that $E(H) = \bigcup_{i=1}^t E(G_i)$. A G-decomposition of K_m is also known as a (K_m, G) -design. The problem of determining all values of m for which there exists a (K_m, G) -design is commonly called the spectrum problem for G. We settle the spectrum problem for cubic graphs of order 8 by showing that if G is a cubic graph of order 8, then there exists a (K_m, G) -design if and only if $m \equiv 1$ or 16 (mod 24). (Received September 25, 2012)