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HECO

Music Style 200



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Middle class

Price/Performance

Note

excellent

1,2

Configuration

An appealing design and elegant lines are clear features of the Music Style 200 compact speaker from Heco. This appearance is achieved through the use of two different housing surfaces - the front, top and base plate are provided with a high-gloss finish (either in black or white), while the side panels of the compact speaker are finished in a decorative ash veneer or an "espresso decor". The small two-way speaker generates a very good overall impression thanks to its excellent workmanship. Precisely embedded chassis, particularly solid speaker terminals and a flow-optimised, slightly rounded bass reflex tube simply enhance this impression. On the technical side Heco has reverted to tried and tested chassis technology: The Music Style 200 houses a powerful bass-midrange driver with a 110 mm cone that has been manufactured from long-fibre paper - a substance that has served Heco well over the years as a sturdy, lightweight and low-resonance material. A heavy duty 25 mm silk dome with ferrofluid cooling is responsible for the treble range.

Sound

In the listening test the small Music Style 200 is characterised by a dry, precise bass response with a cut-off frequency of around 80 hertz, which is remarkable for a speaker of this size. Overall, Heco's unit is compelling with its impulsive, dynamic style of play, which brings a lot of fun and enjoyment to any type of music. Another positive feature of the Music Style 200 is demonstrated when reproducing tracks with acoustic music and vocals, such as Tracy Chapman's "Fast Car": Its tonal neutrality and spatial imaging of the music are of a considerably high level - very respectable for a speaker in this price range.

Laboratory

Apart from a small resonance peak at 800 Hz the Music Style 200 delivers a balanced frequency response curve with low distortion and a good transient response.

Conclusion

The synthesis between design and optimum sound quality offered by Heco's Music Style 200 is outstanding. It delivers neutral timbres, a precise fundamental tone and lots of fun and enjoyment when listening to music. At a price of around €300 per pair, the Music Style 200 is a real bargain and a deserved winner of our mid-range speaker test.

Anyone looking for a good compromise of properties at a good price really can't go wrong with Heco's Music Style 200. Whether its sound character, size, design and workmanship is to your personal liking, you will need to decide for yourself.

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