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Heco's Music Style speakers: Film star

Heco's new Music Style series incorporates various types of speaker that are suitable for all requirements and applications. From small compact speakers to floorstanding speakers, the series includes all manner of combinations for stereophonic and multi-channel system solutions. The Music Style Center 2 speaker and the Music Style Sub 25A active subwoofer specialise in the reproduction of speech and deep bass effects respectively.

The two Music Style 500 and 800 floorstanding speakers are recommended for classic hi-fi applications which rely on broadband playback, or as front speakers in a home cinema setup.

Thanks to an efficient purchasing and production department, the audio specialists from Pulheim are able to offer the high quality speaker series at a particularly reasonable price. The large Music Style 800 floorstanding speaker, for example, costs just €400. And this includes first-class workmanship, at least at first glance. You can find out whether the Music Style 5.1 home cinema set is just as compelling at a second glance and how good its sound quality is on the following pages.

Shape and colour

The six-piece Music Style home cinema system consists of the 800 front speakers, the Center 2 speaker, the 200 shelf speakers and the Sub 25A subwoofer. All of the speakers in the series are available in a black, black/brown or white finish. The slightly rounded side panels make the speakers seem very solid and of an extremely high quality.

While the baffle and top are provided with a glossy lacquer finish, Heco has provided the sides with a finely-textured wooden veneer. The visual contrast between the reflective and silk-matt surfaces creates a charming look that stands out exquisitely from the tried and tested format.

The housings themselves are manufactured from medium density fibreboard (MDF). This provides the Music Style speakers with the necessary degree of rigidity and low resonance properties, which in turn benefit the sound quality. To ensure a secure footing Heco includes four spikes with each of the Music Style 500 and 800 floorstanding speakers. This enables the customer to choose between the pre-assembled, soft rubber feet and the hard metal spikes.

The supplied fabric grilles can be easily attached for anyone wanting a more discreet appearance. Overall, the quality of material and workmanship is very good.

Heco's Music Style 800 front speakers

Heco's Music Style 800 is a fully-fledged speaker measuring 110 cm tall but just 19.9 cm wide. This makes it appear more discreet and less powerful than it really is. In order to ensure broadband playback, Heco's developers have opted for a well-known, if not particularly common, solution. The tweeter and mid-range speakers, which appear small due to the construction of the speaker, are conventionally arranged on the baffle. The bass driver, on the other hand, is recessed lower in the speaker and protected by a fabric grille in the side panel. This has enabled Heco, despite the narrow baffle, to install a large 21 cm woofer in the Music Style 800 speaker. To ensure optimum conversion of the bass range the driver is vented via a reflex chamber. The sound issued from the chassis to the rear is channelled outwardly via two tunnels. The resulting bass reflex ports are located at the rear of the speaker. These are firmly screwed to the housing and feature a rounded, flow-optimised surface.

All of the chassis in Heco's Music Style series are equipped with paper cones. The pulp used offers optimum material properties for the conversion of lower and mid-range tones, as it is strong, lightweight and exhibits damping characteristics.

The dome used for the tweeter measures 25 mm. Thanks to a ferrofluid-cooled voice coil, a powerful ferrite magnet and a front plate with sound guide, Heco has been able to optimise the speaker's dispersion properties to ensure perfect interaction with the low and mid-range frequencies.

Four solid pole terminals ensure a secure cable connection. These allow the Music Style 800 to be optionally operated in a standard, bi-wiring or bi-amping configuration. The sturdy screw terminals are provided with a clear plastic sheath to prevent the risk of a signal short-circuit.

Heco's Music Style 200 and Music Style Center 2 rear and centre speakers

In order to ensure the best possible reproduction of surround sound within a multi-channel setup, all of the speakers in the Music Style series are equipped with the same midrange drivers and tweeters. A particularly homogeneous and uniform sound distribution is thereby achieved with minimal phase noise. This, in turn, is noticeable with precise locatability within the sound field. The 125 mm midrange driver used in the Music Style series plays a particularly important role, as it is largely responsible for the tonally sophisticated reproduction of vocal segments. The compact and centre speakers are connected via two short-circuit-proof pole terminals.

Heco's Music Style Sub 25A subwoofer

The Sub 25A subwoofer ensures the necessary pressure levels in a home cinema setup.

Thanks to its powerful 250 watt amplifier and large 26 cm woofer, the imposing subwoofer is capable of reproducing frequencies below 25 hertz. The two bass reflex ports are embedded at the rear and, as is the case for the other speakers in the series, are screwed firmly in place in a flow-optimised configuration. This eliminates unwanted ventilation noise that is generated by excessive movement of the 260 mm cone.

Sound

To evaluate the acoustic quality of the set we use the Blu-ray of the action-packed horror/shoot-em-up "Doom". The entire set is compelling with a dynamic and agile playback that makes the film seem particularly vivid and realistic. The surround sound is also very good. The gloomy atmosphere of the dark corridors in the medical research station on Mars gave us goosebumps after just a few seconds.

When the mutant monsters are put in their place by the elite soldiers the set really gets down to the nitty gritty. The subwoofer supports the action with a brutal and profound bass range, which causes the explosions to send a chill down our spines. The tweeters generate a compelling performance in the surround setup with a brilliantly refreshing, highly detailed reproduction. This makes the sound of the cartridges falling from the large-calibre weapons appear extremely authentic. Finally, it also needs to be said that Heco's Music Style set is also compelling in a classic music setup. The tonally-neutral and in-phase coordination exhibited by the set are particularly noticeable here. Pop, rock and even the most demanding of jazz pieces sound amazingly good.

Clear text

Heco's Music Style home cinema set doesn't put a foot wrong in the AV-Magazin test. The high quality of the sound, material and workmanship guarantees superb music and movie enjoyment - without putting too much strain on your wallet. It's hats off and a clear 'recommended purchase' award for the speaker set from Pulheim!