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## HECO MUSIC STYLE 800

"HIGH QUALITY AT A  
LOW PRICE"



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When it comes to purchasing a speaker there are various models available that are suitable for every budget. Heco, the German developer that was founded in 1948 by Hans Gerhard Hennel, has been making a name for itself in terms of speaker construction since 1965. Its Victa, Celan and Metas series can be found in many home cinema setups today, as they offer an excellent price/performance ratio. The manufacturer's Music Style series is very much focused on high quality at a low price. This sees a lot of Heco's tried and tested technology, which is used in its most expensive models, being used in the speaker.

### Workmanship

Die Heco Music Style 800 sind auf From the outset Heco's Music Style 800 appears flawless with a very sturdy build quality. Its multi-braced housing has been constructed from individual MDF panels. The mirror finish exhibited by the front and top panels as well as the elegant metal rings around the cones generate an attractive visual appearance. The decorative veneered side panels are bonded seamlessly and are of a very high quality. Particularly lightweight, long-fibre paper is used as the cone material for the woofer and



midrange. A 25 mm silk compound dome has been used for the tweeter. The drive system is cooled with ferrofluid oil and promises a high load capacity. The crossover takes both the phase and the amplitude behavior into account. At the side is a 21 cm woofer, which is ventilated via a bass reflex chamber. The connecting termi-

nal with its solid, gold-plated and encapsulated screw terminals supports a bi-wiring or bi-amping configuration. In addition, the rear of the speaker also accommodates two screwed bass reflex tubes, which are flow-optimised on both sides. In addition to the base plate, there are also damping rubber feet and adjustable metal spikes.

### Sound quality

#### Film

The film "World Invasion: Battle Los Angeles", Resident Evil 5: Retribution" and concert recordings by "Udo Lindenberg & Das Panikorchester – Ich mach mein Ding: Die Show", "Iron Maiden: Flight 666" and "Garbage - One Mile High ... Live" were all used for the listening test. The Blu-ray films are reproduced by the Heco Music Style 800 with a natural sound pattern that doesn't exhibit any problems at all in terms of enhanced dynamics. Things are somewhat more critical with the concert recordings. Only the corresponding LPCM 2.0 and PCM 5.1 tracks (Iron Maiden) were tested in this context. All aspects are clearly identifiable in our test, particularly the extensive mix of instruments used in "Udo Lindenberg & Das Panikorchester – Ich mach mein Ding: Die Show". Admittedly, some sounds may not be as expressive in terms of detail in the high frequency range, but that's really being picky. The powerful bass range comes into its own during the Garbage concert and it will certainly make you think twice about the need to purchase a subwoofer.

#### Music

Apart from its suitability as a surround sound system, Heco's Music Style 800 can also be used for pure hi-fi stereo sound.

Bei dem Song "Madness" (Muse) Heco's Music Style 800 once again confirmed its positive impression in terms of an excellent bass reproduction with "Madness" by Muse. Speakers that can reach such depths are few and far between in

this price segment. Often it's the case of having to lower your sights in other departments, but that's far from true here. The music that is reproduced in tracks such as "Luminol" or the title track "The Raven that refused to sing" sounds very natural and authentic. The percussion and the bass lines create an impression of the



musicians and their instruments being in the same room. There aren't any problems in terms of detail either, even when there are more instruments being used. This allows the albums by Dream Theater and Opeth to sound wonderfully transparent. No distortions are apparent, even when operated at high volume. The overall sound of the speaker proves to be very neutral without any particular frequency being over-emphasised. The bass remains dry and precise at all times, without drawing attention to itself with a booming or droning sound.

### Conclusion

At a recommended retail price of just €399 per speaker, Heco's Music Style 800 represents a real bargain. Excellent value for money is offered in terms of workmanship and sound quality, which is scarcely bettered in this price range. Sound fetishists with elevated expectations and a wallet that isn't quite full to bursting should definitely keep this series in mind.

