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Subwoofer

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REL R-205

Our much put-upon sub editor momentarily cracked a rare smile when told we were selecting the sub of the year. Not for long, mind – the penny soon dropped that we were talking about the phenomenal REL R-205 subwoofer, an easy way to hear your system in a new light. We'd also like to bet it wouldn't let as many mistakes creep into the mag as our sub, if we were being uncharitable.

The R-205 can be set to work simultaneously with a multichannel or stereo input, making a remote control redundant. The sub plugs a narrow gap centred on a range of much lower frequencies than is available from most comparably compact subwoofers, and is specifically designed with a crossover that supports this kind of use. The main benefit of the R-205 is that you don't hear it working – you just hear the fantastic overhaul it gives your home cinema system.

You'll need to follow the instructions with some care, mind, and take time over the fine tuning, but you'll be shocked at the depth and tonal variety of your system by simply adding a compact sub. The best things are definitely worth the wait – even sub of the year.

