

HCC Best Buy Awards

Subwoofer of the year

REL T1

Commended

BK Monolith-DF SVS PB12plus/2

The Winner

REL T1
£600 (approx) ♦ www.rel.net
01656 768777 ♦ Reviewed: HCC #138
Building on the fine tradition founded by Richard Lord, REL, now owned by Sumiko, offers the supremely versatile T1 as its concept of a small subwoofer capable of delivering huge sub-bass.

Measuring only 361 x 400 x 419mm, the T1 has a 10in active driver paired with a 10in, passive one; a 335W amplifier; and a choice of two inputs with separate level controls. There's also a crossover control.

A frame arrangement gives the floor clearance for the required boundary loading, and spikes can be fitted. Corner placement gives the best results, offering true low-bass pressurisation below 40Hz. Our reviewer noted that the results offered 'real control and savage profundity', while remaining musical. It's equally suited for classical music and action movies. It's a REL alright.

★★★★½

Also nominated

BK Monolith-DF
£400 (approx) ♦ www.bkelec.com
01702 527572 ♦ Reviewed: HCC #137
Big enough that it has to be delivered on a pallet and unloaded by two people, the 46.75kg Monolith is a simple ported unit, but carefully tuned to get the most

from its driver. You have a choice of inputs, phono or XLR, each with its own gain control, a 0-180° phase knob and a crossover frequency selector.

With its proprietary 12in long-throw driver, this 95 litre, downfiring ported enclosure is capable of shifting some serious air. The onboard MOSFET amp produces 300W RMS, a vast, deep sound which still has a superb ability to follow a bassline in a score. Superb.

★★★★½

SVS PB12plus/2

£1,400 (approx) ♦ www.svsound.com
01892 535007 ♦ Reviewed: HCC #130
A massive 63kg box with two downward-firing 12in cones, this triple-ported 900W subwoofer has a built-in plinth, adjustable crossover, a single-band parametric EQ, a 0-180° phase control, and left and right inputs and the outputs on phonos and speaker connectors.

It is 'as subtle as a punch in the solar plexus' but it's just the job for those fans who want to replicate the thrills of Sensurround.

★★★★½



'It fights way out of its weight league, and shakes like a brute' HCC #138

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