



Børresen Acoustics X3

WINNER

FLOORSTANDING LOUDSPEAKER £10K–£20K



A part of Børresen Acoustics' more affordable X series, the 1.3m tall, three-way, four-driver floorstanding X3 loudspeaker most notably sports the company's distinctive 'spread-tow' carbon fibre mid and bass drivers. These drivers feature sandwich cones with an aramid honeycomb filler and have a chequerboard weave. The result is thinner, lighter, more rigid, easier to control cones. They also feature double copper caps on their pole pieces to reduce inductance and create a smoother impedance.

Additionally, the closed ribbon tweeter has been the subject of elaborate finite element analysis to optimise its magnetic flux, thereby creating a more efficient and linear driver. The wedge-shaped, curved taper cabinet is made of a heavily braced wood composite material, with carbon fibre reinforcement on the top and front. It also features six metal reflex ports on the rear baffle and the cabinet sits on Ansuz feet for resonance control.

In our listening test, Jason Kennedy found the X3 delivers powerful bass reproduction and precise imaging. The speakers create a seamless soundstage, while the absence of perceived colorations encourages high-level listening. The speaker also provides impressive resolution, detail, and a clean sound due to its design and construction. Adding Darkz feet further enhanced bass and low-level resolution.

Regardless, Jason concluded that "Standing on their own four feet the Børresen X3s represent excellent value both in terms of sound and build quality, which given where they are made is quite an achievement."

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