



Wilson Benesch

Discovery II stand-mount loudspeakers

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The Wilson Benesch Discovery II (from the company's Geometry series) is one of the most distinctive standmount loudspeakers out there. In fact, I'd call this a SINO product ('standmount in name only') because that unique up-firing bass unit precludes normal stands. A 2.5-way monitor loudspeaker, the Discovery II features the Isobaric Drive System, which uses two drivers mounted in a clamshell formation directly on the underside of the loudspeaker, in close proximity to the inverted Semisphere tweeter and the dedicated Tactic II midrange drive unit. The loudspeaker also features a new machine-finished alloy baffle, that terminates at its top and bottom extent into precision engineered CNC-machined alloy plates.

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Sircom, "It really does live up to its 'big speaker in a small box' reputation it has gained among serious listeners." Alan thought the loudspeaker, "has a characteristically dry sound, not to the point of undermining the presentation of reverb detail, but it doesn't add thickness to that presentation either." He concluded, The three Wilson Benesch obsessions of driver speed, deep bass, and outstanding soundstage are played well here, and you can add exceptional detail, good vocal articulation, an overall precision to the sound, and lots of focus. Yes, it's still a clean and dry sound, but now it's dry like a martini, and there's nothing wrong with that!" +



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