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Subsonic X Series Home Theatre Speaker System

One of the things that makes Subsonic's speaker a bit different from the rest is its Polymorphic range. We first looked a pair back in AVL-106, an impressive pair of floorstanders made system and room-friendly, thanks to three switches. The company's Polymorphic technology allows the user to tailor and fine tune performance with switchable impedance and different room size and acoustic settings. Well, as well as the PM series, Subsonic produces another range of speaker designs, it's more conventional

and affordable X Series, a few of which we have gathered here to put to the test.

The X Series is Subsonic's answer to the increasing number of affordable loudspeaker packages out there designed for both music and movies. Subsonic believes they represent the best quality and value for money loudspeakers available in Australia today - a bold claim, but natural enough when you're enthusiastic about your products, as Subsonic obviously is.

There's a few models in the range, and putting a suitable system together, Subsonic sent us a pair of XM3 floorstanders, XC2 centre and a pair of XR2 rear surrounds. There are three active X Series subwoofers, although one wasn't supplied for the purpose of this review. Starting at the front, the XM3s are the smallest and most affordable of three floorstanders in the range and were designed to have a tight and musical feel, according to the manufacturer. The XM3s incorporate two 130mm bass/mid drivers and they're the same units as used in the company's flagship PM1 model. Situated above these is a single a 25mm soft dome tweeter equipped with an aluminium voice coil.

Subsonic's literature makes several references to the construction quality of its X Series and there's been a lot of thought and effort in this regard. The XM2s cabinets are made from 18mm MDF and 360° interlock bracing is used that runs right around the inside of the cabinet. The front baffle is painted to a

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Vital Statistics

Dimensions:

795 x 195 x 295mm (XM3)

Weight:

16kg each (XM3)

Price:

\$1,897 (complete system)

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