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Q Acoustics
Testübersicht 2017

„Transparenter und verfärbungsfreier Klang in Kombination mit wunderschönem Design.“ Q Acoustics

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Willkommen bei **Q Acoustics**

- Gegründet im Jahr 2006 mit der Q1000 Serie
- Seitdem jedes Jahr zahlreiche internationale Auszeichnungen und Testerfolge
- Darunter allein 29 What Hi-Fi? Awards

Innovationen

- Pioniere für eine Verbesserung des TV-Klangs mit der Einführung des Q-TV2 bevor sich Soundbars durchsetzten
- Erstes Unternehmen, das Gelcore™ zur Minimierung von Gehäuseresonanzen einsetzt
- Erster Hersteller mit innerhalb von Subwoofern abstrahlenden Tieftönern zur Reduzierung von Raumeinflüssen
- Erster Lautsprechersprecherspezialist mit BMR Technologie für breit abstrahlenden raumfüllenden Klang

Q-TV2

Gelcore

BMR

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Q Acoustics **Philosophie**

- Bestmögliche Klangqualität in jeder Preisklasse
- Wunderschöne Lautsprecher ohne akustische Kompromisse
- Innovative Produkte dank modernster Technologien und Entwicklungen
- Transparenter, detailreicher und verfärbungsfreier Klang

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Q Acoustics Produktkategorien

Media-Lautsprecher

Bester Klang für TVs, Tablets, Smartphones und kompakte Musiksysteme

Alle Soundbars der Media Serie besitzen trotz ihrer kompakten Abmessungen einen integrierten Subwoofer für eine grandiose HiFi-Wiedergabe

Lautsprecherboxen

Elegante audiophile Schall-wandler für Stereo-Systeme und Heimkinos

Einzigartige Chassis- und Gehäuse-Technologien ermöglichen eine hervor-ragende Wiedergabe von Musik und Soundtracks

Einbaulautsprecher

Unauffällig flache und exzellent klingende Lautsprecher zur Montage in Decken und Wänden

Dank besonders weitwinklig abstrahlender Hochtöner ist bei allen Einbaulautsprechern ein raumfüllendes Stereo-Klangbild gewährleistet

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Auszeichnungen & **Testergebnisse**

„technisch ausgeklügelt“

„Anspruch auf eine Pole Position“

„exzellenter Klang, exklusive Erscheinung, erschwinglicher Preis“

„eine exzellente Klangqualität“

„kraftvoller, ansprechender Klang”

„tiefe Klangbühne und hervorragende Platzierung“

„unglaublicher audiophiler Gegenwert“

„technisch und klanglich definiert dieser Lautsprecher seine Preisklasse neu“

„Ganz großes Kino!“

„langzeithörtauglicher Lautsprecher, der erfrischend lebendig aufspielt“

„die musikalischste von uns getestete Soundbar“

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2017 **Media-Lautsprecher**

Die aktiven Lautsprecher unserer Media Serie lassen sich mit einer Vielzahl von Audioquellen verbinden und ermöglichen so eine Top-Klangqualität von TVs, Smartphones und allen Musikquellen.

Soundbase M2

Mit der unglaublich kompakten M2 ist es möglich, eine beeindruckende Fernsehton- und Musikwiedergabe auf kleinstem Raum zu realisieren. Ob TV-Ton per HDMI, Audiostreaming über Bluetooth aptX vom Smartphone oder Heimkinogenuss mit MoviEQ – die M2setzt jede Art von Audiosignalen perfekt in Szene.

Soundbar M3

Die M3 Soundbar liefert aus einem eleganten und kompakten Lautsprecher eine Klangqualität wie ein HiFi-System. Ob Fernsehton, Filmsoundtracks oder Musik – die M3 Soundbar versteht sich dank Eingängen für Lichtleiter, HDMI, Bluetooth, Cinch und Miniklinke auf jede Art von Audiowiedergabe.

Soundbar M4

Das autarke 2.1 Kanal-HiFi-System lässt sich über digitale und analoge Eingänge ansteuern oder kabellos per Bluetooth aptX mit Musikdaten vom Smartphone, Tablet oder Laptop versorgen. Ob direkt an der Wand – die hierfür erforderlichen Halterungen sind integriert – oder im Regal erleben Sie mit der M4 Stereosound in erstaunlicher Klangqualität.

2.1 Audiosystem M7

Die M7 ist ein sehr kompaktes und dennoch überaus leistungsfähiges 2.1-System für die Wiedergabe von Musik und Filmsoundtracks. Sie besteht aus einem Verstärker mit Bluetooth-Modul sowie zwei Satellitenlautsprechern und einem Subwoofer aus der 7000i Serie.

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2017 **HiFi- & Heimkino-Lautsprecher**

Unsere vielfach ausgezeichneten Regal-, Stand- und Heimkinolautsprecher bieten einen hervorragenden, natürlichen Klang.

3000 Serie

Evolution & Revolution

Die 3000 Serie ist mit modernsten Lautsprecherchassis und einer Weiterentwicklung des bahnbrechenden Gel-Gehäuses der Concept-Serie ausgestattet.

7000i Serie

Individuelles Design

Die 7000i Serie empfiehlt sich für anspruchsvolle Musik- und Heimkino-Fans, die ihre Schallwandler möglichst diskret in den Wohnraum integrieren möchten.

Concept Serie

Lautsprecherbau in Perfektion

Mit der innovativen und hervorragend klingenden Concept Serie ist der Beweis erbracht, dass sich Gehäuseresonanzen auf ein absolutes Minimum reduzieren lassen.

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2017 **Einbaulautsprecher**

Die Q Install Serie ermöglicht eine versteckte Lautsprechermontage in Decken und Wänden – mit den wasser- und wetterfesten Modellen sogar in Badezimmern, Küchen oder im Außenbereich.

Professional / Performance

Diskret & klangvoll

Modernste Technologien ermöglichen den hochwertigen Install-Einbaulautsprechern eine Klangqualität auf dem gleichen Niveau wie von konventionellen Stand- und Regalboxen.

Feuchtraum / wetterfest

Zuverlässig & unverwüstlich

Edelstahl-Befestigungen, korrosionsfreie Aluminium-Abdeckungen und rundum abgedichtete Magnetsysteme ermöglichen auch eine klangvolle Beschallung von Badezimmern oder Außenbereichen.

Decken- und Wandeinbau

Unsichtbar & vielseitig

HiFi- und Heimkinofans, die keinen Platz für die Aufstellung konventioneller Lautsprecher haben, finden mit unseren hochwertigen Einbaumodellen klangvolle Stereo- oder Mehrkanalsysteme für die diskrete Integration in Wänden und Decken.

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M3 Soundbar – eins der 10 coolsten Produkte auf der Welt

„Wenn Sie ihrem Loewe TV zu einem besseren Klang verhelfen wollen, empfehlen wir diese schicke Soundbar. … Aber das Überraschendste an der M3 ist ihr Preis, denn die vermutlich am besten aussehende Soundbar auf dem Markt kostet nur halb so viel wie die Sonos Playbar."

Lobend erwähnt in:

GQ · WHAT HI-FI? · T3 · Stuff · Ideal Home · YouTube · THE SUNDAY TIMES

Forbes · BBC Music Magazine ★★★★★ · i-fidelity.net Preistipp · image hifi · Ulite · Trusted Reviews RECOMMENDED

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M3 Soundbar

3 x Produkt des Jahres bei What Hi-Fi? in Folge.

What Hi-Fi? Awards 2014, 2015 und 2016

M4 Soundbar

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Concept **500**

Die Concept 500 ist ein bemerkenswerter Standlautsprecher mit einer optimal auf die beiden Tiefmitteltöner abgestimmten Hochton-kalotte. Diese sorgt für ein besonders räum-liches und präzise ge-staffeltes Klangbild. Die innovativen Gehäuse verfügen über mehr-schichtige Wände, deren Zwischenräume mit einem Gel gefüllt sind, das Gehäuseresonanzen absorbiert und hoch-frequente Vibrationen in Wärme umwandelt. Mit aufwändigen Verstei-fungen und dem speziel-len Helmholtz Druck-Equalizer sind die Boxen zusätzlich gegen stehende Wellen und Vibrationen geschützt.

EISA AWARD Best Product 2017-2018 FLOORSTANDING LOUDSPEAKER Q Acoustics Concept 500

Hi-Fi Choice RECOMMENDED

hi-finews OUTSTANDING PRODUCT

avforums REFERENCE STATUS AWARD

lowbeats.de

Dezember 2017

Das Online-Magazin lowbeats.de checkt die Qualitäten der Q Acoustics Concept 500 und fällt ein 5-Sterne-Urteil.

“Dieser Lautsprecher sieht aus und fühlt sich an, als würde er 10.000 Euro oder mehr kosten. Die Mechanik, die Verarbeitung und das akustische Konzept – wo man auch hinschaut, alles wirkt absolut überzeugend, hochwertig und edel.

Und die Q Acoustics Concept 500 klingt auch so: Derart viel Spielfreude, so viel Energie und so viel Natürlichkeit gab es in dieser Preisklasse bislang noch nicht. Der nörgelige HiFi Tester in mir ist ja eigentlich erst froh, wenn er ein Haar in der Suppe gefunden habe. Hier will sich einfach keines finden lassen, zumal ihr Wirkungsgrad außergewöhnlich hoch ist und die Q Acoustics Concept 500 auch mit vergleichsweise wenigen Watt gut zurechtkommt. Machen wir es kurz: In der Kategorie Standboxen unter 5.000 Euro kenne ich nichts Vergleichbares.”

Concept 500

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DAS LIFESTYLE & TECHNIK MAGAZIN

Test 11/2016

lite-magazin.de

November 2016

Q ACOUSTICS Media 3: Supertest beim lite-magazin.de

Der erste Test der brandneuen Soundbar Q Acoustics M3 beim lite-magazin.de liefert einen begeisterten Bericht und Bestnoten.

"Beeindruckt wenden wir uns dann dem Filmton zu – mit nun ganz und gar nicht mehr bescheidenen Erwartungen. Die M3 Soundbar lässt sich davon aber keineswegs nervös machen. Kraftvolles und voluminöses Auftreten kennen wir ja nun schon von ihr, beim Filmton legt der schlanke Klangriegel aber auch noch einen extrem guten Virtual-Surround-Effekt mit einer vergleichsweise sehr tiefen Klangbühne und einer hervorragenden Platzierung nach.

Fazit

Q Acoustics haben mit der M3 eine hervorragende Soundbar für den Einsatz im Wohnraum-Heimkino geschaffen. Mit sehr schickem Design, topmoderner Ausstattung und flexiblen Aufstellmöglichkeiten fühlt sich die M3 Soundbar überall wohl und kommt dank breiter Bühne und kraftvollem Tiefton auch mit größeren Räumen problemlos zurecht."

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M3 Soundbar

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DAS LIFESTYLE & TECHNIK MAGAZIN 2017

lite-magazin.de

Oktober 2017

Q Acoustics Concept 500: Supertest beim lite-magazin.de

Überall, wo der neue Q Acoustics Standlautsprecher Concept 500 zu hören ist, sorgt er für begeisterte Reaktionen. So jetzt auch bei der Redaktion des Online-Portals lite-magazin.de, wo ein Test mit der Überschrift „Standlautsprecher Q Acoustics Concept 500 – Wunder-Wandler mit Gel-Gehäuse“ erschienen ist.

“Exzellenter Klang, exklusive Erscheinung, erschwinglicher Preis – die Q Acoustics Concept 500 hat alle drei Ziele erreicht, die ihre Entwickler gesetzt haben. Der Zwei-Wege-Schallwandler beeindruckt akustisch durch eine sehr klare, überaus plastische und herrlich homogene Wiedergabe, der Klang lässt sich in den Höhen und Bässen an den heimischen Raum anpassen. In Anbetracht der Qualität von Klang, Material und Fertigung ist das Preis-/Leistungsverhältnis der Q Acoustics Concept 500 schlichtweg hervorragend.”

Concept 500

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image hifi

Oktober 2017

image hifi

Q Acoustics Concept 500: fantastischer Test bei image hifi

Ganze 14 Seiten hat die Redaktion image hifi in der Ausgabe 6/2017 dem Standlautsprecher Q Acoustics Concept 500 gewidmet. In diesem Test beschreibt Autor Heinz Gelking nicht nur ausführlich die technischen Besonderheiten, er hat auch den Entwickler der englischen Box, Karl-Heinz Fink, interviewt und seine Höreindrücke überaus lebendig und umfangreich geschildert.

> Technisch und klanglich definiert dieser Lautsprecher seine Preisklasse neu. Es machte einfach Spaß, ja wunschlos glücklich, wie punktgenau, im dynamischen Verlauf akkurat und tonal stimmig die Concept 500 mir das in den Hörraum stellte. Die Concept 500 zählt eindeutig zu den Boxen, bei denen man Lieblingsplatte um Lieblingsplatte aus dem Regal zieht. Na klar, die Alleskönnerin beherrscht genauso Jazz oder Singer/Songwriter und Populäres. Die Concept 500 ist kein spektakulärer Lautsprecher. Ihre Wiedergabe hat nichts Vorlautes. Sie ist zu Ende entwickelt wie anderswo eine Mk-V-Version und klingt so ausgewogen wie schlicht und einfach ‚richtig'. Das will entdeckt werden.

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Concept 500

lite-magazin.de

September 2017

Q Acoustics Concept 40: Bestnoten beim Test des lite-magazin.de „Das schneeweiße Duo liefert eine Performance, die sofort ins Blut übergeht und einen unweigerlich die Mundwinkel nach oben ziehen lässt. Gemessen an der vergleichsweise zierlichen Gestalt der Concept 40 wird mir nun ein echtes Pfund an Dynamik, Kraft und Punch kredenzt. Wow, das ist mal ein Statement!“

“Der Aufwand lohnt. Dank cleverer Ideen in Sachen Gehäuseaufbau, Dämpfung und Bodenankopplung hat Q Acoustics einen absolut langzeithörtauglichen Lautsprecher entwickelt, der erfrischend lebendig und offen aufspielt und mit dem auch mal so richtig Gas geben kann. Erstaunlich, was klanglich so alles geht, wenn man Gehäuseverzerrungen auf ein Minimum reduziert. Dass die Concept 40 darüber hinaus auch noch hübsch ausschaut, sich in nahezu jedes Wohninterieur integriert und obendrein zu einem absolut fairen Preis angeboten wird, sind weitere Argumente sich diesen Lautsprecher einmal näher anzusehen und ausführlich anzuhören.”

Concept 40

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Concept 500

i-fidelity.net

September 2017

Q Acoustics Concept 500: neue Referenz bei i-fidelity.net

„Mit der Concept 500 bereichert Q Acoustics den Lautsprechermarkt um einen optischen Leckerbissen. Da das Innenleben zudem von einem der renommiertesten Forschungs- und Entwicklungsteams stammt, macht dieser Schallwandler Anspruch auf eine ‚Pole Position' geltend."

"Chassis, Frequenzweiche und Gehäuse sind bei der Entwicklung der Q Acoustics Concept 500 allesamt auf maximale Verzerrungs- und Resonanzarmut getrimmt worden. Diese herausragende Technik hat zudem eine wunderschöne Gehäuseverpackung bekommen, was folglich zu einer Synergieleistung führt, der i-fidelity.net nur mit der zusätzlichen Vergabe eines Referenz-Titels gerecht werden kann. Einmal Schwarz-Palisander bitte.

Klangqualität: überragend

Labor: sehr gut

Ausstattung: sehr gut

Verarbeitung: überragend"

HiFi Vision App

Juli 2017

Q Acoustics Soundbar M3: Supertest bei HiFi Vision
Die Redaktion der Test-App „HiFi Vision“ testete die Soundbar Q Acoustics M3 und veröffentlicht in Ausgabe 29/2017 einen begeisterten Report.

“Mit der M3 bietet Q Acoustics eine einfach zu bedienende Soundbar, welche als kompakte HiFi-Anlage, als Aktiv-Lautsprecher fürs Smartphone und natürlich als Soundsystem für den TV bestens funktioniert. Als 2.1 System überzeugt die M3 klanglich auf der ganzen Linie und ist auch preislich eine echte Empfehlung!

Ton: 50 %

Praxis: 50 %

+ überzeugender Klang

+ einfache Bedienung

+ horizontal & vertikal benutzbar”

M3 Soundbar

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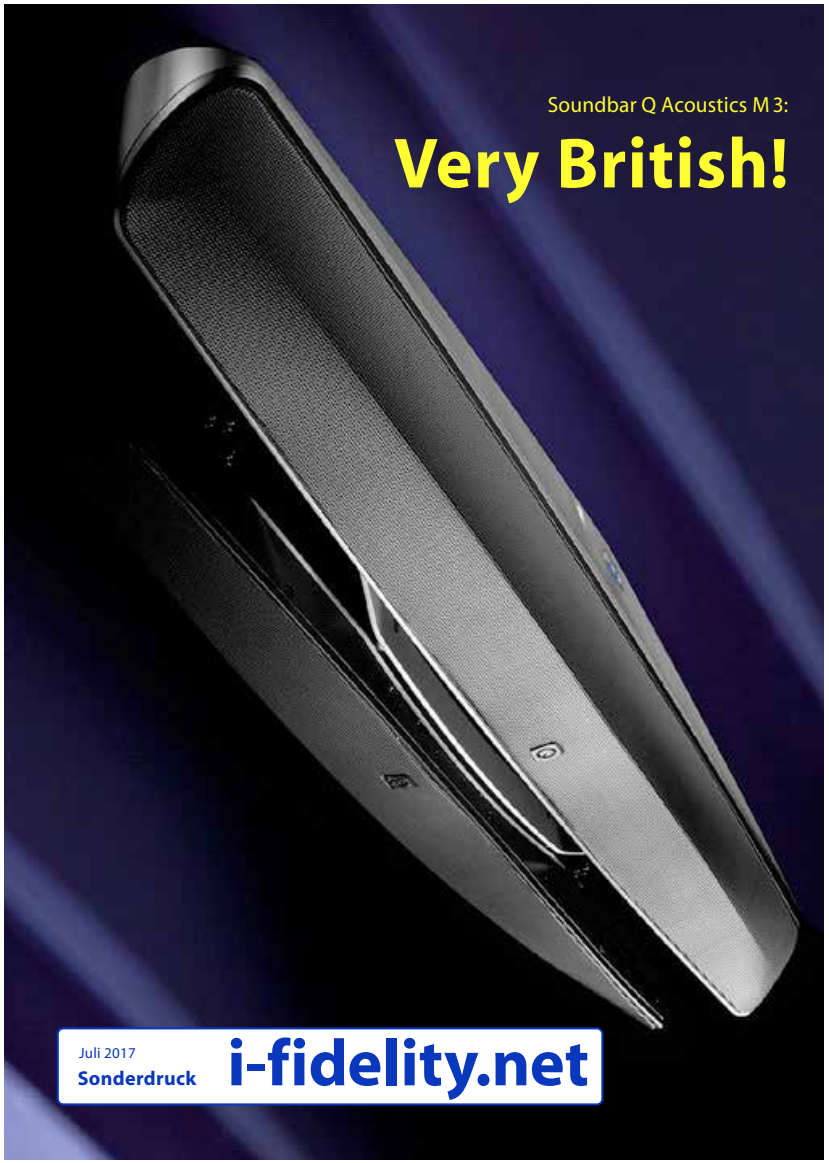

i-fidelity.net

Juli 2017

Q Acoustics Soundbar M3: „sehr gute“ Noten und Preistipp bei i-fidelity.net
Das Online-Magazin i-fidelity.net hatte die Soundbar M3 von Q Acoustics auf dem Prüfstand – und zeigt sich nicht nur über die Verbesserung der Fernsehton-Wiedergabe mit dem schlanken Bluetooth-Lautsprecher begeistert:

“Klangstark, flexibel in der Art ihrer Aufstellung und mit knapp 400 Euro auch noch preiswert – das ist ja echt mal very British von seiner schönsten Seite! Die M3 von Q Acoustics erfüllt alle Wünsche. Sie spielt zuverlässig groß auf, lässt sich durch nichts beirren und bietet mit Bluetooth, HDMI und optischem Digitaleingang eine sehr ordentliche Ausstattung. So sieht ein Siegertyp aus. Na dann: Great Britain, 12 points!
Klangqualität: sehr gut
Ausstattung: sehr gut
Verarbeitung: sehr gut”

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M3 Soundbar

Q steht für Clever

„Q“ nennt sich bekanntlich der Waffenmeister des Top-Agenten ihrer Majestät. Und die Erzeugnisse der ebenfalls britischen Marke Q Acoustics sind nicht minder pfiffig.

STEREO-TEST
KLANG-NIVEAU 79%
PREIS/LEISTUNG
★★★★★
ÜBERRAGEND

STEREO-TEST
KLANG-NIVEAU 65%
PREIS/LEISTUNG
★★★★★
ÜBERRAGEND

Q Acoustics (Armour Home Electronics) ist mit rund zehn Jahren ein vergleichsweise junger Mitspieler in der HiFi-Welt. Mir persönlich war kaum mehr als der Name bekannt, als ich die interessanten und preiswerten „Konzepte“ der Briten am Stand des Vertriebs DC Klaassen auf der High End zum ersten Mal sah. Mit den ersten praktischen Erfahrungen im Einzeltest der Concept 20, die STEREO ausführlicher in Ausgabe 11/15 unter die Lupe nahm, machte die Neugier schnell einer Anerkennung der unkonventionellen Lösungen Platz.

Sowohl bei der Concept 20 als auch dem größeren Schwestermodell Concept 40 kommt beispielsweise eine Zwischenlage aus Gel (Gelcore) zur Anwendung, die zwischen den (doppelten) Gehäusewänden des Lautsprechers positioniert ist, gewissermaßen ein „Box-in-Box“-Ansatz und bemerkenswert für den Paarpreis von 500/1400 Euro.

Leider Ge(i)l

Das spezielle Material soll dafür sorgen, dass die parasitäre, also ungewollte Schallabstrahlung durch das mitschwingende Gehäuse des Lautsprechers weitestgehend bedämpft wird und somit unterbleibt, am stärksten übrigens im musikalisch wichtigsten Frequenzbereich, dem Mittelton. Verzerrungen und Resonanzen – gewissermaßen der „Gehäuseklang“ – sollen so verhindert werden. Auch die Aluminiumfront mit einer weiteren Unterfütterung aus Butylkautschuk dient dem besseren Klang, und die elegante Magnethalterung der Bespannung liegt über dem Klassenstandard von Haltestiften. Sowohl in solchen Details wie auch bei den Treibern, der Weiche und der Gesamtkonstruktion treffen wir immer wieder auf die Handschrift von Karl-Heinz Fink, einem der emsigsten und prominentesten Lautsprecherkonstrukteure hierzulande.

Er war an der Entwicklung einiger legendärer Schallwandler, etwa der Mission Pilastro oder der Naim Ovator, um nur einige zu nennen, maßgeblich beteiligt und arbeitet bereits seit Jahren auch für Q Acoustics. Bei den Geschwistern von Q Acoustics führen das dritte Chassis wie auch das Mehrvolumen messtechnisch immerhin zu 13 Hertz mehr Tiefgang (53 zu 66 Hertz untere Grenzfrequenz). Mit 500 respektive 1400 Euro Paarpreis bewegen sich die Q-Geschwister noch im unteren, sehr erschwinglichen Mittelfeld der Testkandidaten.

Stark überdimensionierte Antriebe sollen allen Treibern bestmögliche Voraussetzungen für spektakuläre Dynamik mit auf den Weg geben, dazu kommt aber eine Abstimmung, die bei aller ehrlich-neutralen Offenheit angenehm geschmeidig bleibt und auch lange Hörsessions nicht zur analytischen Tortur werden lässt. Entspannt-natürlich soll es klingen – und das tut es. Sehr klar, plastisch, gut gestaffelt und mit schönen Klangfarben spielen die „Zwillinge“ auf.

Als in der Praxis störend empfanden wir, dass bei gestecktem Verbindungsstift im Bi-Wiring-Terminal ein Bananenstecker nicht unbedingt besten Halt findet, er geht schlicht nicht weit genug in die Buchse. Dafür sehen sowohl die seitlichen Ausleger der Standbox als auch die optionalen Ständer der Kompakten sensationell attraktiv aus.

Im Hörtest verblüfften die Q-Geschwister besonders, denn sie klingen annähernd gleich. Zumindest ist die Tonalität extrem

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Juli 2017

Q ACOUSTICS CONCEPT 20 und 40:
Doppeltest bei Stereo – 2 x überragend!

„Im Hörtest verblüfften die Q-Geschwister besonders, denn sie klingen annähernd gleich. Zumindest ist die Tonalität extrem verwandt. Natürlich rückt die Standbox den ersten, flüchtigen und subjektiven Eindruck sogleich zurecht, sobald die Schallwandler objektiv durch Pegel, komplexe Strukturen und/oder Bassläufe gefordert sind und sich so der physikalischen Materialprüfung im Grenzbereich nicht mehr – wie etwa bei Gitarre mit Gesang – entziehen können. Die Kompakte wirkt bei freier Aufstellung und großem Raum mitunter angestrengter, die Große dagegen mühelos. Tatsächlich ist die Ähnlichkeit schnell erklärt, denn beide sind laut QA Zwei-Wege-Bassreflexkonstruktionen, bei der Standbox ist die Trennfrequenz lediglich von 2,9 auf 2,3 Kilohertz abgesunken.
Ich kann nicht umhin: Die kleine Q Acoustics ist für 500 Euro womöglich das Schnäppchen, die große für gerade mal 1.400 Euro unter Berücksichtigung aller Parameter wie Optik, Verarbeitung, Technik und letztlich natürlich in besonderer Gewichtung Musikalität wohl der Superstar dieses Feldes. Damit ist sie zwar sicher nicht das obere Ende der Fahnenstange, markiert aber an dieser Stelle einen fast unglaublichen audiophilen Gegenwert.“

Concept 20 & 40

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Juni 2017

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Q Acoustics Soundbar M3: Supertest in der image hifi

“Wovon ein Bose Wave Radio oder ein Tivoli nur träumen kann, das kann die M3: Sie spielt Musik mit einer Klarheit und Räumlichkeit, einer glaubhaften Präsenz, die ich bei solchen Konzepten noch nie gehört habe. Nachdem ich sie einfach mal aufs Rack gestellt und einen CD-Player angeschlossen habe, scheint ‘E.S.P.’ vom Miles Davis Quintet praktisch von überallher zu ertönen, locker und breitbandig, sodass gerade die Blasinstrumente sehr natürlich klingen und mich dazu verführen, meine Anlage auch mal eine Weile ausgeschaltet zu lassen.
Bevor ich überhaupt eine CD besaß, schenkte mir ein Freund Mitte der 80er-Jahre einen Player und nötigte mich dadurch dazu, CDs zu kaufen. Durch die Q Acoustics Soundbar M3 fühle ich mich nun verleitet, mir vielleicht doch wieder einen Fernseher anzuschaffen. Bis dahin kann ich CDs hören oder streamen bis zum Abwinken. (Fast) ganz großes Kino!”

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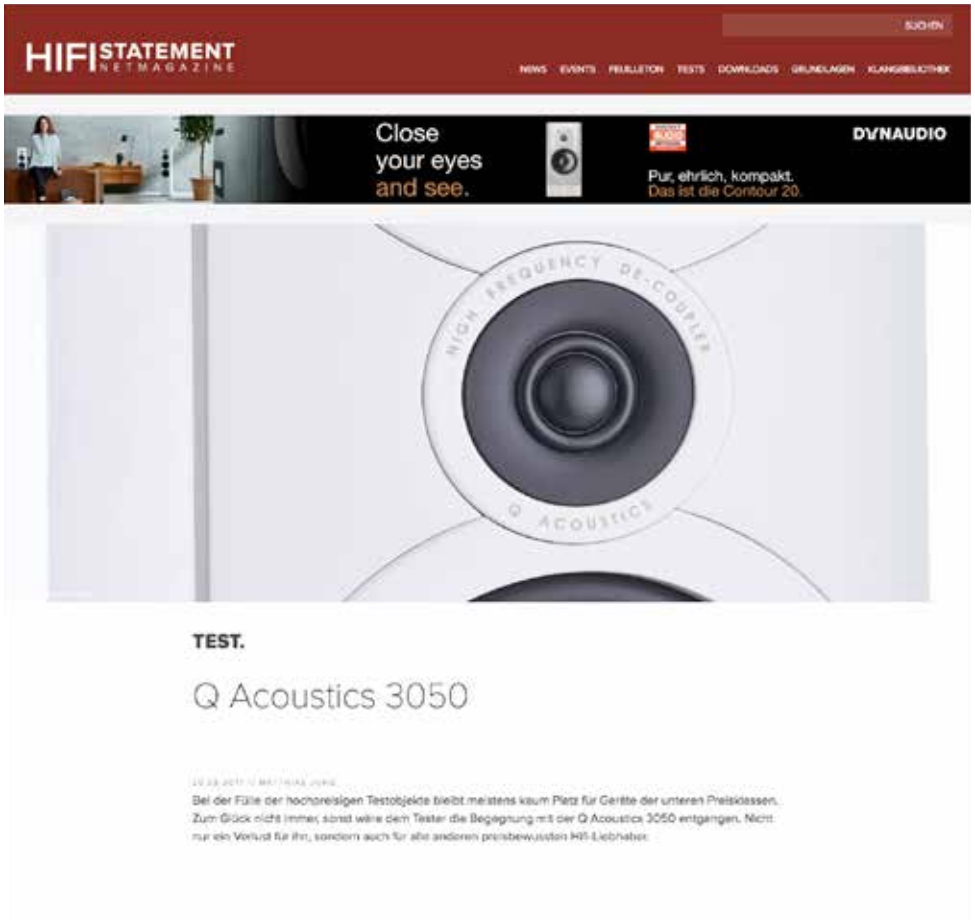
M3 Soundbar



hifistatement.net

April 2017

Supertest beim Online-Magazin hifistatement.net
In einem überaus ausführlichen Test nahm sich die Redaktion des Online-Magazins hifistatement.net die Q Acoustics Standbox 3050 zur Brust – und zeigte sich vollends begeistert

> Hervorragend verarbeitet und technisch ausgeklügelt. Die Q Acoustics 3050 lösen trotz ihres neutralen, langzeittauglichen Charakters ausgezeichnet auf und bieten einen fulminanten, sauberen Bass. In nicht zu kleinen Räumen ein ausgesprochener Allroundlautsprecher, der auch an schmächtiger Elektronik sehr gut funktioniert. Noch was? Ja, fast schon zu günstig!

3050 ACOUSTICS

HiFi Test

April 2017

Q ACOUSTICS Media 3: Bestnoten bei HiFi Test

Q Acoustics setzt konsequent auf optimale, unverfärbte Klangfarben und eine HiFi-typische Stereo-Räumlichkeit – frei nach dem Motto ‚weniger ist mehr'. Im Klangtest zeigt der M3 dann auch tatsächlich echte HiFi-Qualitäten und produziert ehrliche Klangfarben bei großem Frequenzspektrum und viel Feingefühl bei der Abbildung einer räumlichen Bühne. Abgesehen von satten Bässen – der M3 hat lediglich einen kleinen, integrierten Subwoofer – sorgt der Q-Acoustics-Soundbar für eine beachtliche Dynamik, die auch bei actionreichen Hollywood-Streifen gut zur Geltung kommt. Erstaunlich ist zudem das breite Soundfeld des M3, so dass trotz der ‚nur' 2.1-Wiedergabe ein überzeugender Filmsound im ganzen Raum entsteht.

Ton: 1,2

Praxis: 1,2

Gesamtnote: 1,2

Preis/Leistung: hervorragend

+ überzeugender Klang

+ einfache Bedienung

+ horizontal & vertikal benutzbar

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M3 Soundbar

STEREO

April 2017

Q ACOUSTICS Concept 500: Fünf-Sterne-Test bei STEREO

"Es wäre natürlich vermessen, diese kleine Standbox in einem Atemzug mit den ganz großen Namen der Lautsprecherszene zu nennen, aber die dort vorzufindende Festigkeit in der Abbildung ist hier dicht dran. Der Bass spielt schnell, schlank und unauffällig, bis er wirklich gefordert wird. Selbst langanhaltende Orgeltöne bringen die beiden kleinen Chassis erst sehr spät aus der Fassung. [...] Verblüffend hier auch, wie stabil die räumliche Abbildung gelang, einzelne Schallquellen fest, wie angewurzelt schienen, zugleich aber das Zusammenspiel einzelner Künstler absolut harmonisch dargestellt wurde. [...] Wer die Engländer bisher nicht auf der Rechnung hatte und in die Kategorie Billig-HiFi einsortiert hat, sollte diesem Lautsprecher auf jeden Fall etwas Zeit für eine ausgiebige Hörprobe spendieren, um herauszufinden, ob das nicht der Beginn einer wunderbaren musikalischen Freundschaft werden könnte.

Fazit

Der Sprung in die Oberliga ist den Briten mit deutscher Unterstützung souverän gelungen. Mehr noch, ab sofort reden sie dort ein sehr gewichtiges Wörtchen mit. Eine äußerst positive Überraschung zu einem mehr als fairen Preis!"

Concept 500

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Q ACOUSTICS Media 3: „Praxistipp“ der Redaktion Heimkino

“Im Klangtest zeigt der M3 dann auch tatsächlich echte HiFi-Qualitäten und produziert ehrliche Klangfarben bei großem Frequenzspektrum und viel Feingefühl bei der Abbildung einer räumlichen Bühne. Abgesehen von satten Bässen – der M3 hat lediglich einen kleinen, integrierten Subwoofer – sorgt der Q-Acoustics-Soundbar für eine beachtliche Dynamik, die auch bei actionreichen Hollywood-Streifen gut zur Geltung kommt. Erstaunlich ist zudem das breite Soundfeld des M3, so dass trotz der ‚nur’ 2.1-Wiedergabe ein überzeugender Filmsound im ganzen Raum entsteht. Mit dem M3 bietet Q Acoustics einen einfach zu bedienenden Soundbar, welcher als kompakte HiFi-Anlage, als Aktiv-Lautsprecher fürs Smartphone und natürlich als Soundsystem für den TV bestens funktioniert. Als 2.1 System überzeugt der M3 klanglich auf der ganzen Linie und ist auch preislich eine echte Empfehlung!

Ton: Note 1,2

Praxis: Note 1,2

Preis/Leistung: hervorragend

Testurteil: ausgezeichnet, Note 1,2”

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M3 Soundbar

Mal angenommen, Sie beschließen, Ihr Geld in Zukunft mit preisgünstigen Lautsprechern verdienen zu wollen. In diesem hart umkämpften und extrem dicht besetzten Marktsegment – dem sogenannten „*Hi-Fi*schbecken" – müssen Sie sich schon richtig was einfallen lassen, um überhaupt aufzufallen. Immerhin drei prototypische Schwimmszenarios stehen zur Auswahl:

1.) Die Harakiri-Variante: Sie nageln irgendwelche billigen Treiber in irgendwelche billigen Kisten und bieten diese Boxen irgendwie zum Sensationspreis an. Nur: Diese „Idee" haben auch andere LoFi-Hasardeure jeden Tag aufs Neue. Und es wird immer irgendwo jemanden geben, der alles irgendwie noch ein bisschen billiger machen kann. Und natürlich auch noch ein bisschen schlechter. Aber das interessiert hier niemanden. Sie sind ruckzuck Fischfutter.

2.) Die Erbtanten-Variante: Sie sind eigentlich Künstler oder Weltverbesserer von Beruf(ung) und verballern die Reserven der Erbtante für ein selbstverständlich „einzigartiges Lautsprecherkonzept". Sie dilettieren autodidaktisch und mithilfe eines Kumpels, der „schon in den 80ern geniale Boxen gebaut" hat. Die erste, viel zu spät erstellte Kalkulation zeigt, dass Ihr einzigartiger Premiumanspruch zu einem einzigartigen Preis führt. Die Erbschaft ist futsch, den Kumpel „bezahlen" Sie mit dem einzig funktionierenden Paar der Vorserie. Sie landen als Aushilfe in einem guten HiFi-Laden. Dort hören Sie, was der zuvor verachtete Mainstream mittlerweile für kleines Geld auf die Stative stellt. Eine erstaunliche Erfahrung. Nur zu spät.

3.) Die Profi-Variante: Sie sind Wirtschaftsfachmann, kennen die Lautsprecher-Branche aus dem Effeff, analysieren Markt und Käuferwünsche, engagieren eine Handvoll zuverlässiger Experten und arbeiten zielgerichtet, um ihre neue Marke zu etablieren – jawohl, mit preisgünstigen Lautsprechern.

Jetzt raten Sie doch mal, welche Variante das 2006 gegründete Unternehmen Q Acoustics gewählt hat. Tatsächlich hat Q Acoustics in nur wenigen Jahren zunächst den britischen Markt aufgemischt und etliche Awards abgeräumt. Mittlerweile ist QA dabei, auch Kontinentaleuropa (und den Rest der Welt natürlich auch, so viel Unternehmungslust muss sein) mit ihren preisgünstigen Klangperlen zu erobern.

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fidelity-magazin.de

März 2017

Test beim fidelity-magazin.de. Die Online-Ausgabe des deutschen High End-Magazins Fidelity startet mit einem Test der kompakten Regalbox Concept 20 ins neue Jahr. Das Motto von Chefredakteur Cai Brockmann: „Auch für klein Lautsprecher kann man große Summen ausgeben. Muss man aber nicht."

„Was entscheidend dazu beiträgt, dass auch der Hochtonbereich der Concept 20 stets klar definiert und deutlich, aber nie verschmiert oder gar zickig klingt. Überhaupt ist Klarheit eine der herausragenden Klangeigenschaften der überaus kompakten Concept 20. Sie geht auch in mittleren und tieferen Lagen schon richtig 'highendig' zu Werke und verzichtet dankenswerterweise auf die sonst in dieser Preis- und Größenliga üblichen Showeffekte; Stichwort: 'Grundtonbuckel'. Neben ihrer grundsätzlich sportlich-straffen, unaffektierten Spielweise bietet die kleine, wirklich hübsche Britin auch eine überaus präzise Raumdarstellung, die sie sogar als Nahfeldmonitor (auf Mischpult oder Schreibtisch) qualifiziert. Und selbst wenn sie tatsächlich im Regal oder auf dem Sideboard aufgestellt werden muss, klingt sie dort immer noch ausgewogener als die allermeisten Konkurrentinnen."

Concept 20

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HiFi & Records

Februar 2017

Q ACOUSTICS Concept 500: Supertest in HiFi & Records

Was dann folgte, ist ein Beispiel dafür, dass sich hohe Erwartungen manchmal auch erfüllen können. Zunächst ist da die vollkommen homogene Abbildung der Bühne zu nennen. Trotz richtiger Basisbreite habe ich bei manchen Lautsprechern das Gefühl, drei Schallquellen gegenüber zu sitzen: links, Mitte, rechts. Hier nicht, die Concept 500 spielen aus einem Guss. Die Ortung einzelner Stimmen und Instrumente gelingt tadellos, in vielen Fällen mit mehr Luft zwischen den Signalquellen als üblich. Hinzu kommen Klarheit, Transparenz und eine schier unglaubliche Plastizität. [...] Die Concept 500 nehmen diesen Stolperstein mit einer Souveränität, die es in dieser Preisklasse gar nicht geben dürfte. Ich habe den Eindruck, dass ich außer der Musik, außer den gewünschten Klängen nichts anderes höre – und spätestens jetzt weiß ich, dass diese Lautsprecher mich für längere Zeit begleiten werden.

Fazit

Das ist ein Schlag ins Kontor: Mit der Concept 500 hat das hinter Q Acoustics stehende Triumvirat einen hübschen, eindrucksvoll klingenden und dazu noch in Relation günstigen High End-Lautsprecher geschaffen. Ich bin mir sicher, dass die Concept 500 einer der Klassiker von morgen ist. Unbedingt anhören!

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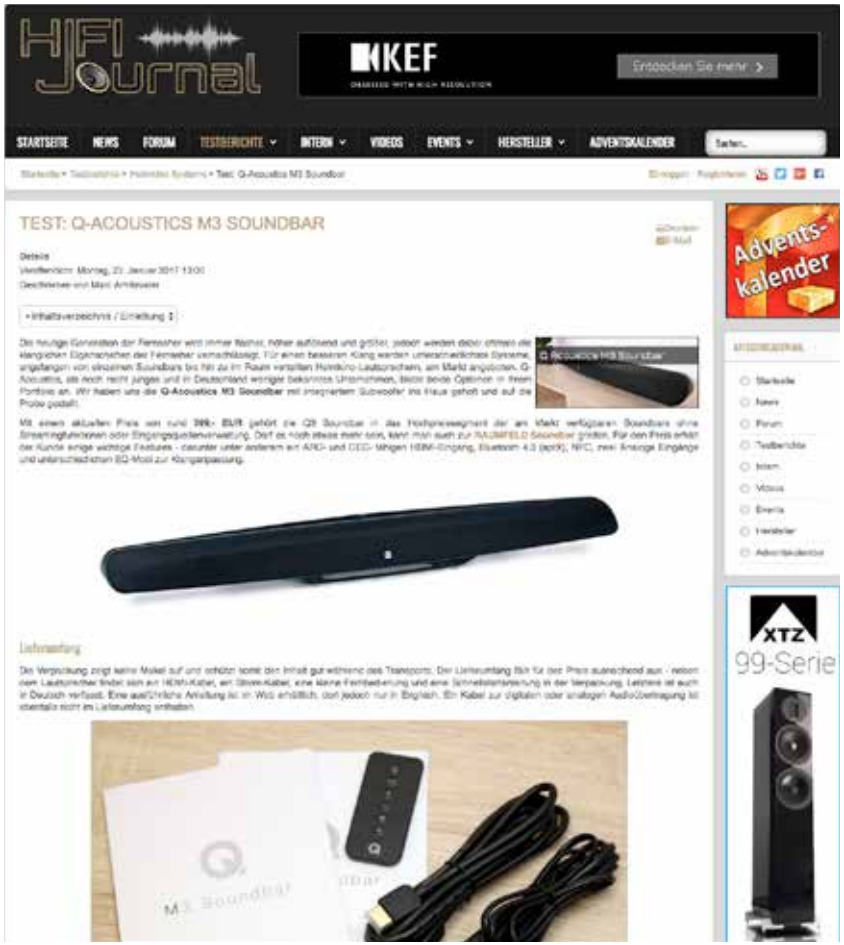
Concept 500



hifi-journal.de

Januar 2017

Q ACOUSTICS Media 3: „Top-Produkt“ beim hifi-journal.de
Das Online-Magazin hifi-journal.de hatte die neue Q Acoustics Soundbar M3 im Test und war begeistert.

“Die Q Acoustics M3 Soundbar hat bewiesen, dass sie sehr guten Klang liefern kann. Der Lieferumfang ist ausreichend, könnte für den Preis jedoch aber auch umfangreicher sein. Zum Premium-Lautsprecher passt dann schon eher die Verarbeitung, hier sitzt und passt alles perfekt. Trotz der unterschiedlichen Materialien sind die Spaltmaße sehr gleichmäßig. Die gebotenen Anschlüsse und Funktionen sind genau passend für den Einsatz als TV- und Wohnzimmer-Lautsprecher - egal ob digital, analog oder per Funk, es gibt viele Möglichkeiten zur Bespielung.
Im Praxischeck, bei der klanglichen Betrachtung, überzeugt das System über alle Kategorien hinweg mit einer sehr breit und neutral aufspielenden Weise. Der integrierte Subwoofer ermöglicht für die Größe ein erstaunliches Maß an Tiefgang. Die maximale Lautstärke ermöglicht es auch größere Räume zu bespielen. Selbst unter voller Last zieht die M3 Soundbar maximal 6,7 Watt aus der Steckdose, damit wird ein sehr geringer Stromverbrauch erreicht. Im sonstigen Praxistest zeigten sich keine Probleme - nur wenige Einstellungen sind vom Nutzer zu tätigen, um ein sehr gutes Klang- und Bedienerlebnis zu erhalten.”

M3 Soundbar

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TEST REPORT

Retro 5.1 Done Right

By Mark Fleischmann

Q Acoustics 3000 5.1 Speaker System

PRICE $900

TUBE AMPS. MONO PRESSINGS. And now, 5.1? Has bedrock surround sound indeed joined the ranks of retro audio technologies? Surround receivers beyond the most entry level nearly always have more than five channels (though their uses vary), while Dolby Atmos and DTS:X have made seven (5.1.2) the new minimum system configuration. What happens when you go in the other direction? The flood of 5.1 speaker sets that I used to review in the late 20th and early 21st centuries has tapered to a trickle. I see fewer new ones at CES and CEDIA, and plain old stereo is dominant at the rest of the domestic and international audio shows. However, the British manufacturer Q Acoustics has been marketing 5.1-channel speaker sets since the company's inception about a decade ago and continues to actively develop them. The brand's latest entry is called the 3000 5.1 Home Theatre System.

SOUND & VISION TOP PICK

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The founders of Q Acoustics previously worked for some fabled British loudspeaker makers, such as KEF, Mission, and Tannoy. The 3000 is one of four Q Acoustics 5.1-channel systems and one of two to be sold in the United States (through Q's American website or Amazon, among others, with free shipping). The other three systems are the satellite-based 7000i Plus 5.1, also sold in the U.S.; the tower-based Concept Cinema; and the 2000i Cinema, which uses compact speakers with 5-inch woofers, as opposed to the 4-inchers in the 3000. The company also sells soundbars, as well as in-wall, in-ceiling, and outdoor speakers.

The 3000 system consists of four 3010 compact satellites, a 3090C center, and a 3070S subwoofer. (The individual models are priced at $200/pair, $180, and $400, respectively; which would total $980—but when you buy them together as the 3000 package, you get an $80 discount.)

In pictures, these speakers look plain to the point of anonymity. Up close and personal, though, the matte graphite gray vinyl enclosures that housed my samples have a pleasing fit and finish, and the rigorous lack of ornamentation—aside from a slightly paler gray band around the baffle—makes them easy to live with. Optional accessories include the 3000ST stand ($140/pair) and 3000WB wall bracket ($28/each). The speakers do not have keyhole mounts, though there is a threaded insert on the bottom. The sub's supplied spikes may be made safe for hardwood floors with the included rubber covers.

The 3010 satellite is a two-way design with a 1-inch coated polyester-weave soft dome tweeter (with radiating surround) and a 4-inch paper-aramid (similar to Kevlar) cone woofer, behind a magnetically attached cloth grille. The 3090C center flanks the tweeter with two of the woofers. Both models have plastic-nut binding posts.

AT A GLANCE

Plus
- Sweet and smooth sats
- Dual 6.5-inch sub

Minus
- Deep sub juts out from wall

Rounded corners give the system a pleasing look.

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Sound & Vision (US)

Jul 28 2017

CIRCULATION: **90K**

Sound & Vision is a top consumer-focused home theatre and audio magazine.

> A sweet-sounding system, with a sub worthy of the satellites, the Q Acoustics 3000 is one of the best under-$1,000 5.1-channel setups we've heard.

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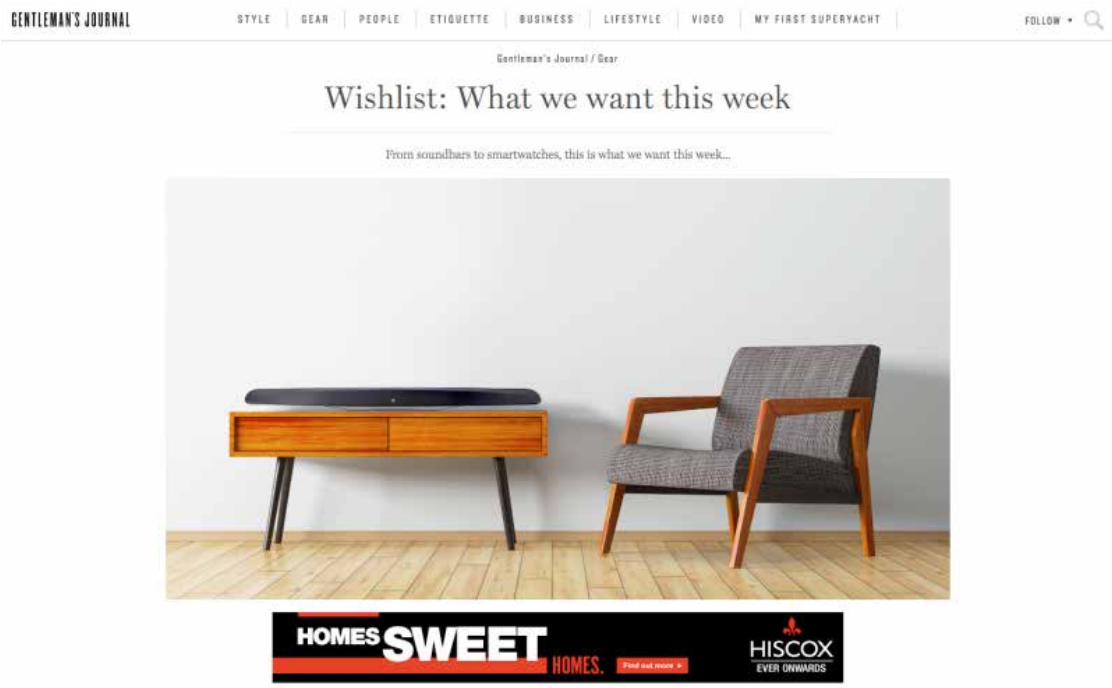
3000 Series



The Gentlemans Journal

Jul 13 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **354K**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **22.3K**

Gentleman's Journal website is the online arm of the men's monthly luxury lifestyle magazine for the discerning gent. The M3 featured on the 'Wishlist: What we want this week' section.

> "If you want something that will project pitch-perfect acoustics to go alongside your Loewe TV, we recommend this beauty. Not only does it deliver sound across 180 degrees and have a built-in subwoofer..."

M3 Soundbar

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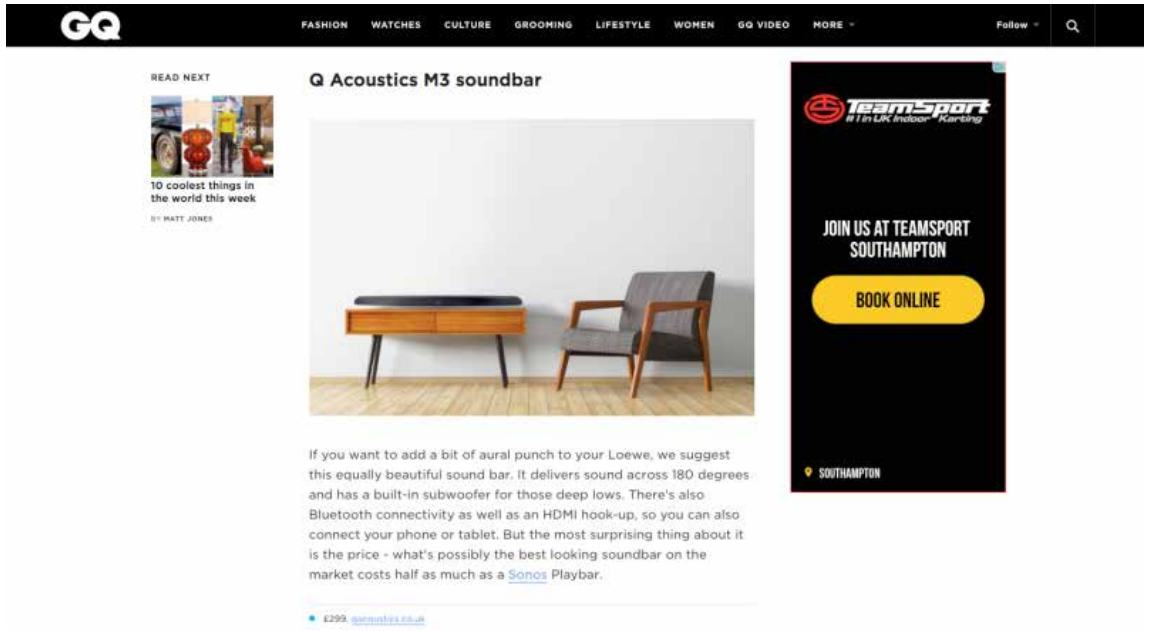

British GQ (online)

Jul 7 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **2.61M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **7.74K**

UK online presence of leading men's lifestyle magazine GQ. The website is a definitive guide to daily news, the latest "Cool stuff", bars, places to go, fashion, style, politics, culture, and technology. The M3 featured in the '10 coolest things in the world this week.' section.

> If you want to add a bit of aural punch to your Loewe, we suggest this equally beautiful sound bar. It delivers sound across 180 degrees and has a built-in subwoofer for those deep lows. There's also Bluetooth connectivity as well as an HDMI hook-up, so you can also connect your phone or tablet.

> ..what's possibly the best looking soundbar on the market costs half as much as a Sonos Playbar.

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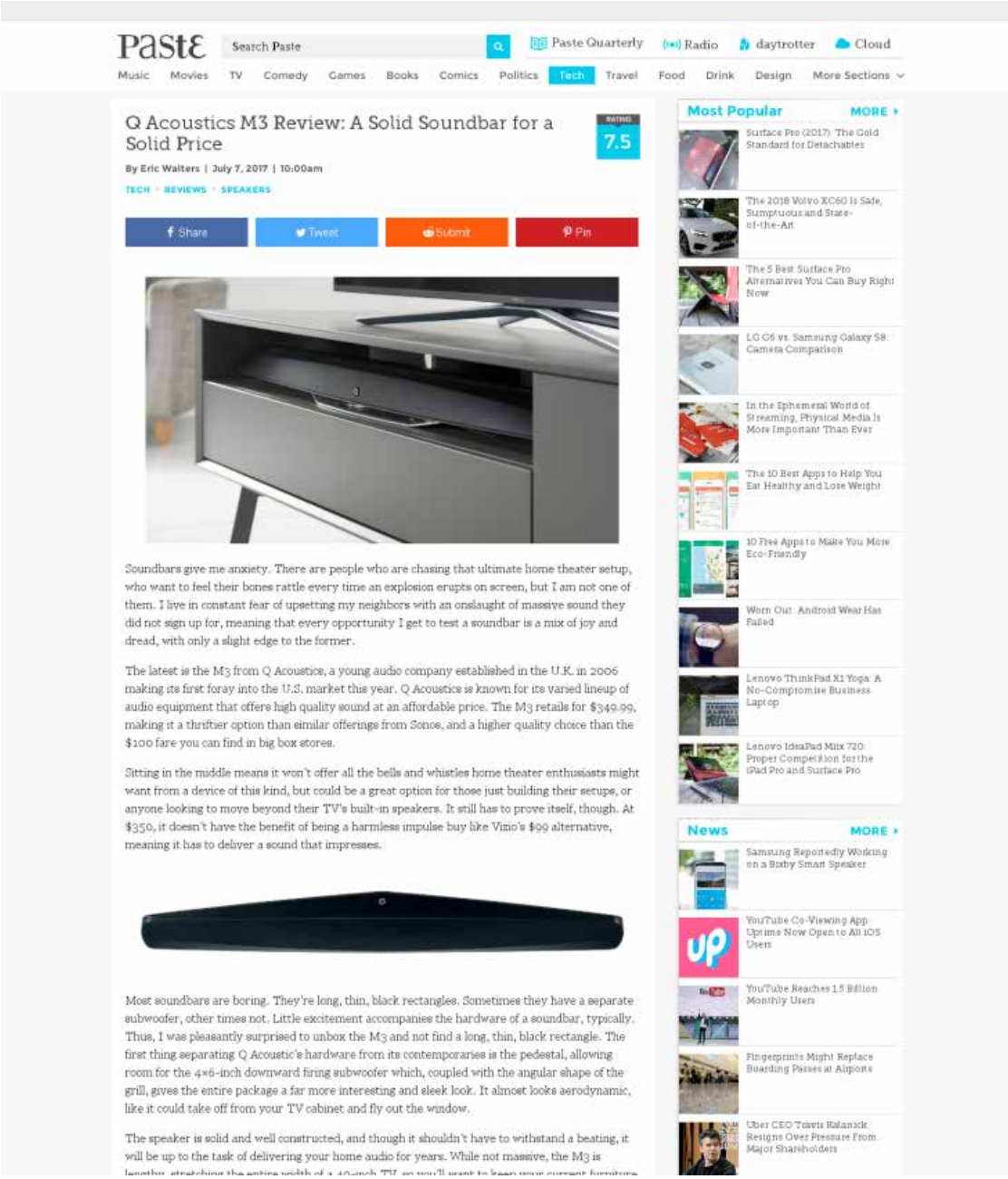
M3 Soundbar



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Q Acoustics M3 Review: A Solid Soundbar for a Solid Price

RATING 7.5

By Eric Walters | July 7, 2017 | 10:00am

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Soundbars give me anxiety. There are people who are chasing that ultimate home theater setup, who want to feel their bones rattle every time an explosion erupts on screen, but I am not one of them. I live in constant fear of upsetting my neighbors with an onslaught of massive sound they did not sign up for, meaning that every opportunity I get to test a soundbar is a mix of joy and dread, with only a slight edge to the former.

The latest is the M3 from Q Acoustics, a young audio company established in the U.K. in 2006 making its first foray into the U.S. market this year. Q Acoustics is known for its varied lineup of audio equipment that offers high quality sound at an affordable price. The M3 retails for $349.99, making it a thriftier option than similar offerings from Sonos, and a higher quality choice than the $100 fare you can find in big box stores.

Sitting in the middle means it won't offer all the bells and whistles home theater enthusiasts might want from a device of this kind, but could be a great option for those just building their setups, or anyone looking to move beyond their TV's built-in speakers. It still has to prove itself, though. At $350, it doesn't have the benefit of being a harmless impulse buy like Vizio's $99 alternative, meaning it has to deliver a sound that impresses.

Most soundbars are boring. They're long, thin, black rectangles. Sometimes they have a separate subwoofer, other times not. Little excitement accompanies the hardware of a soundbar, typically. Thus, I was pleasantly surprised to unbox the M3 and not find a long, thin, black rectangle. The first thing separating Q Acoustic's hardware from its contemporaries is the pedestal, allowing room for the 4×6-inch downward firing subwoofer which, coupled with the angular shape of the grill, gives the entire package a far more interesting and sleek look. It almost looks aerodynamic, like it could take off from your TV cabinet and fly out the window.

The speaker is solid and well constructed, and though it shouldn't have to withstand a beating, it will be up to the task of delivering your home audio for years. While not massive, the M3 is

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Paste Magazine (US)

Jul 7 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **9.3M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **25K**

Paste Magazine is a leading US lifestyle, current affairs and culture magazine website.

> "The U.K. company's soundbar is dead simple to use, and delivers a sound that will blow your TV out of the water."

M3 Soundbar

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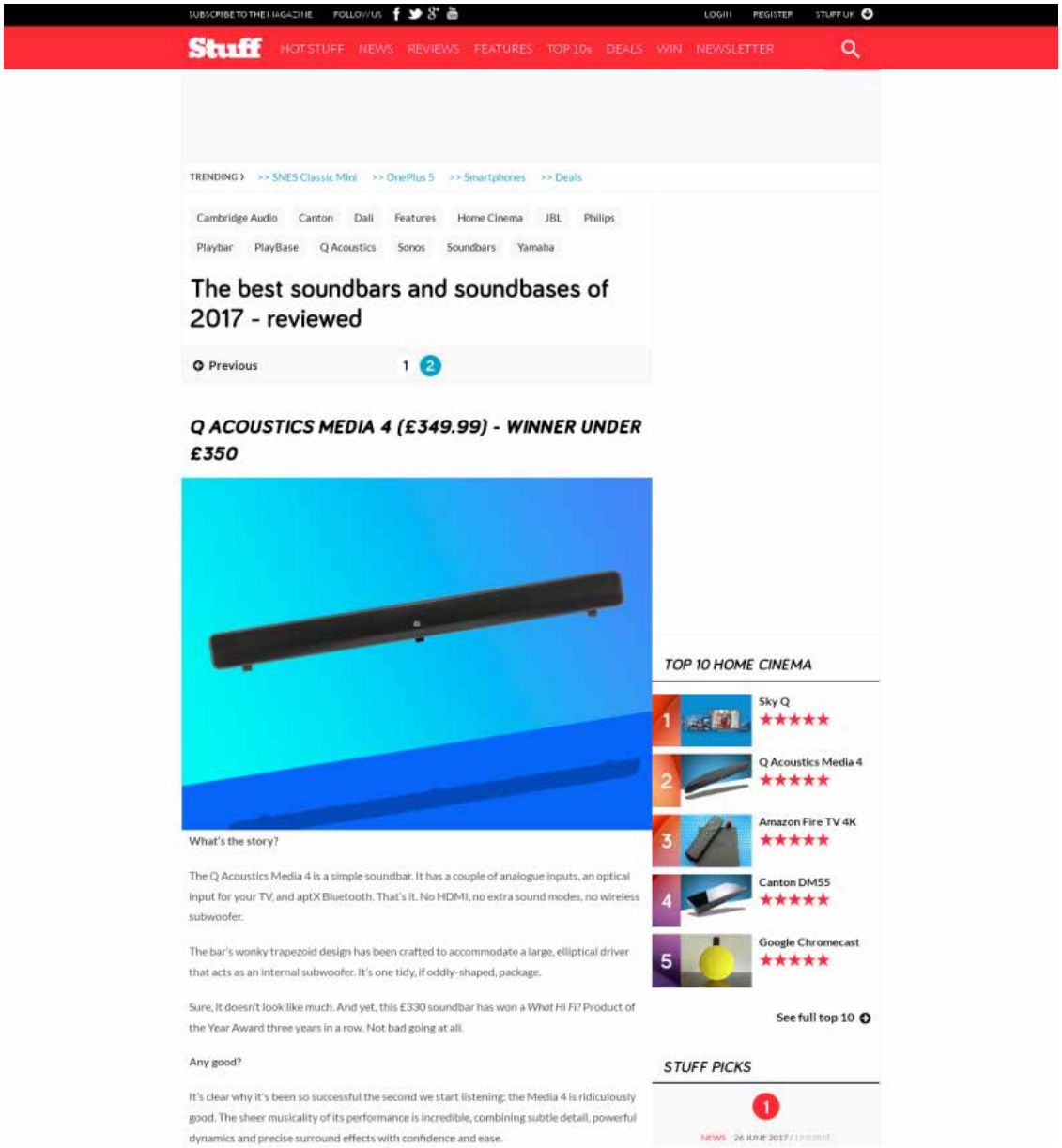

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Q ACOUSTICS MEDIA 4 (£349.99) - WINNER UNDER £350

What's the story?

The Q Acoustics Media 4 is a simple soundbar. It has a couple of analogue inputs, an optical input for your TV, and aptX Bluetooth. That's it. No HDMI, no extra sound modes, no wireless subwoofer.

The bar's wonky trapezoid design has been crafted to accommodate a large, elliptical driver that acts as an internal subwoofer. It's one tidy, if oddly-shaped, package.

Sure, it doesn't look like much. And yet, this £330 soundbar has won a *What Hi Fi?* Product of the Year Award three years in a row. Not bad going at all.

Any good?

It's clear why it's been so successful the second we start listening: the Media 4 is ridiculously good. The sheer musicality of its performance is incredible, combining subtle detail, powerful dynamics and precise surround effects with confidence and ease.

TOP 10 HOME CINEMA

1 Sky Q ★★★★★
2 Q Acoustics Media 4 ★★★★★
3 Amazon Fire TV 4K ★★★★★
4 Canton DM55 ★★★★★
5 Google Chromecast ★★★★★

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Jul 7 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **3.86M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **19K**

Website presence of leading UK gadget magazine Stuff, covering men's lifestyle and consumer electronics. The M4 featured as part of 'The best soundbars and soundbases of 2017

> As ever with big budget telly audio, you're still going to get a performance from a soundbar. Even one that's only costs a couple of hundred quid, such as the Q Acoustics Media 4.

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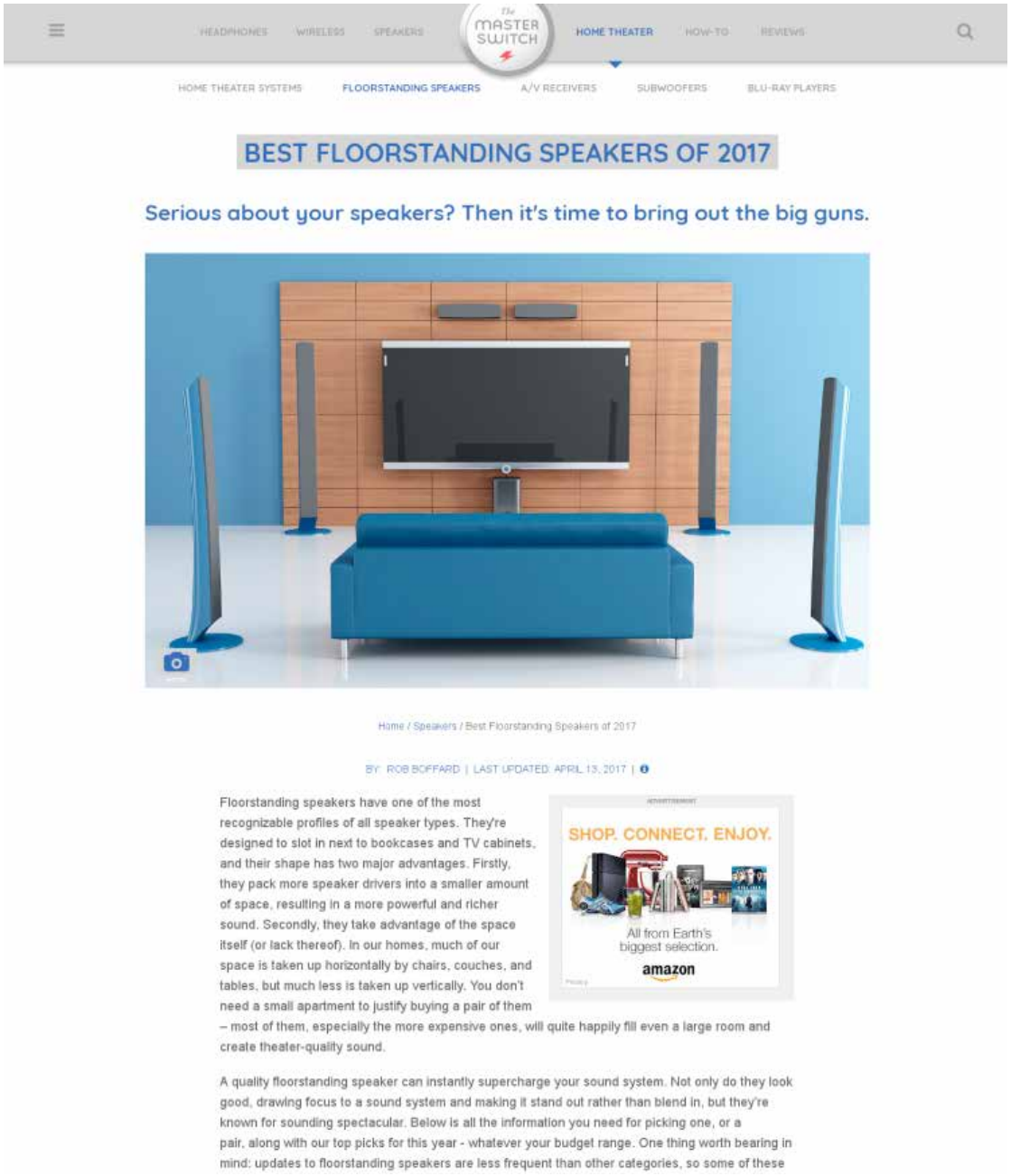
M4 Soundbar



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BEST FLOORSTANDING SPEAKERS OF 2017

Serious about your speakers? Then it's time to bring out the big guns.

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BY: ROB BOFFARD | LAST UPDATED: APRIL 13, 2017 |

Floorstanding speakers have one of the most recognizable profiles of all speaker types. They're designed to slot in next to bookcases and TV cabinets, and their shape has two major advantages. Firstly, they pack more speaker drivers into a smaller amount of space, resulting in a more powerful and richer sound. Secondly, they take advantage of the space itself (or lack thereof). In our homes, much of our space is taken up horizontally by chairs, couches, and tables, but much less is taken up vertically. You don't need a small apartment to justify buying a pair of them – most of them, especially the more expensive ones, will quite happily fill even a large room and create theater-quality sound.

A quality floorstanding speaker can instantly supercharge your sound system. Not only do they look good, drawing focus to a sound system and making it stand out rather than blend in, but they're known for sounding spectacular. Below is all the information you need for picking one, or a pair, along with our top picks for this year - whatever your budget range. One thing worth bearing in mind: updates to floorstanding speakers are less frequent than other categories, so some of these

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The Master Switch (US)

Jul 6 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **463K**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **104K**

The Master Switch is a US website dedicated to all thing hi-fi and AV-related.

> All in all: a solid entry for Q Acoustics, and we can't wait to see what they do next.

Q ACOUSTICS

Q magazine

Jul 4 2017

CIRCULATION: **40K**

Q is a popular monthly magazine covering all aspects of popular and alternative music.

> ..small but powerful...The sound is fantastic and the 3010 are yet another tippety-toppety from Q Acoustics, and for a very reasonable price.

ACOUSTICS **3010**

hi-fi news OUTSTANDING PRODUCT

FINK AUDIO CONSULTING

The presence of Karl-Heinz Fink at the European launch of the Concept 500 speakers was slightly unusual: the guitar fanatic and speaker designer is often kept in the background by his clients, of which there are many. At least one major car manufacturer, and a global hi-fi brand, would probably rather you didn't know how much of a hand his Essen-based company has in the design and engineering of its audio products. A full-service operation, FAC is able to handle everything from the basics of cabinet and driver design to the sourcing of components and even arranging and supervising production, and it's this package many big names in hi-fi find so appealing. Fink, however, will tell you the secret of his company's success is not a matter of knowing everything about speakers, but rather constantly innovating and investigating new ideas and technologies. 'It's about knowing the questions to ask,' he says, 'and then understanding how the tools we have can answer them right the first time.'

significantly as a result of this complex form of construction, in places by more than 10dB.

DRIVER REFINEMENTS

Care has been taken with the internal acoustics too. Tall, narrow cabinets tend to suffer so-called organ pipe resonance within the enclosed air, associated with the longest internal dimension. To suppress this, the Concept 500 cabinet incorporates Helmholtz Pressure Equalisers (HPEs): twin internal pipes, mounted on the inside of the cabinet side walls, which link the two ends of the cabinet to the centre and significantly reduce the pressure differentials of the fundamental internal length mode. We saw something very similar used recently inside the Yamaha NS-5000 [HFN Jun '17].

Just as a bad cabinet lets down good drivers, poor drivers fail to exploit a good one. So considerable design effort was also expended on both the 165mm bass-mid unit and the 28mm soft dome tweeter. In the former, a 35mm diameter voice coil aids power handling and cooling, and features twin dual layers of copper clad aluminium wiring (CCAW), the effect of which is to provide added 'shove' without increasing moving mass.

These are wound on a glassfibre former, which obviates the eddy current effects of an electrically conductive alternative. Elsewhere in the motor, a copper pole piece cap and aluminium shorting ring help reduce distortion further. Care has been taken not to use an extremely lossy roll surround, as although this helps control diaphragm resonances it can easily result in lacklustre sound quality.

A rubber gasket isolates the tweeter from cabinet vibrations, and care has been taken to minimise resonances within the cavity behind the tweeter's coated microfibre dome. The dome and its surround, together with the profiling of the front plate, have been designed to provide wide dispersion and thereby better maintain off-axis output at high treble frequencies. This reduces disparity between the on-axis spectral balance and that of the first side wall reflection, which obviates the 'deadened' treble character that can otherwise result.

'Computer modelling drove all aspects of its design'

Marrying the drive units is a fourth-order Linkwitz-Riley crossover, the components of which are safely distanced to prevent interaction of the inductors with the drivers' radiated magnetic fields. A highlight here is a big 10x10cm air-cored inductor from Mundorf which provides significantly lower distortion than the originally specified component, which had a laminated steel core. Capacitors are high spec polypropylene film types, with a Mundorf Supreme used in series with the tweeter. The high-pass and low-pass sections of the crossover are split, allowing bi-wiring or bi-amping, and jumpers on the back panel allow tweeter output to be adjusted by ±0.5dB.

REVELATORY RESULTS

Two things are immediately apparent about the Concept 500 speakers once you get them wired up. The first is that, while relatively easy to drive, they are ruthlessly revealing of source material, and the second is that plenty of care is needed to get the best from them.

The main question revolves around the port in the rear panel [see p37].

Hi-Fi News

Jul 1 2017

CIRCULATION: **14K**

Hi-Fi News is the oldest hi-fi magazine in the world is still delivering the best mix of international show reports, in-depth investigative features, world-class reviews, vintage celebrations and surely the most comprehensive range of music features available anywhere.

> ...the Concept 500s are not just remarkable speakers for the money but striking by any standard in the way they combine weight and power with finesse and detail...

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Product of the Month: Q Acoustics Concept 500

Andrew Everard Fri 30th June 2017

An ambitious floorstanding speaker sets new standards at the price, thanks to clever design and meticulous tuning

We're probably all familiar with the idea of 'trickledown' design, in which technology is launched in an upmarket product, thus covering a good chunk of the research and development costs, then eventually finds its way into more affordable models. What we have here, however, is something rather different: 'trickle-up' technology, in the form of the elegant Concept 500 loudspeakers from Q Acoustics. Not only are these floorstanding speakers the most expensive speakers the British-based company has ever offered for sale, at £3995 a pair, they're also by far its most ambitious design.

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COVERAGE VIEWS: **6.45K**

The worlds best classical music reviews.

"I'm used to hearing from high-end speakers driven well; and while these speakers aren't exactly mass-market at £3995/pr, I can't help feeling that to better them you'd have to spend a lot more money."

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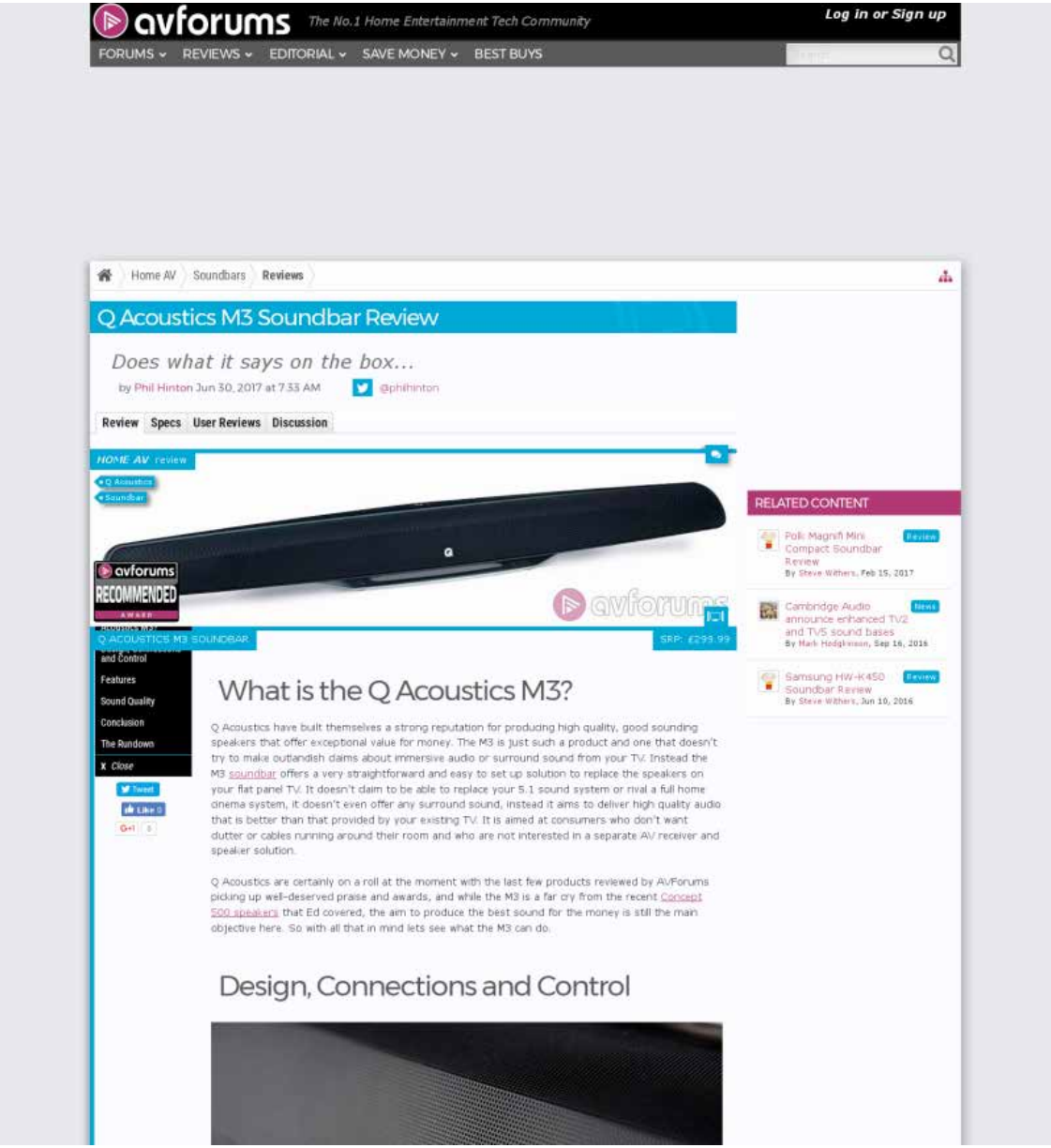
Q ACOUSTICS **Concept 500**



AVForums

Jun 30 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **4.05M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **25K**

A leading UK website covering home cinema and consumer electronics.

> The Q Acoustics M3 sounds very good indeed with excellent stereo and TV sound reproduction that is natural and clear with a decent underpinning of bass. It comes recommended.

M3 Soundbar

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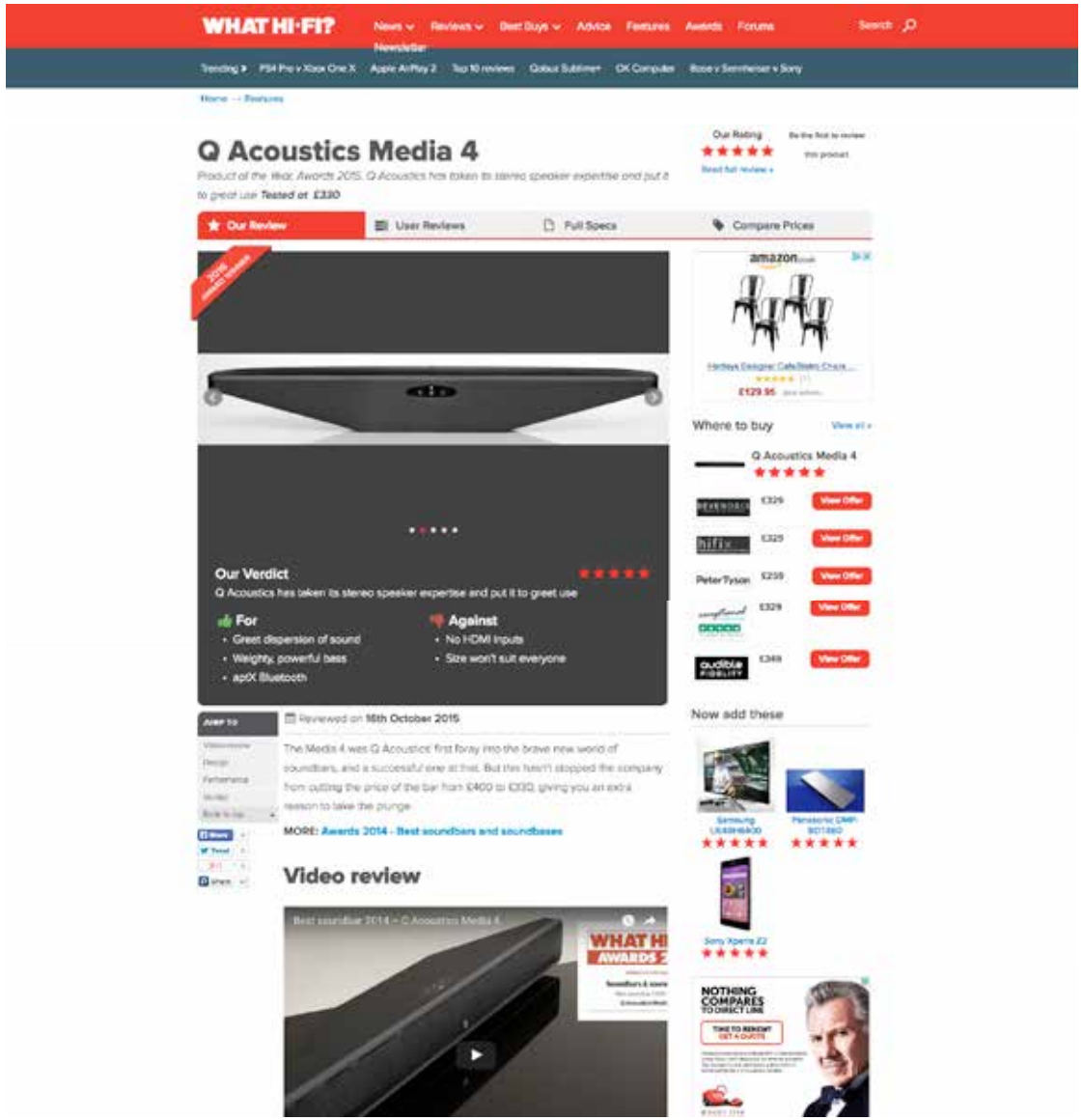

What Hi-Fi?

Jun 29 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **6.38M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **35.8K**

> Voted What Hi Fi? Product of the Year for three years running 2014 - 2016.

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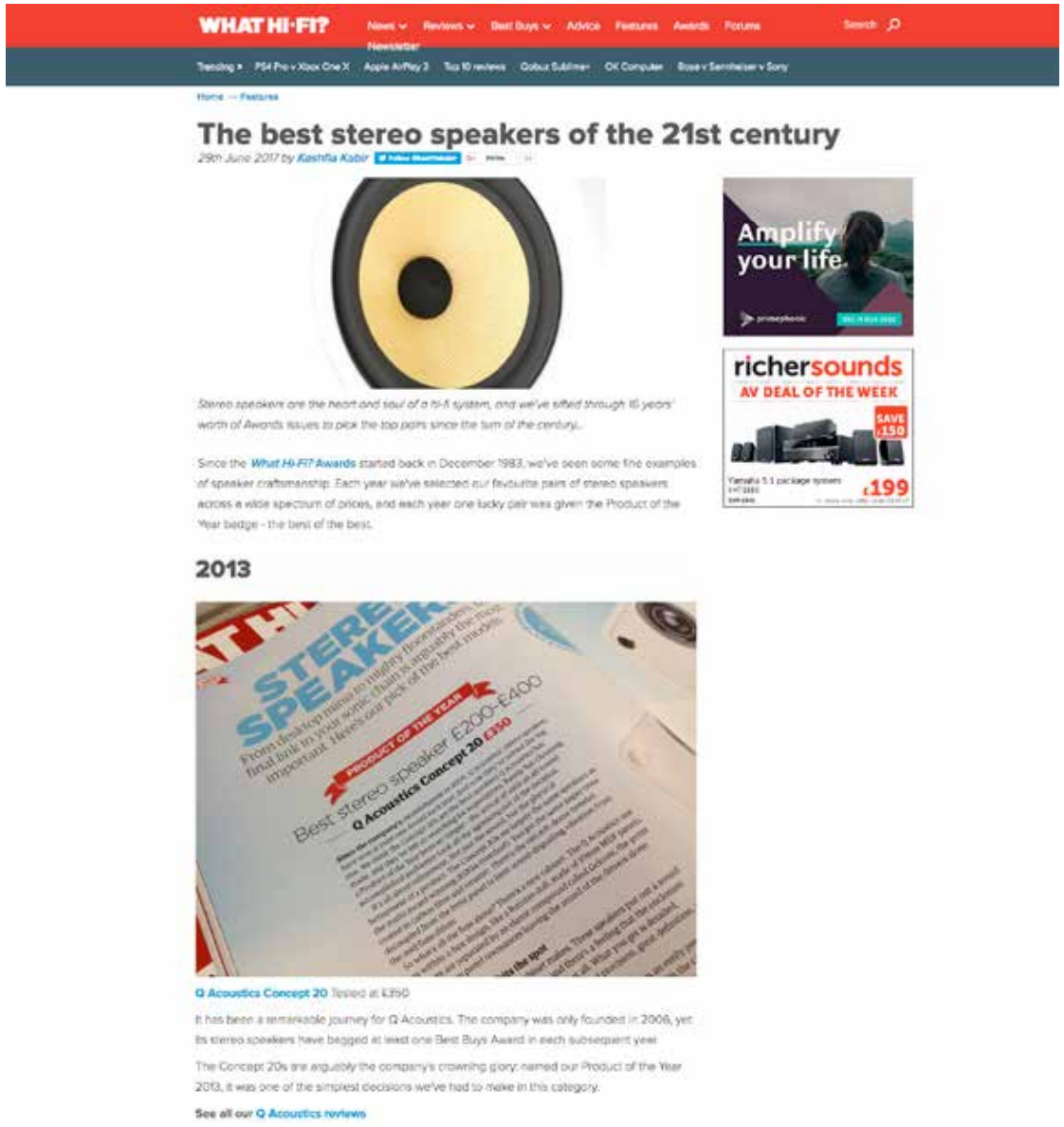
M4 Soundbar



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Online presence of What Hi-Fi? Sound and Vision magazine featuring technical features, reviews, news and advice on of the latest hi-fi, audio, home cinema and consumer electronics products.

> "The Concept 20s are arguably the company's crowning glory: named our Product of the Year 2013, it was one of the simplest decisions we've had to make in this category."

Concept 20

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Paul Rigby
(The Audiophile Man)

HEADLINE SPEAKERS

Q ACOUSTICS CONCEPT 40: SHINY HAPPY SPEAKERS HOLDING HANDS

Posted on 28th June 2017

Floorstanders...do you need to spend big bucks to get the best from the design or can a sub-1k model actually do more than add a bit of bass onto a good pair of bookshelf speakers? Paul Rigby finds out when he reviews the Q Acoustics Concept 40

Q Acoustics has a well deserved reputation of producing value for money speakers. It has found a research, design and business model that seeks out the very last drop of performance for each and every penny spent. I've already reviewed a couple of their stand-mounted speakers, the Concept 20 and 3020 but I have always pondered its floor standing designs and thought that the Concept 40s (related to the smaller Concept 20s) might be worth a little listen).

Looking at the compact design, the 40s are definitely considered and well thought out. The heavy Gelcore cabinet features two layers of MDF. Stuffed in the middle of these layers is a bespoke,

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The Audiophile Man

Jun 28 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **83.9K**
COVERAGE VIEWS: **14.7K**

The Audiophile Man is a growing blog focuses on music reviews and audio/hi-fi news and reviews.

> ...the open and spacious nature of the soundstage allows dynamics to roam and the frequencies to really breath. Not in a manufactured sense, either, there is a real organic aspect to the presentation of the midrange and treble that allows the ear to hear all of the information on offer, even the most subtle and shy of instruments offer their delights to the ear.

Concept 40

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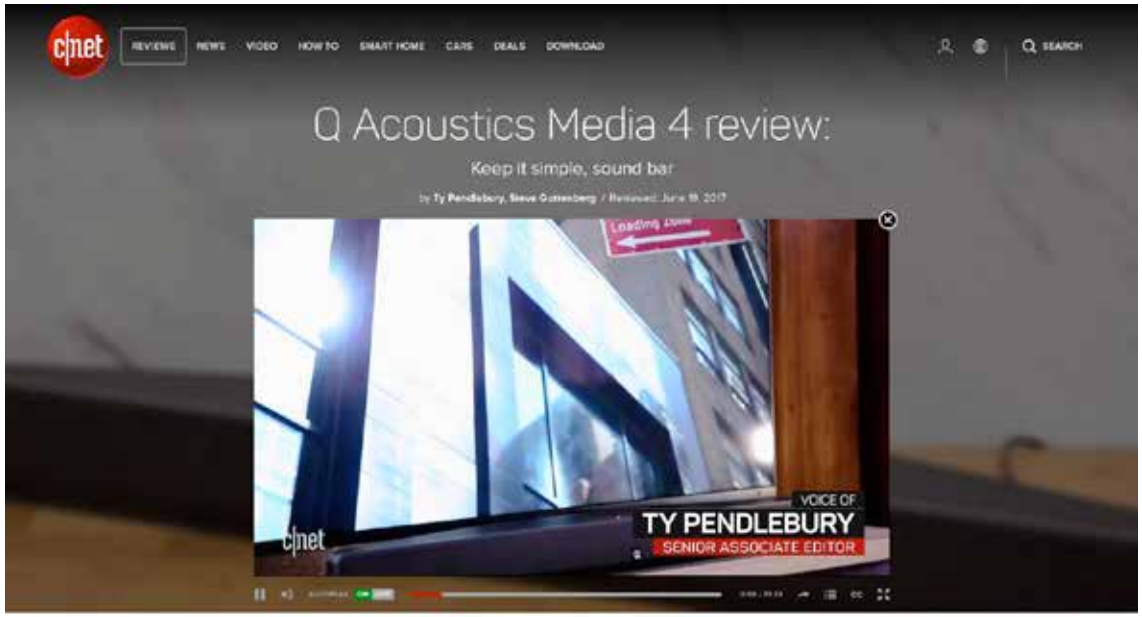

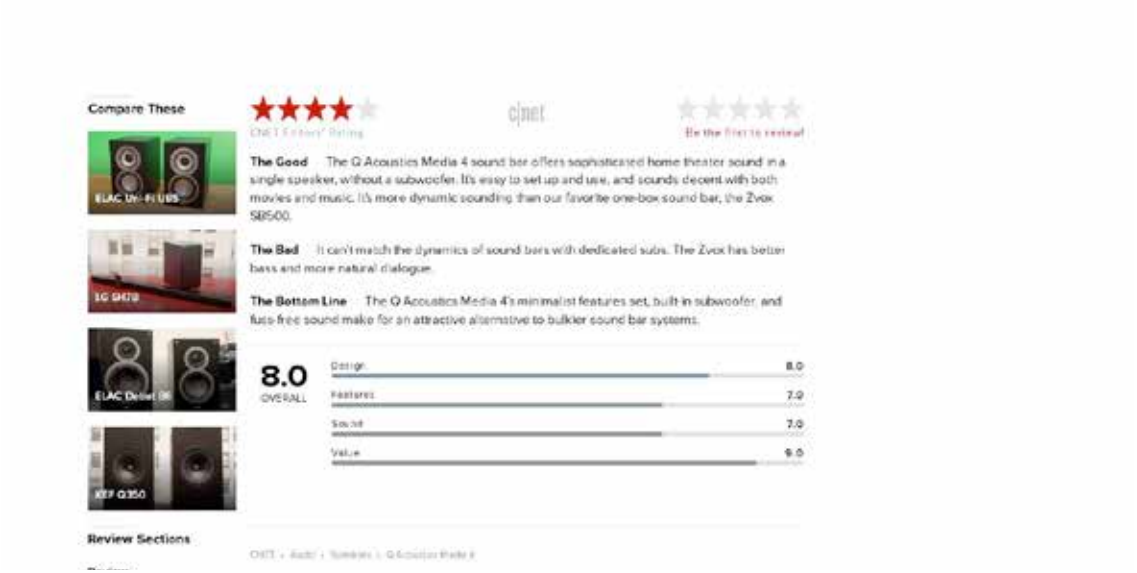

CNET

Jun 19 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **199M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **174K**

CNET is rated at the biggest technology website on the planet with a strong US audience.

> The Q Acoustics Media 4's minimalist features set, built-in subwoofer, and fuss-free sound make for an attractive alternative to bulkier sound bar systems.

> The Q Acoustics Media 4 sound bar offers sophisticated home theater sound in a single speaker...It's more dynamic sounding than our favorite one-box sound bar, the Zvox SB500.

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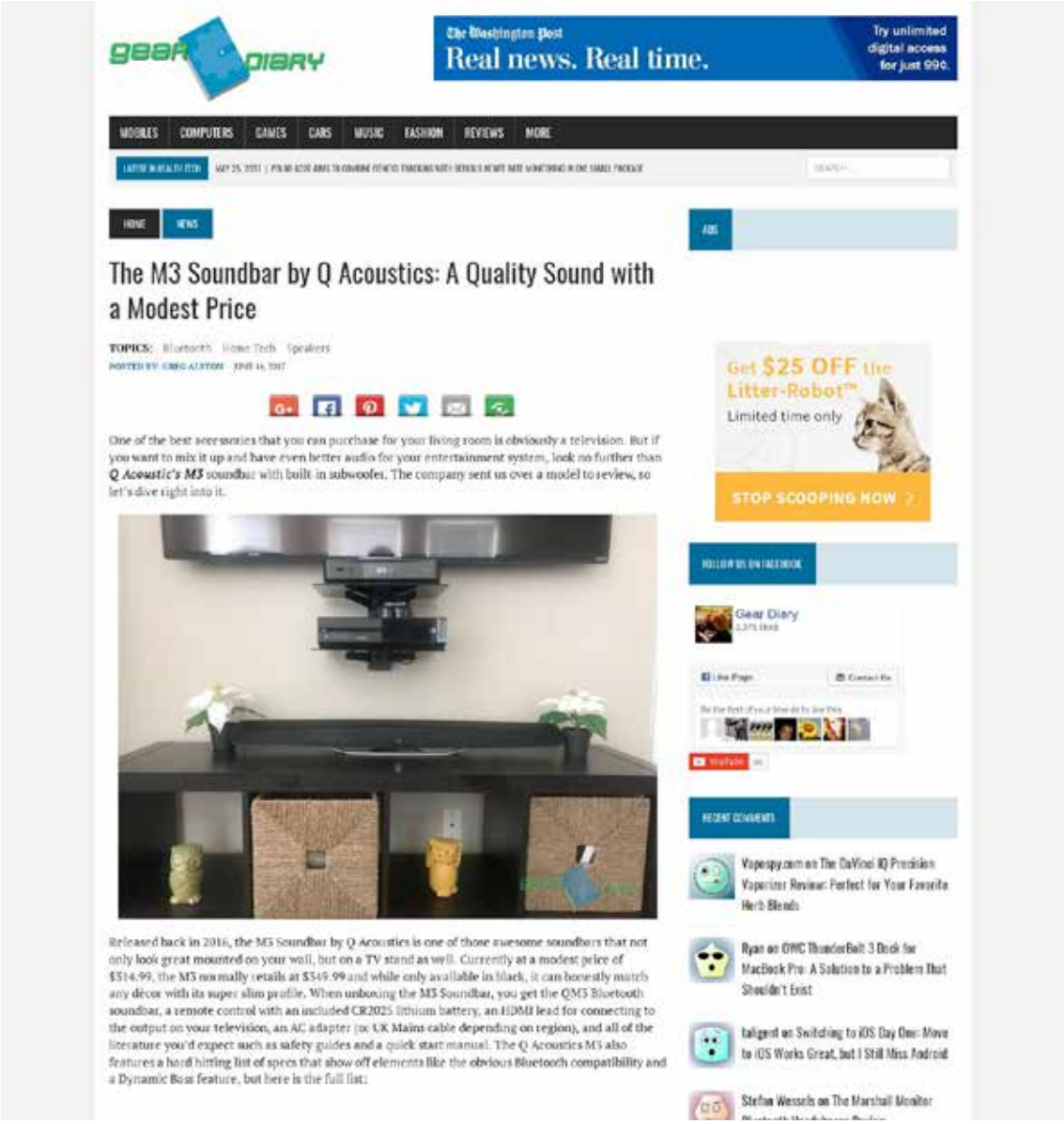
M4 Soundbar



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The M3 Soundbar by Q Acoustics: A Quality Sound with a Modest Price

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One of the best accessories that you can purchase for your living room is obviously a television. But if you want to mix it up and have even better audio for your entertainment system, look no further than *Q Acoustic's M3* soundbar with built in subwoofer. The company sent us over a model to review, so let's dive right into it.

Released back in 2016, the M3 Soundbar by Q Acoustics is one of those awesome soundbars that not only look great mounted on your wall, but on a TV stand as well. Currently at a modest price of $314.99, the M3 normally retails at $349.99 and while only available in black, it can honestly match any décor with its super slim profile. When unboxing the M3 Soundbar, you get the Q M3 Bluetooth soundbar, a remote control with an included CR2025 lithium battery, an HDMI lead for connecting to the output on your television, an AC adapter (or UK Mains cable depending on region), and all of the literature you'd expect such as safety guides and a quick start manual. The Q Acoustics M3 also features a hard hitting list of specs that show off elements like the obvious Bluetooth compatibility and a Dynamic Bass feature, but here is the full list:

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AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **118K**

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A US-based consumer electronics and lifestyle website.

> The M3 is worth the asking price and will gladly be a welcome companion in your living room.

> ...the M3 Soundbar by Q Acoustics is one of those awesome soundbars that not only look great mounted on your wall, but on a TV stand as well.

M3 Soundbar

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KISS

Jun 15 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **1.33M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **105K**

The website of the popular commercial radio station KISS. The M3 was featured on both the website and live radio station as part of a competition to win the perfect home cinema set up.

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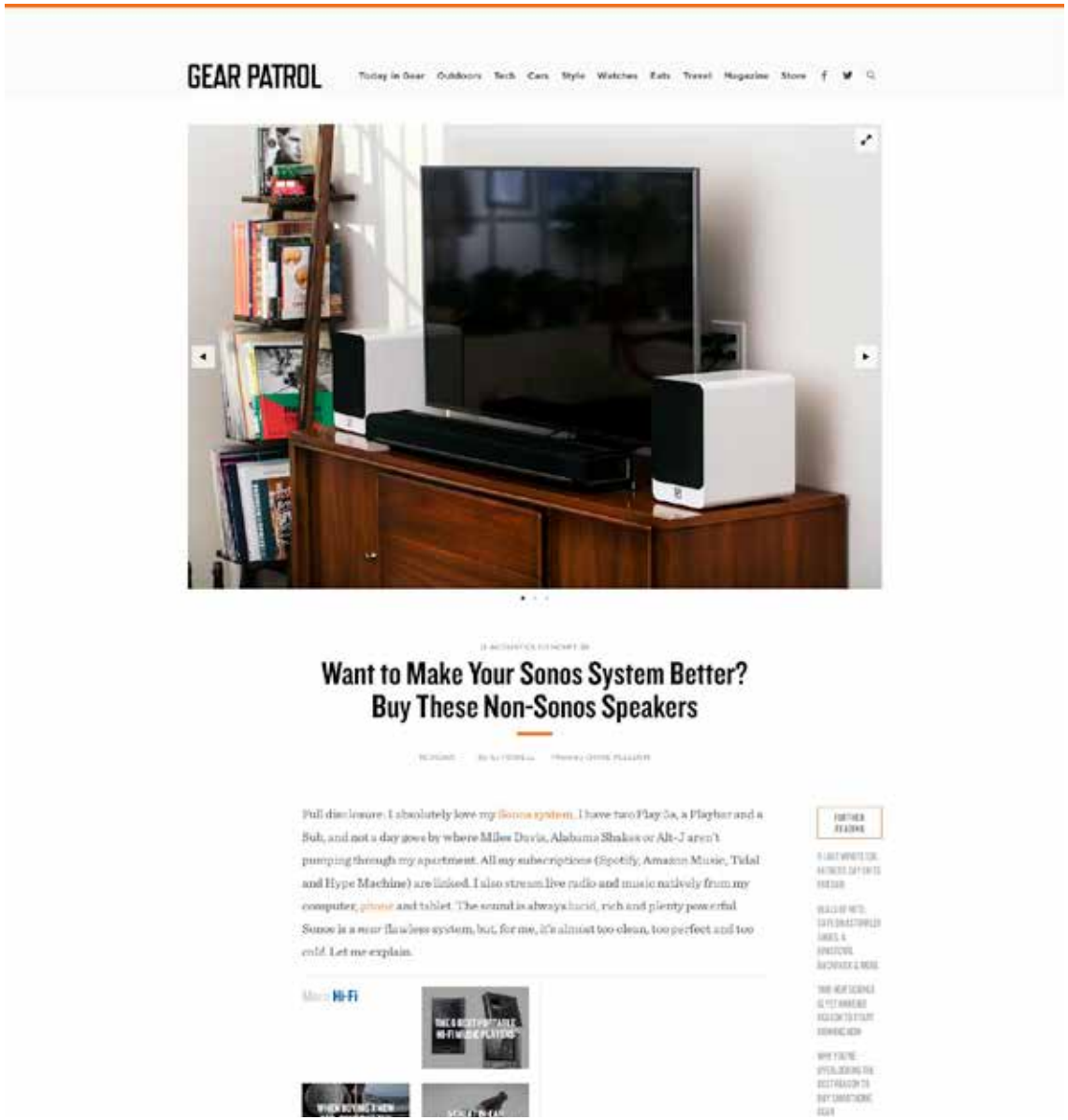

Gear Patrol

Jun 14 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **3.45M**
COVERAGE VIEWS: **16.5K**

Gear Patrol is a daily online magazine for men that covers the very best in gear, travel, adventure, design, food and culture.

> Nothing compares to the Q Acoustics Concept 20s ($500). The two analog bookshelf speakers pair perfectly with the latest tech and streaming capabilities of Sonos. It's my five-speed.

> ...the brand is just getting itself acquainted with U.S. audiences. If there was a product to change that, it's the Concept 20.

Concept 20

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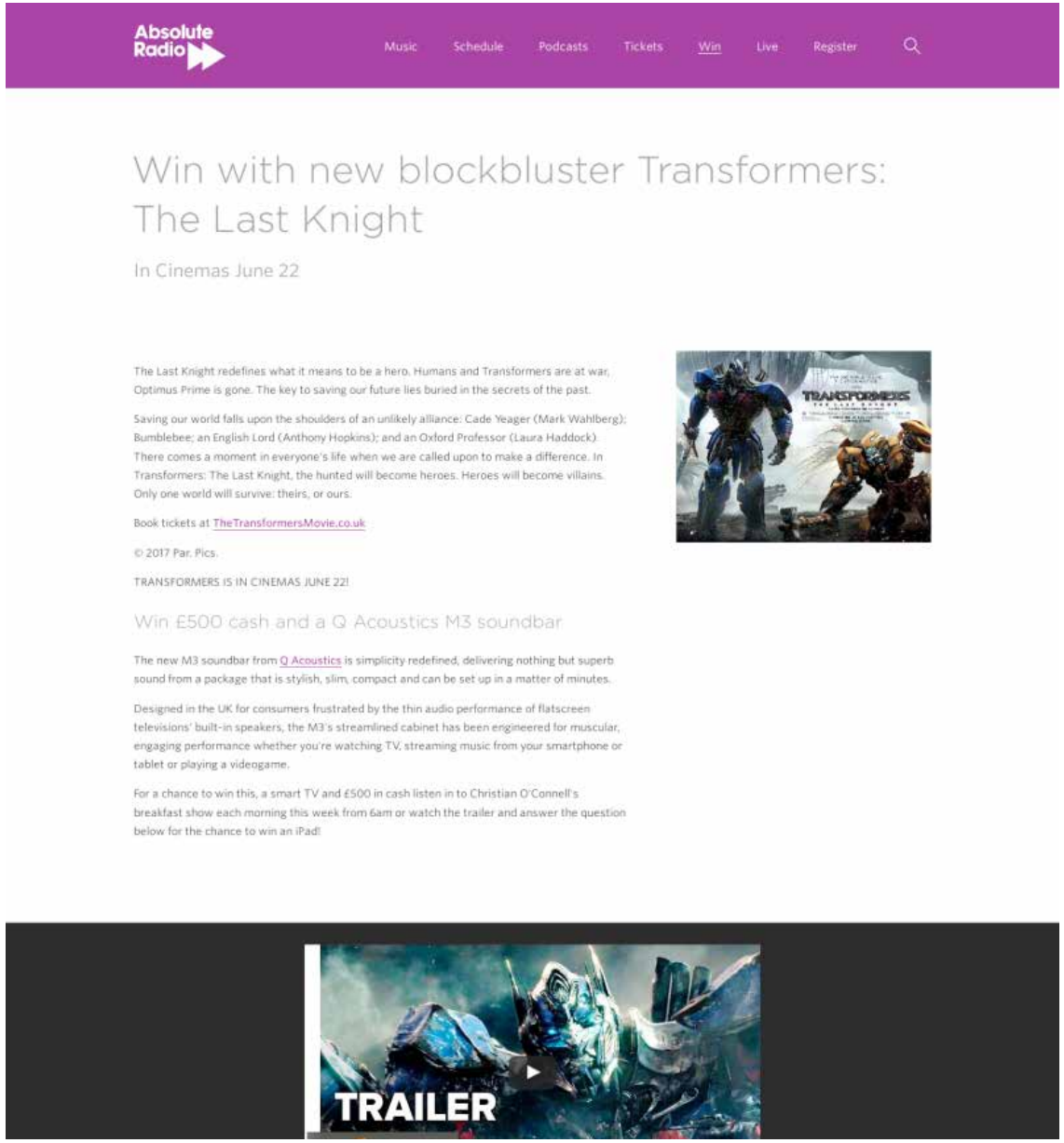

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Win £500 cash and a Q Acoustics M3 soundbar

The new M3 soundbar from Q Acoustics is simplicity redefined, delivering nothing but superb sound from a package that is stylish, slim, compact and can be set up in a matter of minutes.

Designed in the UK for consumers frustrated by the thin audio performance of flatscreen televisions' built-in speakers, the M3's streamlined cabinet has been engineered for muscular, engaging performance whether you're watching TV, streaming music from your smartphone or tablet or playing a videogame.

For a chance to win this, a smart TV and £500 in cash listen in to Christian O'Connell's breakfast show each morning this week from 6am or watch the trailer and answer the question below for the chance to win an iPad!

Absolute Radio

Jun 14 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **789K**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **4.42K**

Website of the popular commercial radio station Absolute Radio.

The Q Acoustics M3 was featured in an Absolute radio competition (4.2 million listeners) which was run for a full week in June promoting the new Transformers film 'The Last Knight' with the strap line 'Bring movies and music to life with Q Acoustics M3 soundbar'

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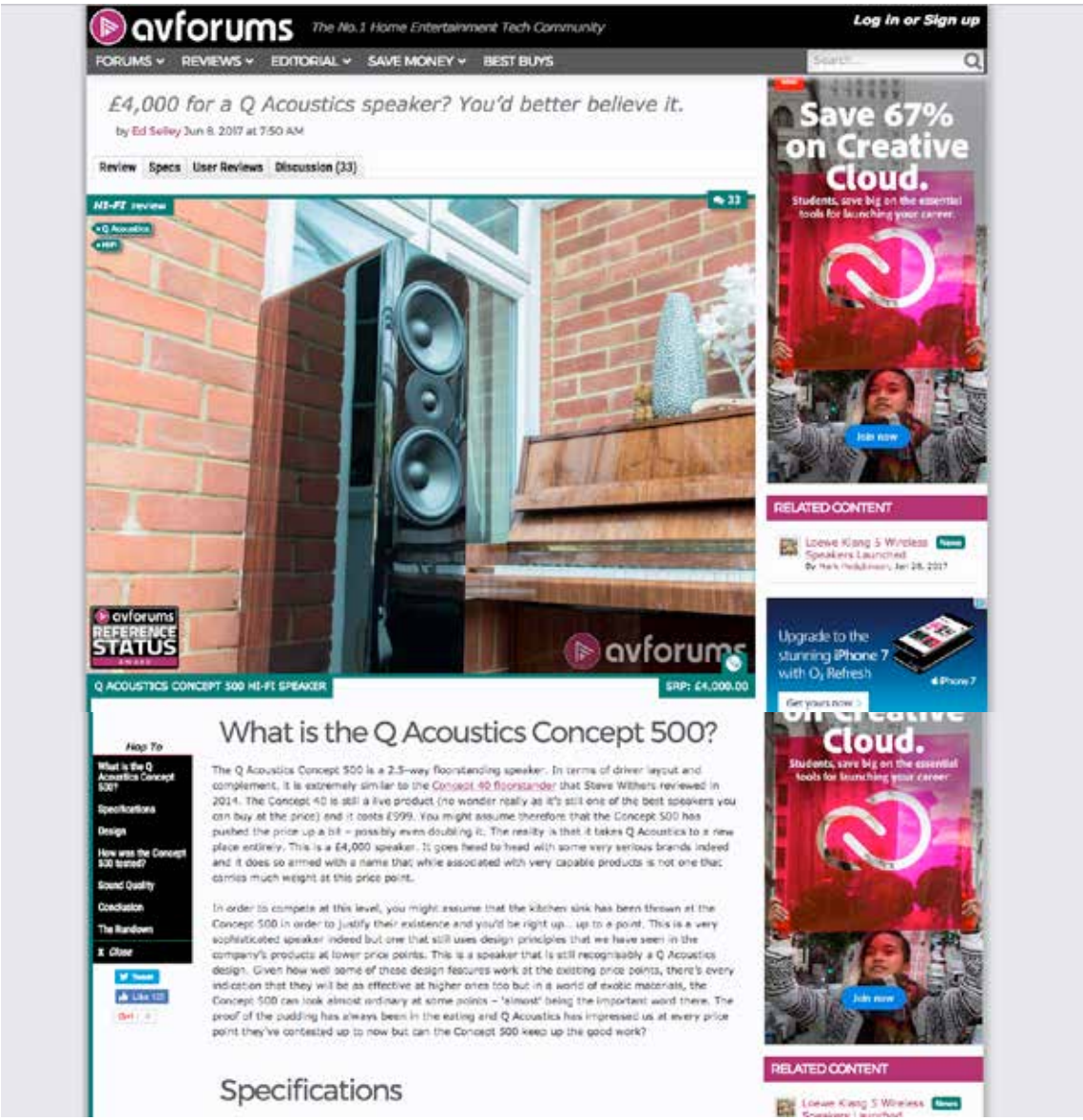

AV Forums

Jun 8 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **9.7M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **9K**

AVForums.com is both an internet community where people discuss Audio Visual home consumer electronics and a resource of news, reviews and articles covering home entertainment, technology, movies, TV shows, music, video gaming and more.

"I am awarding a Reference Status badge. Why? Partly because the amount of money it is necessary to decisively better the Concept 500 is considerable."

"The next most affordable speaker to be more impressive in this test space is £10,000."

Concept 500

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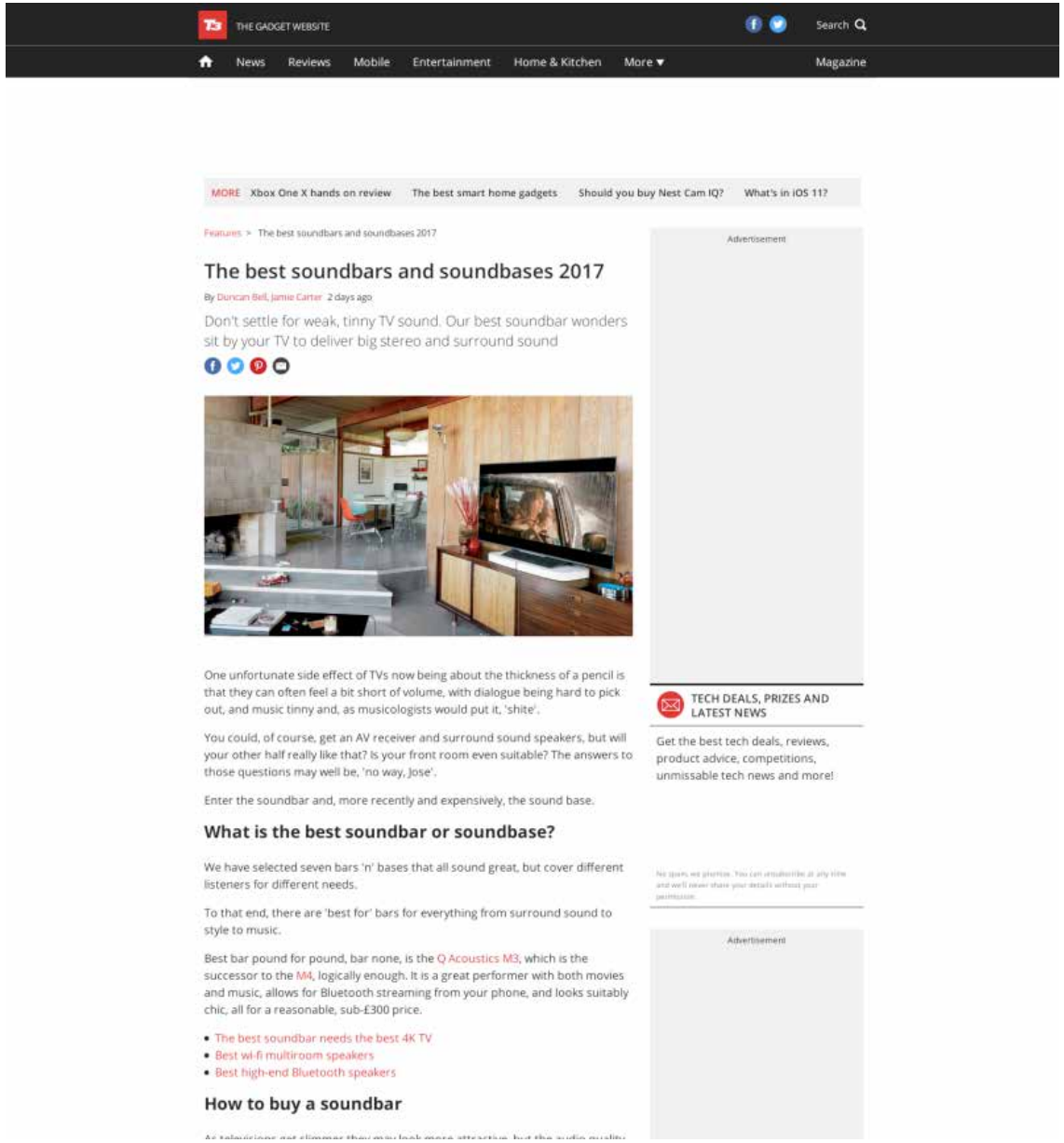

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The best soundbars and soundbases 2017

By Duncan Bell, Jamie Carter 2 days ago

Don't settle for weak, tinny TV sound. Our best soundbar wonders sit by your TV to deliver big stereo and surround sound

One unfortunate side effect of TVs now being about the thickness of a pencil is that they can often feel a bit short of volume, with dialogue being hard to pick out, and music tinny and, as musicologists would put it, 'shite'.

You could, of course, get an AV receiver and surround sound speakers, but will your other half really like that? Is your front room even suitable? The answers to those questions may well be, 'no way, Jose'.

Enter the soundbar and, more recently and expensively, the sound base.

What is the best soundbar or soundbase?

We have selected seven bars 'n' bases that all sound great, but cover different listeners for different needs.

To that end, there are 'best for' bars for everything from surround sound to style to music.

Best bar pound for pound, bar none, is the Q Acoustics M3, which is the successor to the M4, logically enough. It is a great performer with both movies and music, allows for Bluetooth streaming from your phone, and looks suitably chic, all for a reasonable, sub-£300 price.

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AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **1.85M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **7.55K**

T3.com is the website arm of the leading UK monthly magazine, covering news, reviews and features on all aspects of consumer-orientated technology and electronics.

> An inspired choice for canny budget system builders...I reckon these are my favourite budget buys right now.

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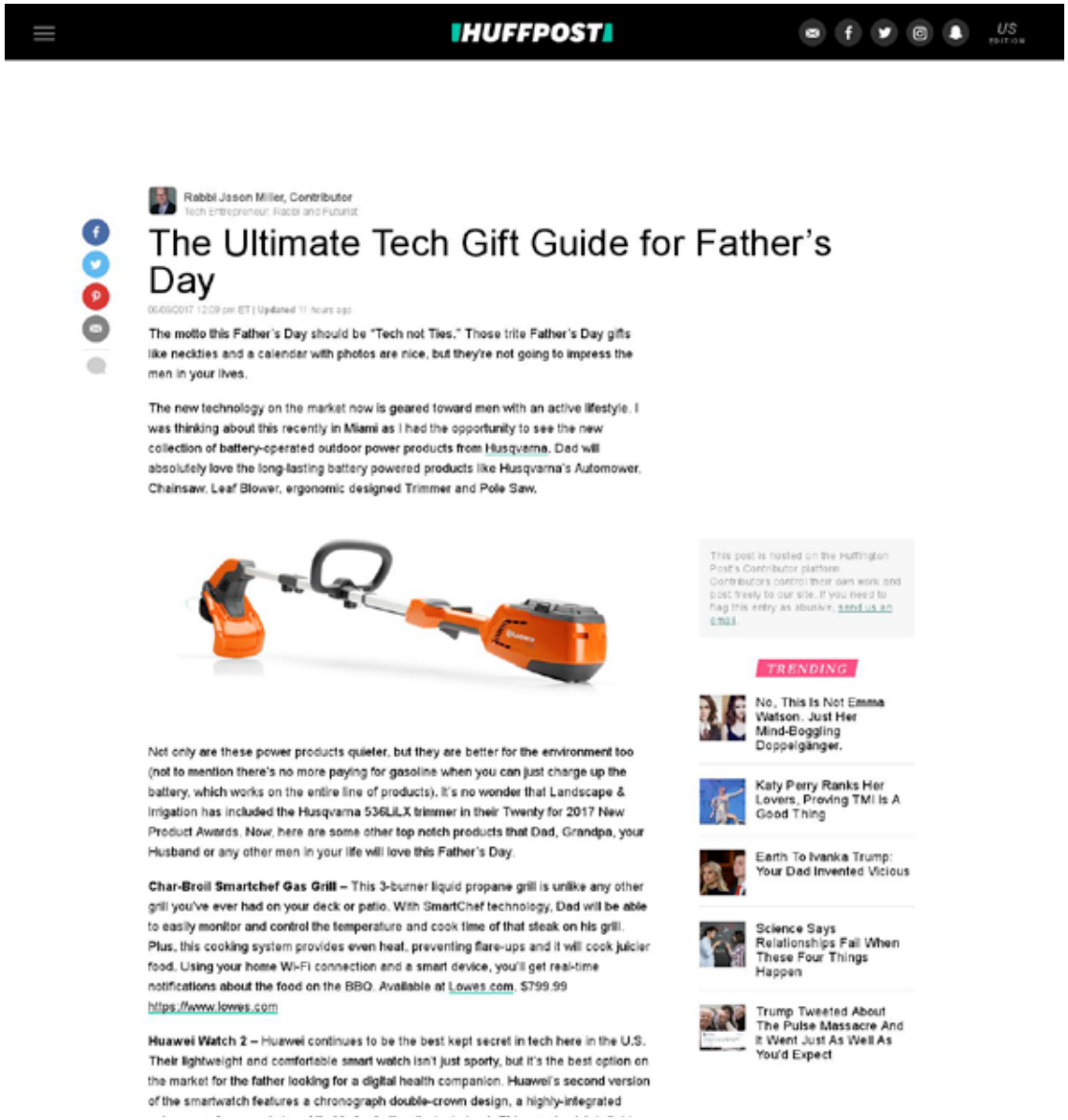

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Rabbi Jason Miller, Contributor
Tech Entrepreneur, Hacker and Futurist

The Ultimate Tech Gift Guide for Father's Day

06/09/2017 12:09 pm ET | Updated 11 hours ago

The motto this Father's Day should be "Tech not Ties." Those trite Father's Day gifts like neckties and a calendar with photos are nice, but they're not going to impress the men in your lives.

The new technology on the market now is geared toward men with an active lifestyle. I was thinking about this recently in Miami as I had the opportunity to see the new collection of battery-operated outdoor power products from Husqvarna. Dad will absolutely love the long-lasting battery powered products like Husqvarna's Automower, Chainsaw, Leaf Blower, ergonomic designed Trimmer and Pole Saw.

Not only are these power products quieter, but they are better for the environment too (not to mention there's no more paying for gasoline when you can just charge up the battery, which works on the entire line of products). It's no wonder that Landscape & Irrigation has included the Husqvarna 536LiLX trimmer in their Twenty for 2017 New Product Awards. Now, here are some other top notch products that Dad, Grandpa, your Husband or any other men in your life will love this Father's Day.

Char-Broil Smartchef Gas Grill – This 3-burner liquid propane grill is unlike any other grill you've ever had on your deck or patio. With SmartChef technology, Dad will be able to easily monitor and control the temperature and cook time of that steak on his grill. Plus, this cooking system provides even heat, preventing flare-ups and it will cook juicier food. Using your home Wi-Fi connection and a smart device, you'll get real-time notifications about the food on the BBQ. Available at Lowes.com. $799.99 https://www.lowes.com

Huawei Watch 2 – Huawei continues to be the best kept secret in tech here in the U.S. Their lightweight and comfortable smart watch isn't just sporty, but it's the best option on the market for the father looking for a digital health companion. Huawei's second version of the smartwatch features a chronograph double-crown design, a highly-integrated

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AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **206M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **94.6K**

Huffington Post is a leading international news and lifestyle website.

> Q Acoustics M3 Soundbar –
> Truly one of the best sound bars on the market.

> Its low-end rumble adds depth and weight to movies, TV, music and videogames without the need for a separate subwoofer speaker unit.

M3 Soundbar

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T3 Magazine

Jun 9 2017

CIRCULATION: **43.1K**

UK monthly magazine covering news, reviews and features on all aspects of consumer-orientated technology and electronics.

The M3 was featured in the June issue of T3 magazine. It appears in a round-up of the 'Best Entertainment Buys.'

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3000 Series

Cigar Aficionado

Jun 7 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **376K**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **2.27K**

Cigar Aficionado is a US magazine and website dedicated to the world of cigars but with a wider lifestyle element.

"...it produces crystal clear treble alone with bold bass that's impressive given the price."

"Setting up the M3 Soundbar is a breeze..."

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M3 Soundbar

What Hi-Fi?

Jun 7 2017

CIRCULATION: **29K**

What Hi-Fi? Sound & Vision is a monthly magazine covering the latest hi-fi, home cinema and technology reviews, products, news, advice and buyer's guide.

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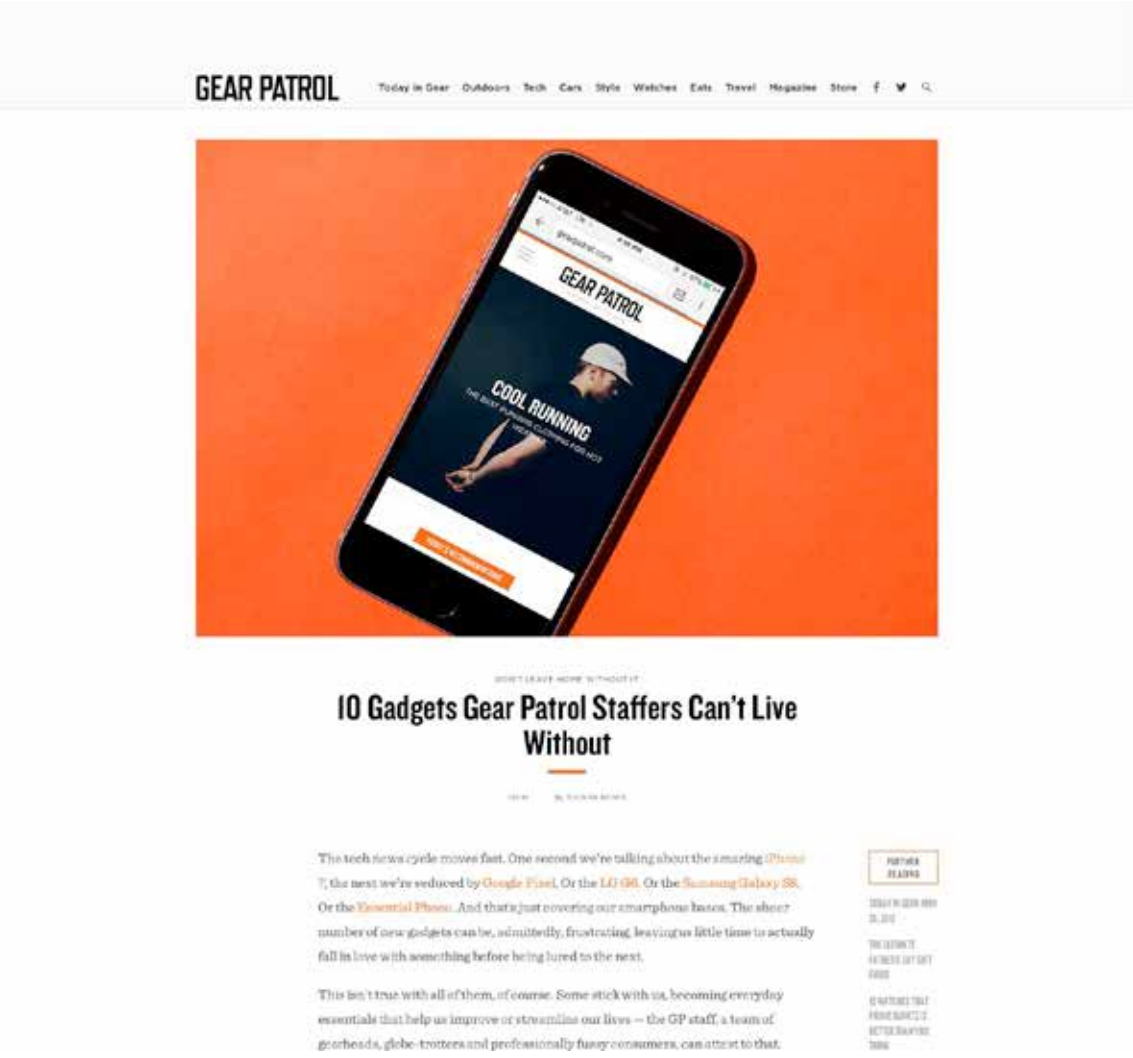

Gear Patrol

Jun 6 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **3.45M**
COVERAGE VIEWS: **16.9K**

Gear Patrol is a daily online magazine for men that covers the very best in gear, travel, adventure, design, food and culture.

"10 Gadgets Gear Patrol Staffers Can't Live Without."

"...like the Q Acoustics Concept 20s that I'm testing now. It's a setup that turns even the most discerning of audiophiles green with envy."

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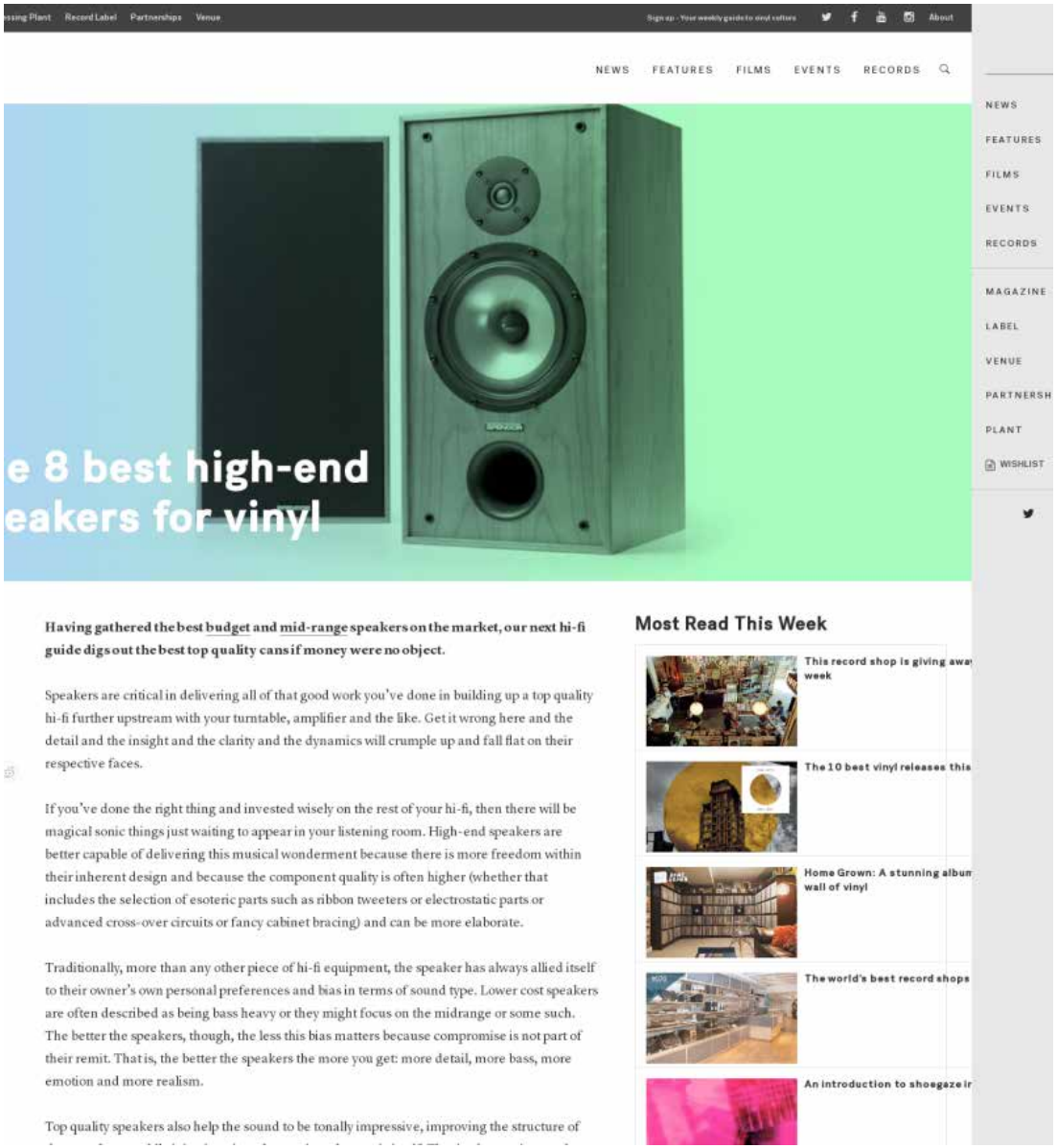
Concept 20 Speakers



The Vinyl Factory

Jun 6 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **754K**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **3.7K**

The Vinyl Factory is a website dedicated to everything related to vinyl records and is part of a vinyl enterprise that encompasses a record label, pressing plant and the website.

> A stand-mounted version of the Concept 20 speakers, the 40s offer two layers of MDF with a layer of Gelcore in the middle that helps the cabinet turn vibrations into heat, improving sonics. A refined design.

Concept 40

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Home Cinema Choice

Jun 6 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **119K**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **4.64K**

The Home Cinema Choice review of the M3 featured in the magazine and online.

> The M3's slimmer design and smooth, powerful sound make it an impressive soundbar at a great price.

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FATHER'S Day is rolling around – it's on June 18, just three weeks' time.

So do you want to treat your dad to a new gadget? Or if you're a father, maybe circle the item you like the best and leave it lying casually around . . .

I've found something for every pocket – from blow the budget to "it's the thought that counts".

So here are my great ideas for any dad, including a pressure washer to keep the terrace or the car pristine, a new tablet with Alexa voice smarts and a wallet that prevents card clash.

Bag gift for dad

MOSHI AERIO MESSENGER BAG, £119.95, from moshi.com

No, Dad, you're not too old for this. Tow this messenger bag and you'll be as cool as the kids.

This sleek, deeply attractive case is water-resistant and designed for a laptop, iPad, iPhone and more. And if you're feeling your age, hey, it's got a padded shoulder strap.

NETFLIX GIFT CARD, from £15, tesco.com

A great present and the bonus is all the family benefit. Netflix series range from The Crown to latest series of Better Call Saul.

If you have an HD or 4K TV, you can opt for a pricier subscription for higher-resolution streams.

Q ACOUSTICS M3 SOUNDBAR, £299, qacoustics.co.uk

Make the TV sing with this brilliant, competitively priced soundbar. Once you've found the best position (under the telly, on the wall, wherever is best), choose the right preset and it will adjust accordingly.

SENNHEISER MOMENTUM IN-EAR WIRELESS HEADPHONES, £169.99, sennheiser.co.uk

These came from music makers Sennheiser, pro superb because they are wireless and fit perfectly. The neckband means you can't lose them even if they fall out.

ROBERTS SPORTS DAB+ SPORT RADIO, £89.99, argos.co.uk

The loudspeaker also has a headphone socket. Easy to use, with bright blue backlit display. DAB, DAB+ and FM frequencies.

NESPRESSO ESSENZA MINI, £89, ao.com

The simplicity and speed of a capsule coffee maker in a small, chic package. It heats up fast and has an auto shut-off. The only problem is pricing your favourite Nespresso coffee.

NOKIA 3310 MOBILE PHONE, £39, nokiahome.co.uk

The just-released Nokia retro handset is great for dads who don't like smartphones. Affordable (the price applies if you buy £10 of airtime) and has 30-day standby battery life.

UE BOOM 2 BLUETOOTH SPEAKER, £99.99, johnlewis.com

Waterproof, robust and with a 15-hour battery life, this durable speaker is well-priced. Plus it comes in a bunch of colours. Has simple controls and splays out sound in every direction so it's great for parties at home or on the beach.

SMART POLISH PRO WATERLESS WASH AND WAX, £15.99, smartpolishpro.co.uk

A car wash that's useful if there's no hose nearby. This waterless system involves spraying the formula on, wiping down and applying again. And you're done. Enough for four or more cars.

NOOLIS RFID WALLET, £34.99, noolisconnection.com

Clever solution for tap and pay worries about card clash. It is protected against hackers because the pockets are RFID-proof. Except one. Put the contactless card in that slot.

ORAL-B GENIUS 9000S ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSH, £129.99, argos.co.uk

Cleverly has a motion sensor so it can tell whether you've missed a bit as you brush. Works with a smartphone app.

AMAZON FIRE 7 TABLET, £49.99, amazon.co.uk

The just-announced 7in tablet has Alexa voice control built in. Comes in four colours and looks great. It's on pre-order now and available on June 7. Tremendous value, too.

TED BAKER BOXTIDE FOLIO SMARTPHONE CASE, £34.95, proporta.co.uk

Wraps around the iPhone to protect it. In a polycarbonate case with a leather-effect finish. There's a slot in the front for a credit card too. Several colours and phone sizes.

INCASE CLASSIC MACBOOK PRO SLEEVE, £39.95, currys.co.uk

So you've splashed out on an Apple laptop? Keep it safe in this practical sleeve which has a soft faux-fur lining to protect from scratches. It's lightweight but solid enough to be protective. Brilliant.

KÄRCHER K2 FULL CONTROL HOME PRESSURE WASHER, £99.99, karcher.com

Cleaning the patio is dull. Unless you have a pressure washer like this one. The trigger gun and lance make light work of blasting off the dirt. Plus there's a patio-cleaner accessory.

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ARIES March 21 – April 20

Doubts disappear and you make a series of decisions that get your life moving. Your true personality is on show, and this helps attract the right partner – even if it's someone you never expected to fall for. Couples share a wonderful secret.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

As Pluto links up with Mercury, you discover your spirit of adventure – and it shows in the way you dress and the ideas you talk about at work. You're ready to set the pace in a relationship or launch a new romance that could take you travelling.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

This awesome twosome of Mars and Saturn gives you the willpower and ability to be a winner at work. A relationship can also be just as serious as you want it to be. If you're single, a friendly disagreement about TV shows can lead to a hot date.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

Showing you've checked every detail will get others to back your plans. If you're single, you meet as rivals for a prize but love takes over. Coupled up? A partner may not say so, but they need to be reassured about your feelings.

LEO July 23 – August 23

You may not class yourself as the ambitious type until this week, when you discover how much you enjoy unexpected success. If you're single, you both say you're just good friends but sense it could be so much more. Luck opens a scarlet door.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

Having extra living space may seem like a distant dream, but now you have the inspired ideas that can help make it happen. A Pisces attracts, intrigues and, at times, infuriates you – but you both soon realise it's love.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Your mind is clear and emotions calm, and they give you a much deeper insight into family life. Plans to set up a business together look good. Love-wise, the first kiss tells you if you'll be planning a wedding. Luck is linked to a holiday.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

Pluto, your personal planet, pushes for change as instead of choosing the quiet life, you compete for the job and the love that deep down you know is right for you. Mars adds extra passion that will energise established couples.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Strict Saturn gives you the determination to free up time for your own projects, especially any linked to the showbiz world. Then you'll find that the more fulfilled you are, the better it is for love and family relationships.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Dynamic, determined and decisive – this is the new you, and these traits are here to stay. Your work and home plans make progress, though not always in the way you expect. Those quiet moments of love show a partnership is strong.

AQUARIUS January 21 – February 18

You're a reader of minds and hearts this week. Even if you've only just met, you make a relationship what you want and need it to be. Job-wise, you can get even stubborn people to work well in a team and deliver good results.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

Venus links money and love so you could discover a partner is wealthier than either of you knows. Or, if you're single, you meet where cash is being presented. At work, your money-saving ideas help you make progress.

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The Sun On Sunday

May 28 2017

CIRCULATION: **1.36M**

The Sun on Sunday is one of the UK's biggest selling national newspapers. The M3 featured in The Sun on Sunday over the weekend, appearing in a Father's Day gift guide by the newspaper's consumer edtior.

> "Make the TV sing with this brilliant, competitively price soundbar."

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New tech we want

compiled by LUCY HEDGES

Mophie juice pack
If you're after extra power and protection for your jaw-droppingly stunning Samsung S8 or S8 Plus, look no further than the original king of portable power.
£89.95, mophie.com

Bragi Dash PRO
With 27 embedded sensors inside these artificially intelligent waterproof buds, your lugholes have direct access to a fitness coach, health aid and connected digital assistant and more, with cranium gesture control thrown in for good measure.
£302, bragi.com/shop

Avegant Glyph audio and video headset
We can't help but think this sci-fi face furniture's taken a strange cue from Star Trek's Geordi La Forge. You'll look strange but does that really matter when you're immersed in a film, game or live drone footage?
£529.99, selfridges.com

HFit Trainer
No one likes schlepping to the gym but with summer fast approaching, it's time to swap that paunch for packs with this seven-in-one free weight fitness tool, which encourages you to work out without leaving the house.
£69.99, hfittrainer.com

Helios lite designer laptop backpack
What's the point of spending loads of money on a laptop if you're just going to toss it into a laptop-unfriendly bag? This one's crafted from lightweight, weather-resistant fabrics.
£95, moshi.com

Sennheiser HD 1 Pink Floyd headphones
As the official audio partner for the Pink Floyd exhibition at London's V&A, Sennheiser has tailed these special-edition Dark Side Of The Moon-inspired 'phones that not only look the part but sound pretty spectacular too.
£379.99 (pre-order), sennheiser.com

Pro-Ject Essential III: Sgt Pepper's Drum
To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the iconic Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album, this limited-edition turntable has its sights set squarely on Beatles super fans with a penchant for LPs.
£429, fenleydesigns.co.uk

Q Acoustics M3 Soundbar
If your TV generally sounds a bit weak, a sound bar is a great way to give it that much-needed audio boost – this British-branded sound tube looks good and won't break the bank.
£299, qacoustics.co.uk

Weber iGrill Mini
This Bluetooth bot takes the guesswork out of grilling and makes sure you won't poison your guests. Just stick the app-connected thermometer into your meat and you'll master the art of a perfectly grilled steak in no time.
£59.99, weberbbq.co.uk

Aquapac Small Whanganui waterproof case
If your smartphone doesn't have an aquatic overcoat, the next best thing is to slip it inside waterproof housing like this so you can hit the waves minus the subsequent tears.
£25, aquapac.net

Metro

May 26 2017

CIRCULATION: **1.48M**

The Metro is a free weekly national newspaper and the biggest selling in the UK. The M3 is featured in a May edition of Metro, appearing the in the popular 'The Lust List' page of the 'Connect' section.

> "...this British-branded sound tube looks good and won't break the bank."

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T3 Magazine

May 12 2017

CIRCULATION: **43.1K**

UK monthly magazine covering news, reviews and features on all aspects of consumer-orientated technology and electronics.

> "The key attribute is wide dispersion BMR drivers, which give a pronounced stereo effect. Bass response is good too. A bar to play loud."

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British GQ

May 11 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **2.46M**
COVERAGE VIEWS: **7.98K**

UK online presence of leading men's lifestyle magazine GQ. The website is a definitive guide to daily news, the latest "Cool stuff", bars, places to go, fashion, style, politics, culture, and technology.

The M3 was featured on British GQ online, referenced in a review of the new first-person action-adventure video console game, Prey. The game has been praised for its 'stellar soundtrack and fantastic sound design.'

> We've been playing with Q Acoustics' new M3 soundbar, and it gives Prey's audio experience a noticeable boost.

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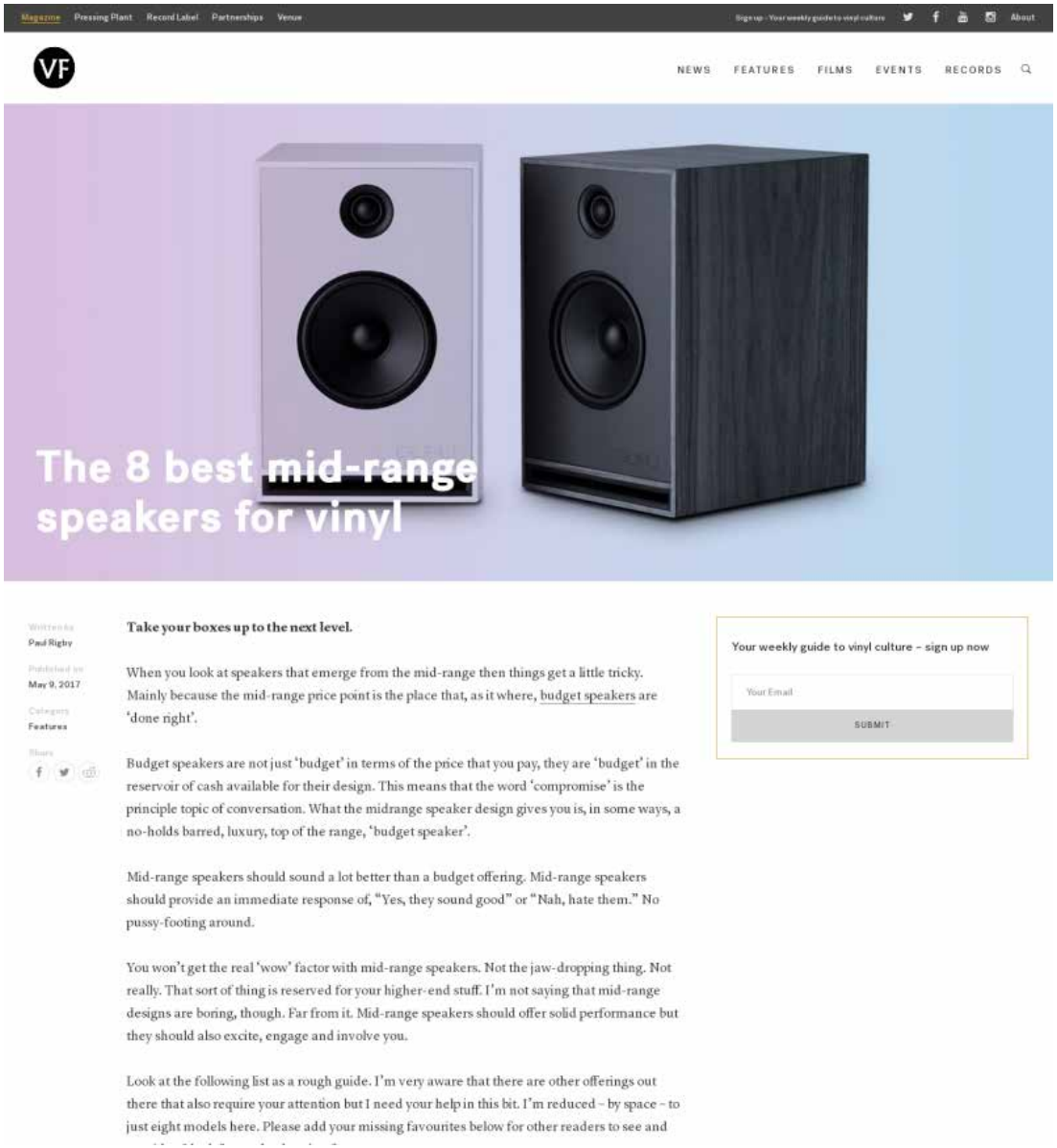


The Vinyl Factory

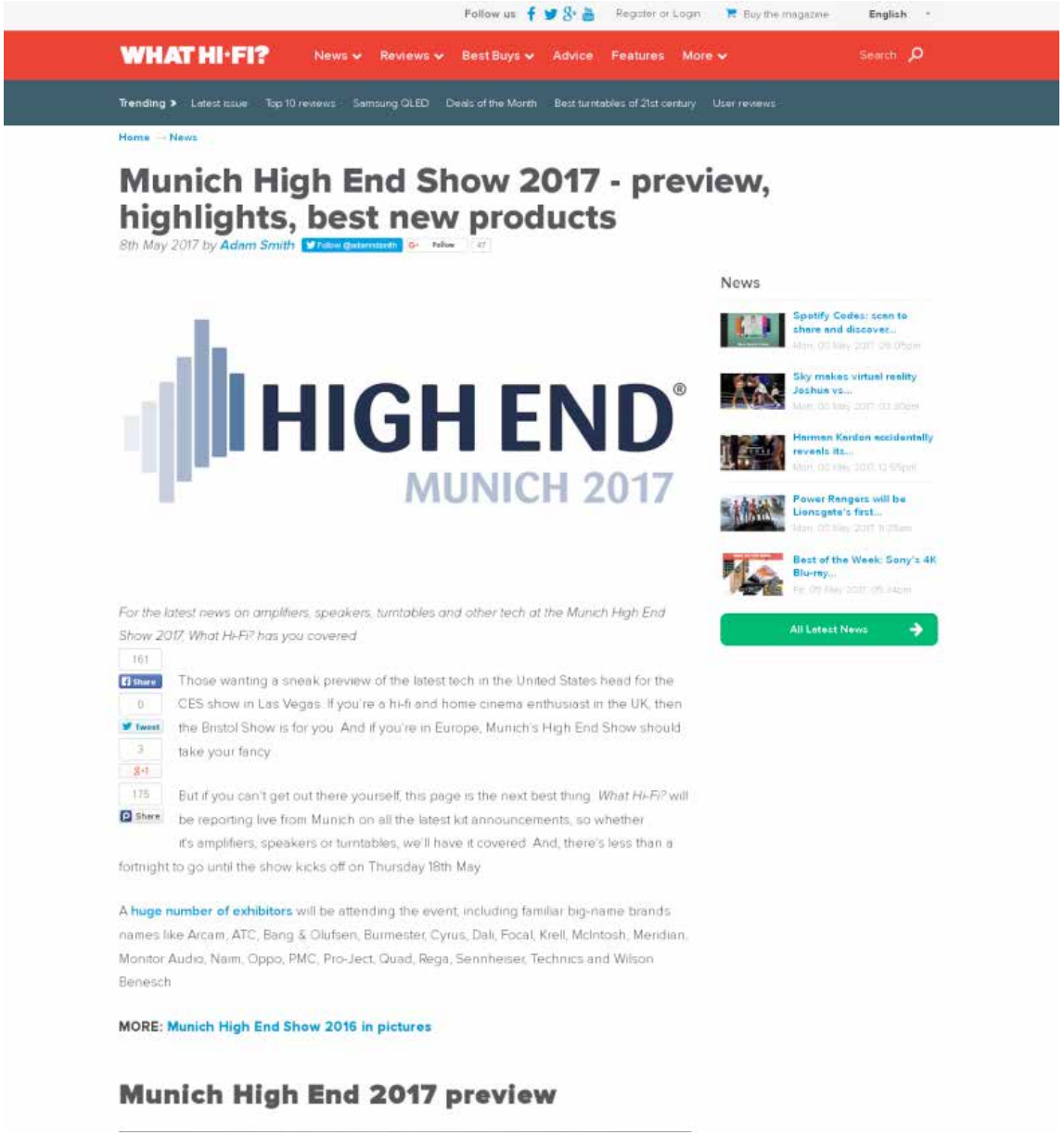
May 9 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **907K**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **4.71K**

The Vinyl Factory is a website dedicated to everything related to vinyl records and is part of a vinyl enterprise that encompasses a record label, pressing plant and the website.

> A superb sounding set of floor-standing speakers combining punch with elegance. They feature Aramid fibre mid-bass cones: Kevlar to you and me, the bullet-proof material. So, don't waste your time shooting at these speakers. Save your ammo.



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Munich High End Show 2017 - preview, highlights, best new products

8th May 2017 by Adam Smith

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For the latest news on amplifiers, speakers, turntables and other tech at the Munich High End Show 2017, What Hi-Fi? has you covered

Those wanting a sneak preview of the latest tech in the United States head for the CES show in Las Vegas. If you're a hi-fi and home cinema enthusiast in the UK, then the Bristol Show is for you. And if you're in Europe, Munich's High End Show should take your fancy.

But if you can't get out there yourself, this page is the next best thing. *What Hi-Fi?* will be reporting live from Munich on all the latest kit announcements, so whether it's amplifiers, speakers or turntables, we'll have it covered. And, there's less than a fortnight to go until the show kicks off on Thursday 18th May.

A huge number of exhibitors will be attending the event, including familiar big-name brands names like Arcam, ATC, Bang & Olufsen, Burmester, Cyrus, Dali, Focal, Krell, McIntosh, Meridian, Monitor Audio, Naim, Oppo, PMC, Pro-Ject, Quad, Rega, Sennheiser, Technics and Wilson Benesch

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What Hi-Fi?

May 8 2017

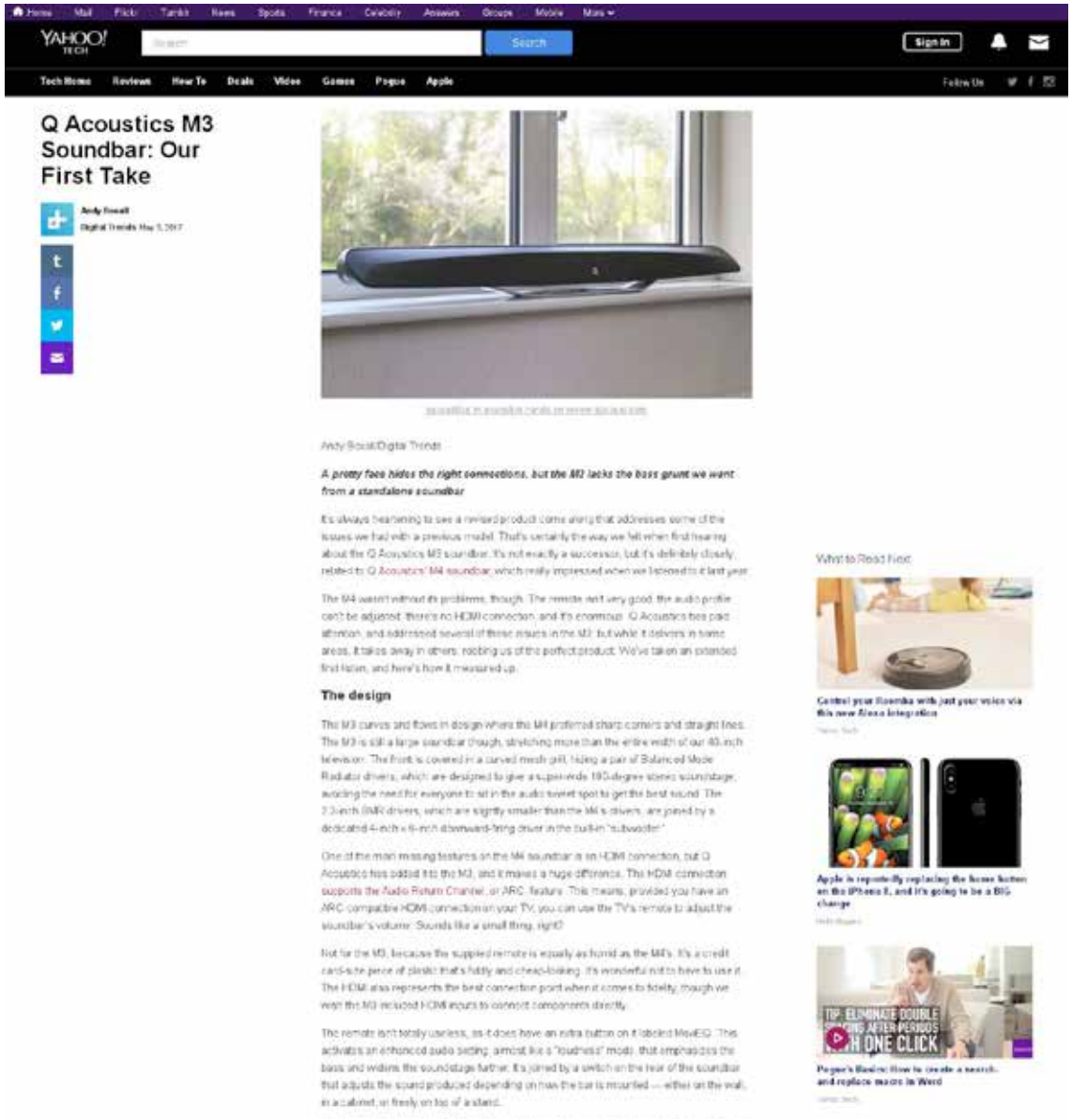
AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **6.38M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **35.8K**

Online presence of What Hi-Fi? Sound and Vision magazine featuring technical features, reviews, news and advice on of the latest hi-fi, audio, home cinema and consumer electronics products.

The Concept 500s were featured in What Hi-Fi?'s Munich High End Show preview.

From Q Acoustics are the £4000 Concept 500 speakers, which it quietly previewed at the 2016 show. The speakers have a couple of low-distortion 16.5cm mid/bass drive units and a 28mm soft-dome tweeter, and feature similar Dual Gelcore technology to that used in the five-star Concept 20 and Concept 40 speakers.



Q Acoustics M3 Soundbar: Our First Take

Andy Boxall/Digital Trends

A pretty face hides the right connections, but the M3 lacks the bass grunt we want from a standalone soundbar

The design

Yahoo!

May 5 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **5.66B**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **1.81M**

Yahoo! is a world-leading search engine and web portal featuring syndicated and original content.

> ...super-wide 180-degree stereo soundstage, avoiding the need for everyone to sit in the audio sweet spot to get the best sound.

> ...it does have an extra button on it labeled MoviEQ. This activates an enhanced audio setting, almost like a “loudness” mode, that emphasizes the bass and widens the soundstage further.

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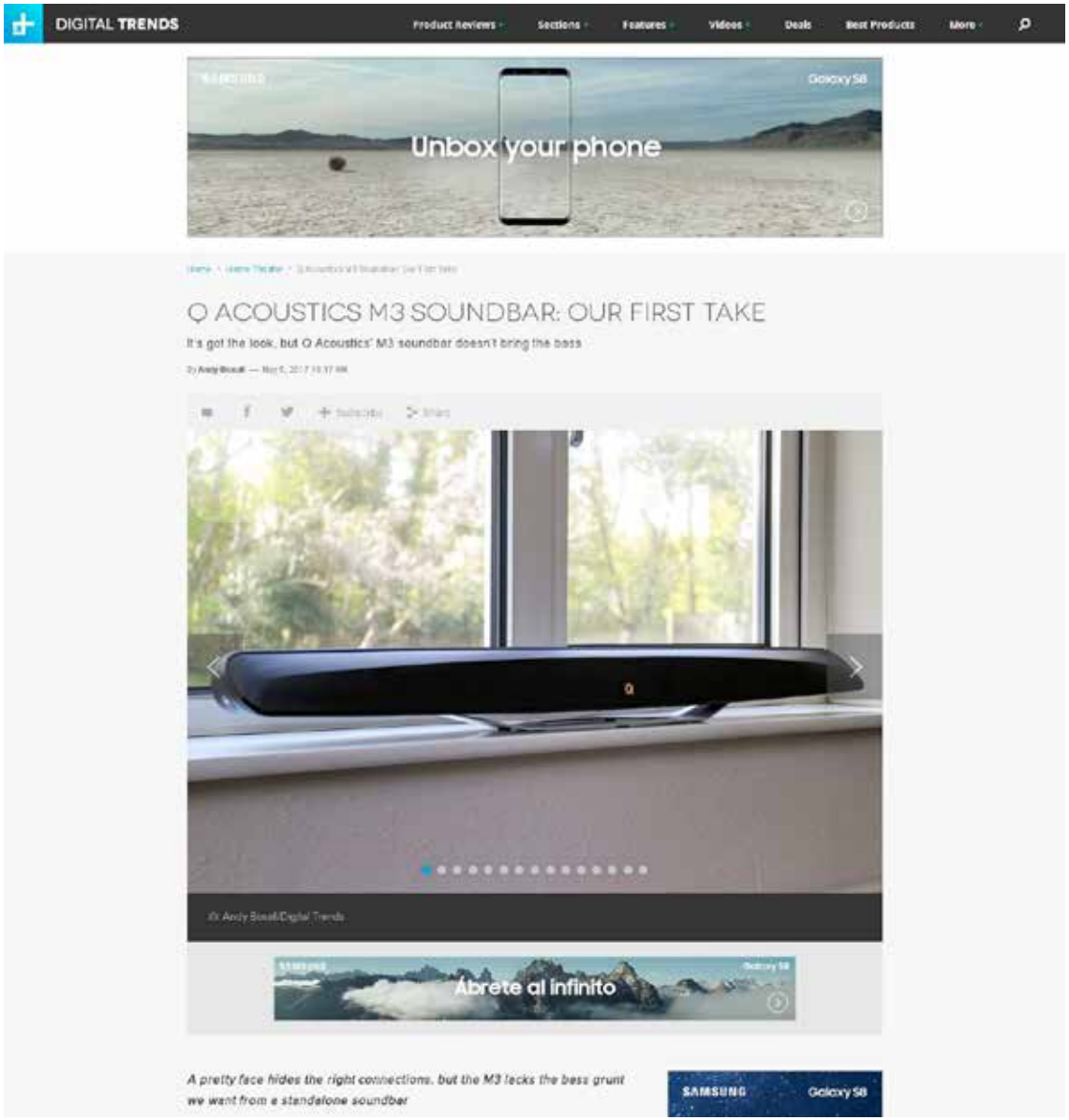

Digital Trends

May 5 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **30.5M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **60.8K**

Digital Trends is leading US and UK website covering all aspect of technology and consumer technology and how it effects people's live.

"...the M3 has a brighter, more treble-intensive sound..."

"The BMR drivers produce a wide soundstage with wonderfully clear dialogue."

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GeekDad

May 3 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **544K**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **3.36K**

GeekDad is a popular US blog about parenting in the digital age.

> The new M3 sound bar brings high-end sound and design with a mid-range price for people who don't want to deal with a lot of cables, but who want to truly enjoy their media.

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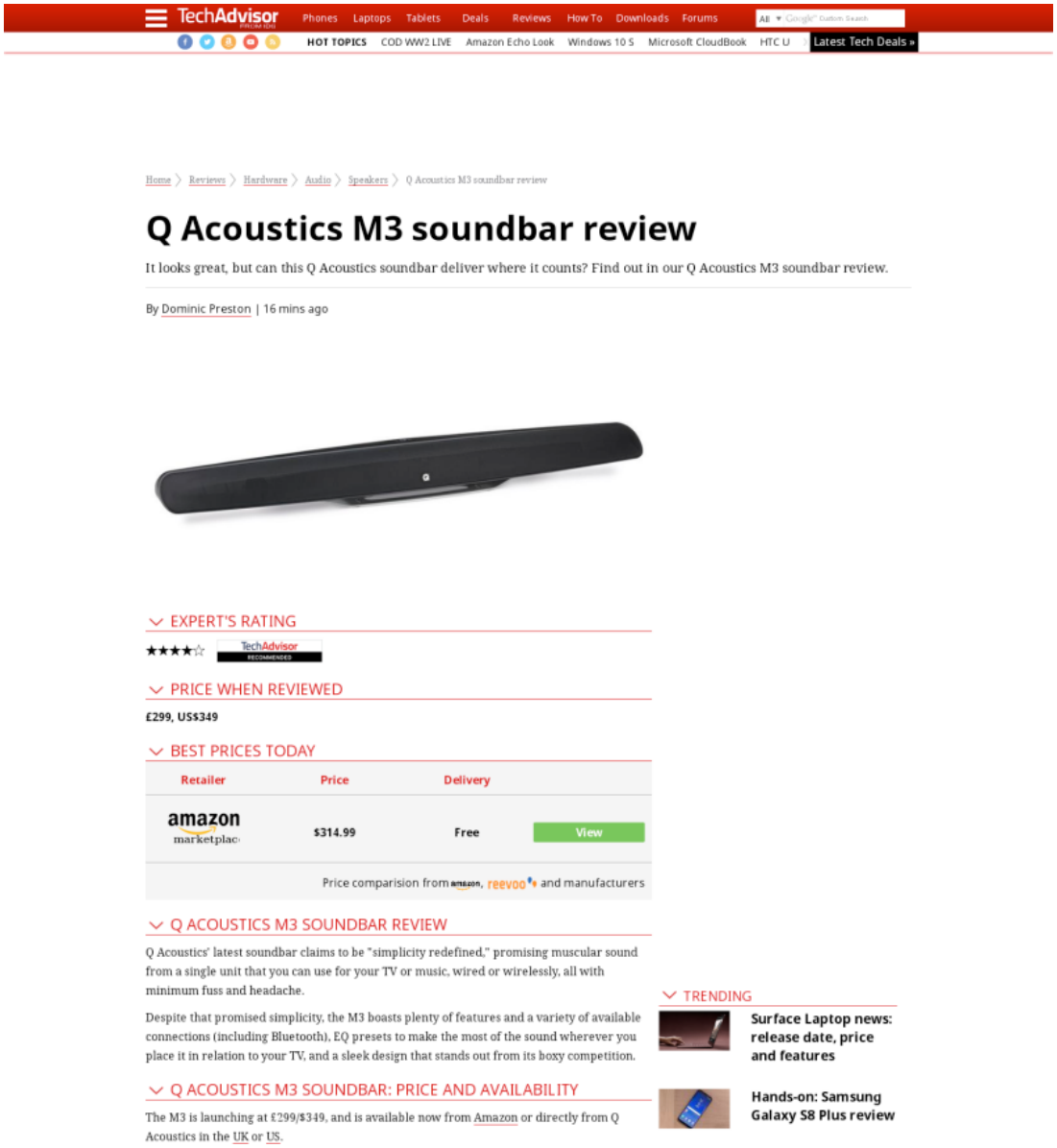

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Q Acoustics M3 soundbar review

It looks great, but can this Q Acoustics soundbar deliver where it counts? Find out in our Q Acoustics M3 soundbar review.

By Dominic Preston | 16 mins ago

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PRICE WHEN REVIEWED

£299, US$349

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Q ACOUSTICS M3 SOUNDBAR REVIEW

Q Acoustics' latest soundbar claims to be "simplicity redefined," promising muscular sound from a single unit that you can use for your TV or music, wired or wirelessly, all with minimum fuss and headache.

Despite that promised simplicity, the M3 boasts plenty of features and a variety of available connections (including Bluetooth), EQ presets to make the most of the sound wherever you place it in relation to your TV, and a sleek design that stands out from its boxy competition.

Q ACOUSTICS M3 SOUNDBAR: PRICE AND AVAILABILITY

The M3 is launching at £299/$349, and is available now from Amazon or directly from Q Acoustics in the UK or US.

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PC Advisor

May 3 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **11.7M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **42.7K**

PC Advisor/Tech Advisor is one of the UK's biggest consumer electronic websites.

> The Q Acoustics M3 is a great soundbar, whether you opt to use it for films and TV or as an all-in-one Bluetooth music speaker. There's a wealth of connection options, impressive sound quality, and a slick design, all at a reasonable price - and it couldn't be simpler to use.

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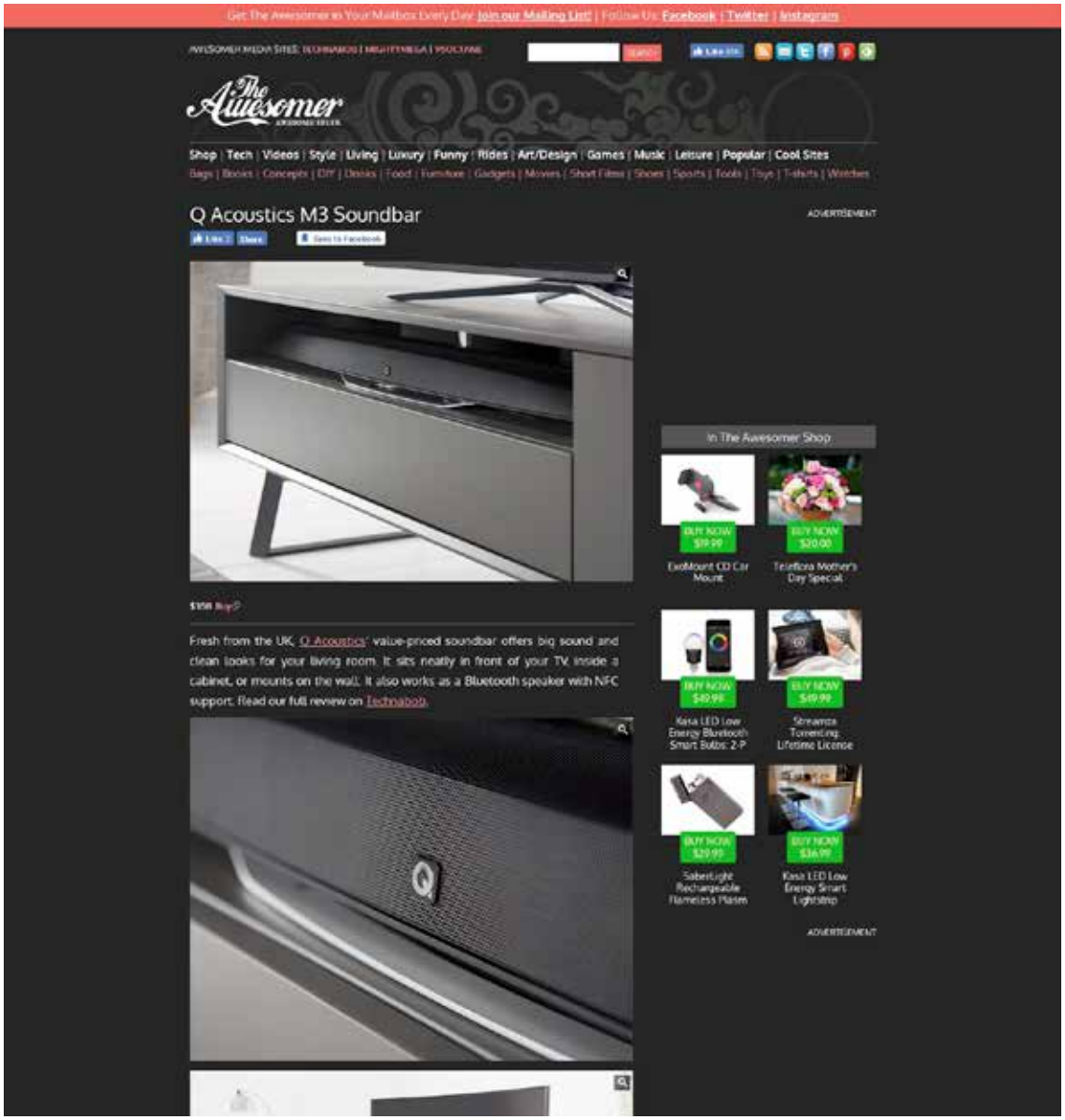

The Awesomer

Apr 28 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **1.88M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **10K**

A US website that shares cool and awesome stuff like gadgets, gear for guys, fast cars, funny videos, fashion, movies, games and other awesome things.

"...It's capable of pushing out room-filling volume levels, and is especially adept in the mids and highs."

"Dialogue is especially crisp and clear on the M3, but rather than focused in the center, it's smoothly distributed across the soundstage, which is very pleasing to the ear."

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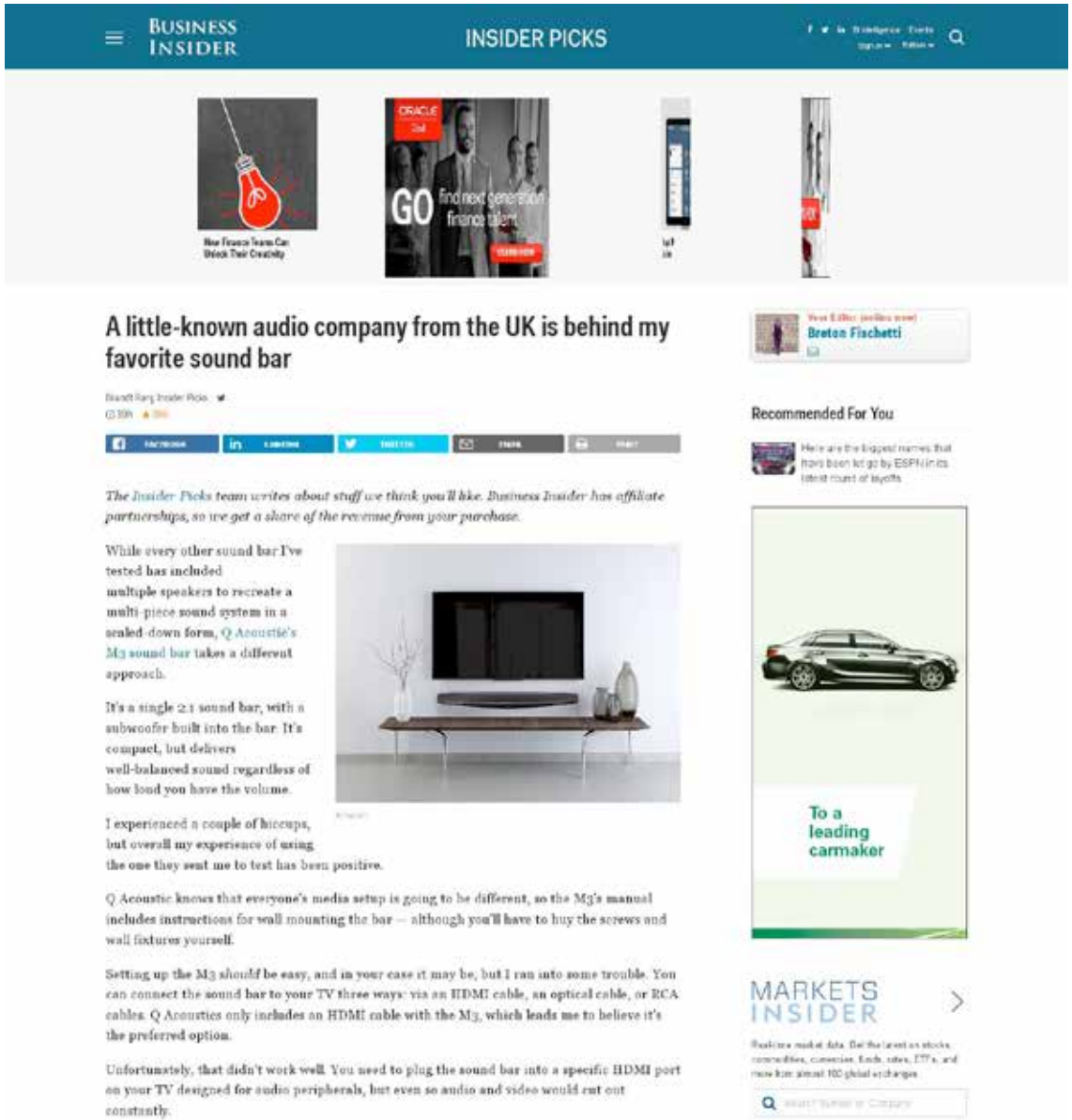

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A little-known audio company from the UK is behind my favorite sound bar

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While every other sound bar I've tested has included multiple speakers to recreate a multi-piece sound system in a scaled-down form, Q Acoustic's M3 sound bar takes a different approach.

It's a single 2.1 sound bar, with a subwoofer built into the bar. It's compact, but delivers well-balanced sound regardless of how loud you have the volume.

I experienced a couple of hiccups, but overall my experience of using the one they sent me to test has been positive.

Q Acoustic knows that everyone's media setup is going to be different, so the M3's manual includes instructions for wall mounting the bar — although you'll have to buy the screws and wall fixtures yourself.

Setting up the M3 should be easy, and in your case it may be, but I ran into some trouble. You can connect the sound bar to your TV three ways: via an HDMI cable, an optical cable, or RCA cables. Q Acoustics only includes an HDMI cable with the M3, which leads me to believe it's the preferred option.

Unfortunately, that didn't work well. You need to plug the sound bar into a specific HDMI port on your TV designed for audio peripherals, but even so audio and video would cut out constantly.

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Business Insider

Apr 27 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **124M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **143K**

Business Insider is a fast-growing business site focusing on financial, media, tech, and other industry verticals.

> The bass impressed me the most; it's present without being overpowering, and I think I prefer it to the wireless subwoofers included with sound bars I've used in the past.

> ...the M3 deserves your attention.

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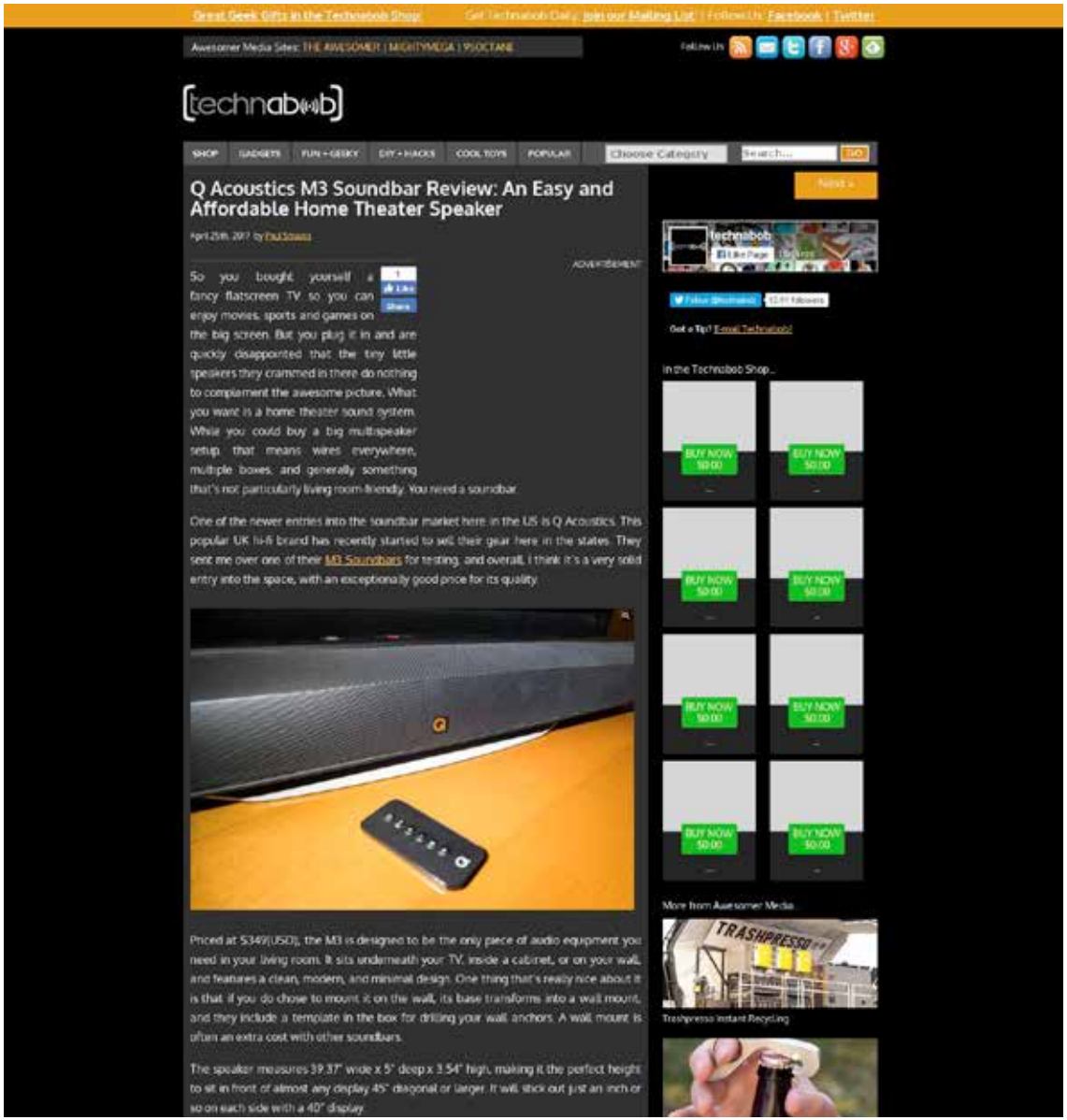

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Q Acoustics M3 Soundbar Review: An Easy and Affordable Home Theater Speaker

April 25th, 2017 by Paul Stevens

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So you bought yourself a fancy flatscreen TV so you can enjoy movies, sports and games on the big screen. But you plug it in and are quickly disappointed that the tiny little speakers they crammed in there do nothing to compliment the awesome picture. What you want is a home theater sound system. While you could buy a big multispeaker setup that means wires everywhere, multiple boxes, and generally something that's not particularly living room-friendly. You need a soundbar.

One of the newer entries into the soundbar market here in the US is Q Acoustics. This popular UK hi-fi brand has recently started to sell their gear here in the states. They sent me over one of their M3 Soundbars for testing, and overall, I think it's a very solid entry into the space, with an exceptionally good price for its quality.

Priced at $349(USD), the M3 is designed to be the only piece of audio equipment you need in your living room. It sits underneath your TV, inside a cabinet, or on your wall, and features a clean, modern, and minimal design. One thing that's really nice about it is that if you do chose to mount it on the wall, its base transforms into a wall mount, and they include a template in the box for drilling your wall anchors. A wall mount is often an extra cost with other soundbars.

The speaker measures 39.37" wide x 5" deep x 3.54" high, making it the perfect height to sit in front of almost any display 45" diagonal or larger. It will stick out just an inch or so on each side with a 40" display.

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AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **415K**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **1.92K**

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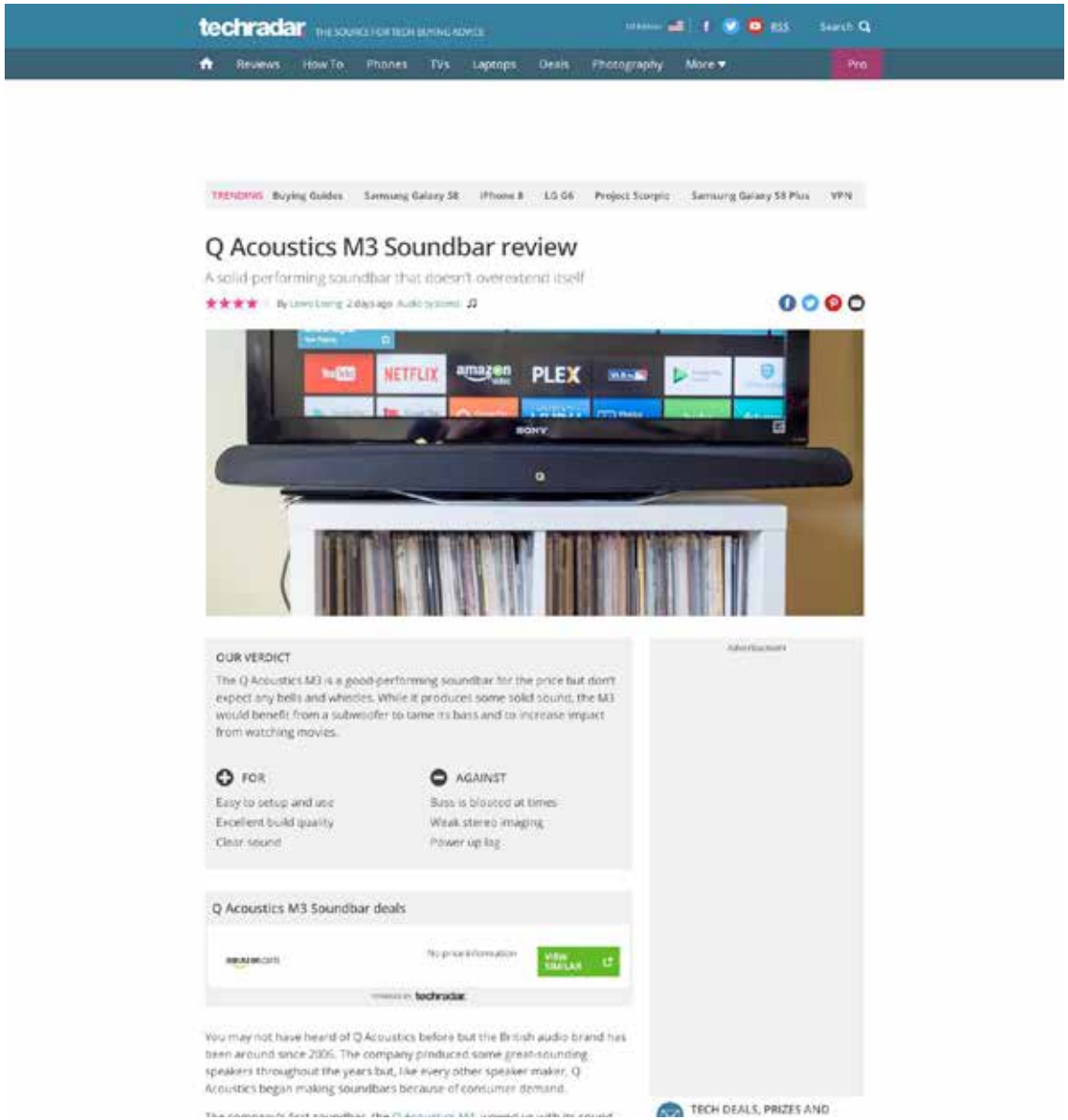

TechRadar

Apr 24 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **42.4M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **78.4K**

The UK biggest consumer technology website with a strong US audience. TechRadar covers the latest news, reviews and information on all aspects of consumer technology.

> **A solid-performing soundbar that doesn't overextend itself.**

> The soundbar can get loud and has no problem filling the room with sound.

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M3 Soundbar

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This week's best buys

FOR BLOKES

Ableforth's Rumbullion!
£30.05, amazon.co.uk
Drink like a sailor with this rum that's full of flavour. Madagascan vanilla, orange peel, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom all combine in a brown paper-wrapped bottle sealed with black wax. Arrr!

Q Acoustics M3
£299, qacoustics.co.uk
This soundbar makes great audio easy whether you pop it under your TV, in a cabinet or on the wall. It will adapt to where it sits, switch on and off with your TV and disperse sound to fill the room.

Manduka X mat
About £90, manduka.com
More and more men are getting into yoga, and whether you're doing it in the gym or the middle of a field, this mat is portable, durable, lightweight and cushioned. It's sure to take the edge off those new moves!

Tigi Bed Head For Men facial hair range
From £9.95, lookfantastic.com
Bed Head is more often used on top of the head, but its first facial haircare range features a cooling aftershave, beard balm and moustache crafter – so you're all set to style.

Smart Polish Pro Hydropel
£29.99, smartpolishpro.com
Smart Polish Pro's latest high-quality car care product acts like a liquid force field to repel water and also forms a barrier against road salt, acid rain and the occasional gift from the birds. It's a must for those who love their motors.

Sitpack
£49.98, sitpack.dk
The guys behind Sitpack came up with it at a music festival, when they were dying for a seat as they waited for the tunes. The result is a beer can-sized object that folds out into a strong, adjustable seat with a lifetime guarantee. Take a load off!

HTC U Ultra
£649, htc.com
This new luxury smartphone is packed full of goodies to boost your experience, but it's the look we're interested in. It's made completely from 3D-contoured liquid glass and, whether you go for brilliant black or sapphire blue, it's an attention-grabber for sure.

UE Wonderboom Bluetooth speaker
£89.99, johnlewis.co.uk
The UE Boom and Boom 2 speakers are some of the best out there, but this smaller version does much of the same stuff at half the price. So waterproof it floats, 100ft Bluetooth range and rich sound? Meet your new travel buddy.

Jorvik child carrier tricycle
£499, jorvikcycles.com
Enjoy the school or nursery run with this stylish two-seater trike. Seat belts and footplates add safety, and you can store bags. It's all for under £500, too – half the price of many competitors.

BY TOM ATKINSON

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Daily Star Sunday

Apr 16 2017

CIRCULATION: **259K**

The Daily Star Sunday is a supplement magazine and the M3 featured in the 'This week's best buys'

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VERDICT

An awesome soundbar that looks elegant and sounds great, even without the aid of a subwoofer

FOR GOOD BASS output, standalone soundbars can't usually compete with soundbar/subwoofer combos, but the Q Acoustics M3 is an exception to that rule. This elegantly proportioned soundbar can kick out bass lines and explosions with the best of them, and there's no need to find room for a bulky subwoofer.

It's the follow-up to the excellent Q Acoustics Media 4, the key difference – besides a slightly sleeker, more rounded look – being that the newer M3 is actually about £30 cheaper, at £299. At that price, it's also brought into direct competition with the Yamaha MusicCast YAS-306 (Shopper 350), another standalone home cinema companion.

STYLED AT HEART

The first thing you notice is how much more attractive than the average soundbar the Q Acoustics M3 is. Perched atop its wing-like aluminium stand, the M3 seems to float in front of your TV rather than simply sit there, and its sculpted shape is a welcome break from the angular black bars we're used to.

It's certainly better looking than the Media 4, and a touch more practical. The Media 4's deep, trapezoidal shape makes it tricky to position on narrow TV stands. While the Q Acoustics M3 is still quite chunky at 125mm deep and 70mm high, it's easier to accommodate than the Media 4.

Build quality is just as sturdy, too, and despite the slimmer profile, a similar selection of drivers is in evidence. Notably, Q Acoustics has squeezed in a similarly powerful 100W amplifier, as well as the same 100x150mm elliptical bass driver, although the balanced mode radiator (BMR) drivers handling the left and right channels are a touch smaller at 58x58mm, compared with the 65x65mm drivers in the Media 4.

You also get a better selection of ports on the M3 than the Media 4. There's now an HDMI input with audio return channel (ARC) support in addition to the more traditional stereo phono and 3.5mm analogue jacks, plus an optical input that supports up to 24-bit/96kHz files.

That HDMI port means you can pipe sound to the M3 directly from your TV, and control power and volume from one remote; alas, you can't throw away the cheap, credit card-sized remote that comes in the box, because that's needed for switching sources and flicking between the soundbar's movie EQ (which has a bit more bass) and standard EQ presets.

APTX COMPARISON

As for wireless connectivity, that's covered by Bluetooth, with aptX and NFC support for touch-pairing. There's no Wi-Fi connectivity here, which means no support for Spotify Connect, Google Cast or Apple AirPlay. It also means no kind of multiroom speaker support.

In this respect, the Yamaha MusicCast YAS-306 stretches out a lead over the Q Acoustics M3, as it includes not only Wi-Fi and multiroom support but also additional features such as Bluetooth transmission and infrared passthrough.

The lack of Wi-Fi is disappointing, but for a simple, non-surround soundbar, it's easy to cope with the omission. After all, the main aim of speakers such as this is simply to provide better audio quality than the sub-par speakers that feature on the majority of today's modern LCD TVs. The M3 certainly does that, delivering a weighty, well-balanced sound that's as at home with explosive special effects as it is with classical music or jazz.

It's the amount of bass – and the quality and control over it – that's most impressive, though, and it goes well beyond what you'd expect given the size of the M3. It's powerful and tight, lending body and force to all types of audio content, and those front-facing BMR drivers spread the sound broadly, too. Given there's only two of them, you shouldn't expect much of a positional effect, though.

> Perched atop its wing-like aluminium stand, the M3 seems to float in front of your TV rather than simply sit there

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

What you do get, however, is strong and clear dialogue that isn't swamped by sound effects or background noises, and that's critical for any TV speaker. This is one soundbar you won't find yourself constantly turning up in order to hear what characters are saying on the screen.

The only weakness, perhaps, is that the overall character of the sound, whatever EQ preset you use, is on the warm side. Its delivery simply isn't as crisp or articulate in the mids and highs as, for instance, the far cheaper Cambridge Audio TV2 or even the Q Acoustics M3's big brother, the more expensive Media 4.

Even so, the Q Acoustics M3 is a soundbar that's well worth the asking price. It looks great and sounds amazing, considering there's no separate subwoofer.

There are other products out there that are better in some ways: if you want the very best sound quality from a standalone soundbar, pay £30 more and get yourself a Q Acoustics Media 4 (although bear in mind that it lacks HDMI input). The Yamaha MusicCast YAS-306 also has the M3 beat when it comes to connectivity, helping to make up for its even higher price of £349.

However, if you want an elegantly designed standalone soundbar that delivers the sonic goods and absolutely must have HDMI input, the Q Acoustics M3 won't disappoint.

Jonathan Bray

SPECIFICATIONS

SPEAKERS 4 • **RMS POWER OUTPUT** 80W • **DIMENSIONS** 1,000x125x70mm • **WEIGHT** 4kg • **DOCK CONNECTOR** None • **NETWORKING** Bluetooth 4.0 (aptX), NFC • **WARRANTY** One year RTB • **DETAILS** www.qacoustics.co.uk • **PART CODE** QA3440

Computer Shopper

Apr 12 2017

CIRCULATION: **15.2K**

Computer Shopper is a monthly consumer technology magazine with more of a focus on all things computer-related. It uses syndicated online reviews from sister media outlet, Expert Reviews.

> An awesome soundbar that looks and sounds great. If you're after elegant, fuss-free, great-sounding TV audio, look no further.

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Stuff

Apr 11 2017

CIRCULATION: **56.2K**

Stuff is the UK's biggest selling consumer technology and gadget magazine

"The best budget soundbar around."

"What that means is a slick design and plenty of big, booming audio for your money."

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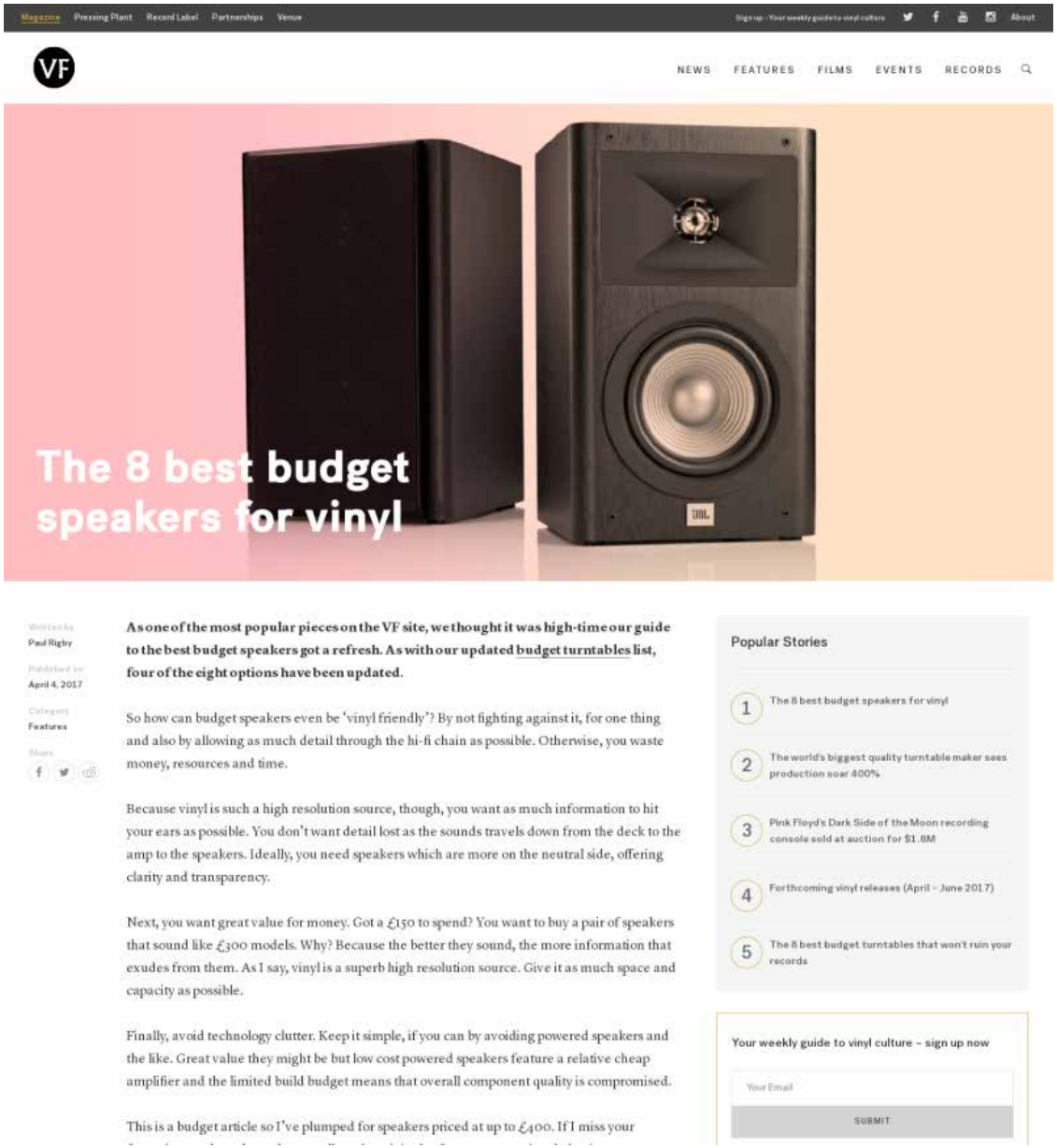


The Vinyl Factory

Apr 4 2017

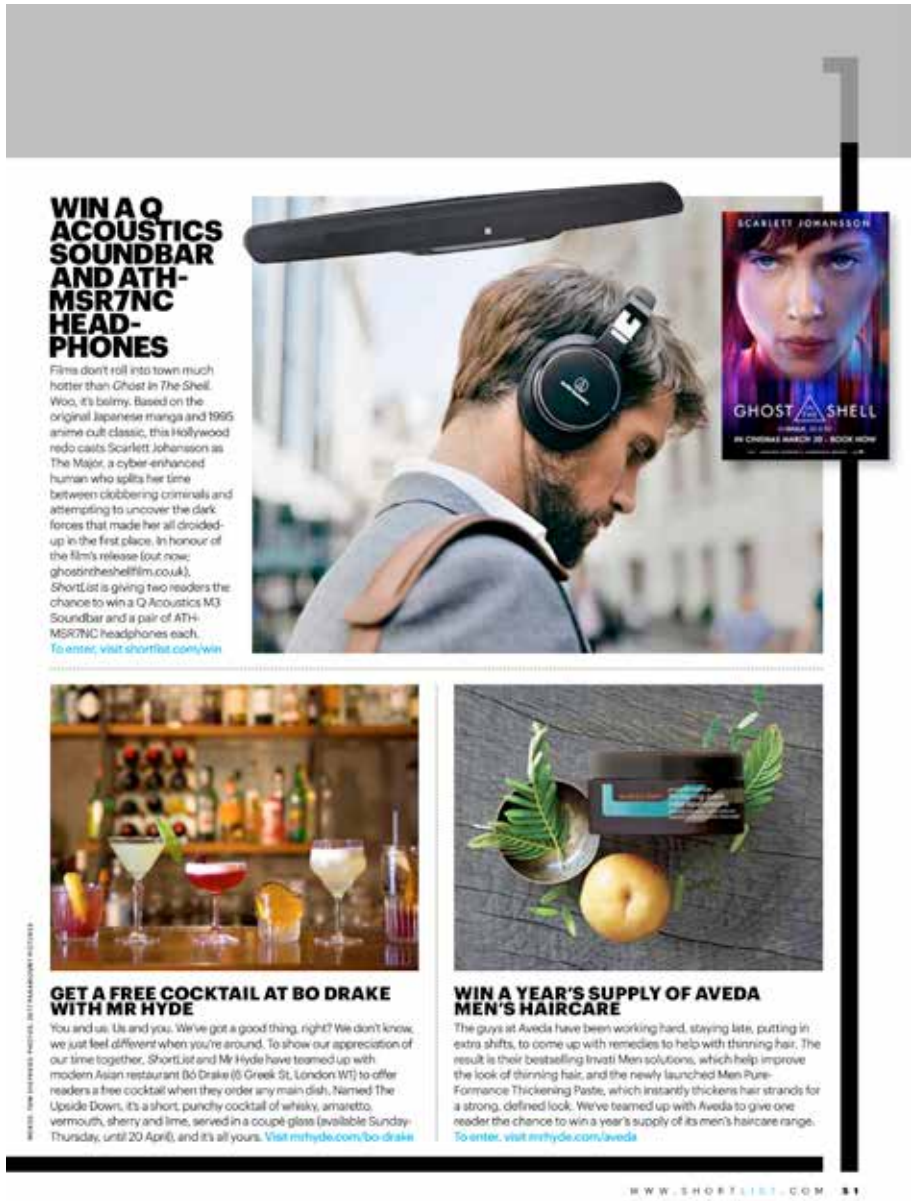
AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **787K**
COVERAGE VIEWS: **4.52K**

The Vinyl Factory is a website dedicated to everything related to vinyl records and is part of a vinyl enterprise that encompasses a record label, pressing plant and the website.

"The 3020s punch above their weight and are certainly a major competitor for other speakers in its price range."

"Well designed with obvious care and attention across the board from its drivers to its cabinet, there is a distinct 'audiophile' edge in terms of the clarity and transparency to these speakers that, for the price, is quite startling"

Q ACOUSTICS **3020**



WIN A Q ACOUSTICS SOUNDBAR AND ATH-MSR7NC HEAD-PHONES

Films don't roll into town much hotter than *Ghost in The Shell*. Woo, it's balmy. Based on the original Japanese manga and 1995 anime cult classic, this Hollywood redo casts Scarlett Johansson as The Major, a cyber-enhanced human who splits her time between clobbering criminals and attempting to uncover the dark forces that made her all droided-up in the first place. In honour of the film's release (out now; ghostintheshellfilm.co.uk), *ShortList* is giving two readers the chance to win a Q Acoustics M3 Soundbar and a pair of ATH-MSR7NC headphones each. To enter, visit shortlist.com/win

GET A FREE COCKTAIL AT BO DRAKE WITH MR HYDE

You and us. Us and you. We've got a good thing, right? We don't know, we just feel *different* when you're around. To show our appreciation of our time together, *ShortList* and Mr Hyde have teamed up with modern Asian restaurant Bó Drake (6 Greek St, London W1) to offer readers a free cocktail when they order any main dish. Named The Upside Down, it's a short, punchy cocktail of whisky, amaretto, vermouth, sherry and lime, served in a coupé glass (available Sunday-Thursday, until 20 April), and it's all yours. Visit mrhyde.com/bo-drake

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The guys at Aveda have been working hard, staying late, putting in extra shifts, to come up with remedies to help with thinning hair. The result is their bestselling Invati Men solutions, which help improve the look of thinning hair, and the newly launched Men Pure-Formance Thickening Paste, which instantly thickens hair strands for a strong, defined look. We've teamed up with Aveda to give one reader the chance to win a year's supply of its men's haircare range. To enter, visit mrhyde.com/aveda

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ShortList magazine

Apr 4 2017

CIRCULATION: **505K**

ShortList is a free weekly men's lifestyle magazine and is distributed in 11 major cities across the UK in and around mainline and underground railway stations, hotels, health clubs, shops, restaurants, financial institutions, universities and selected airlines (in-flight and lounges).

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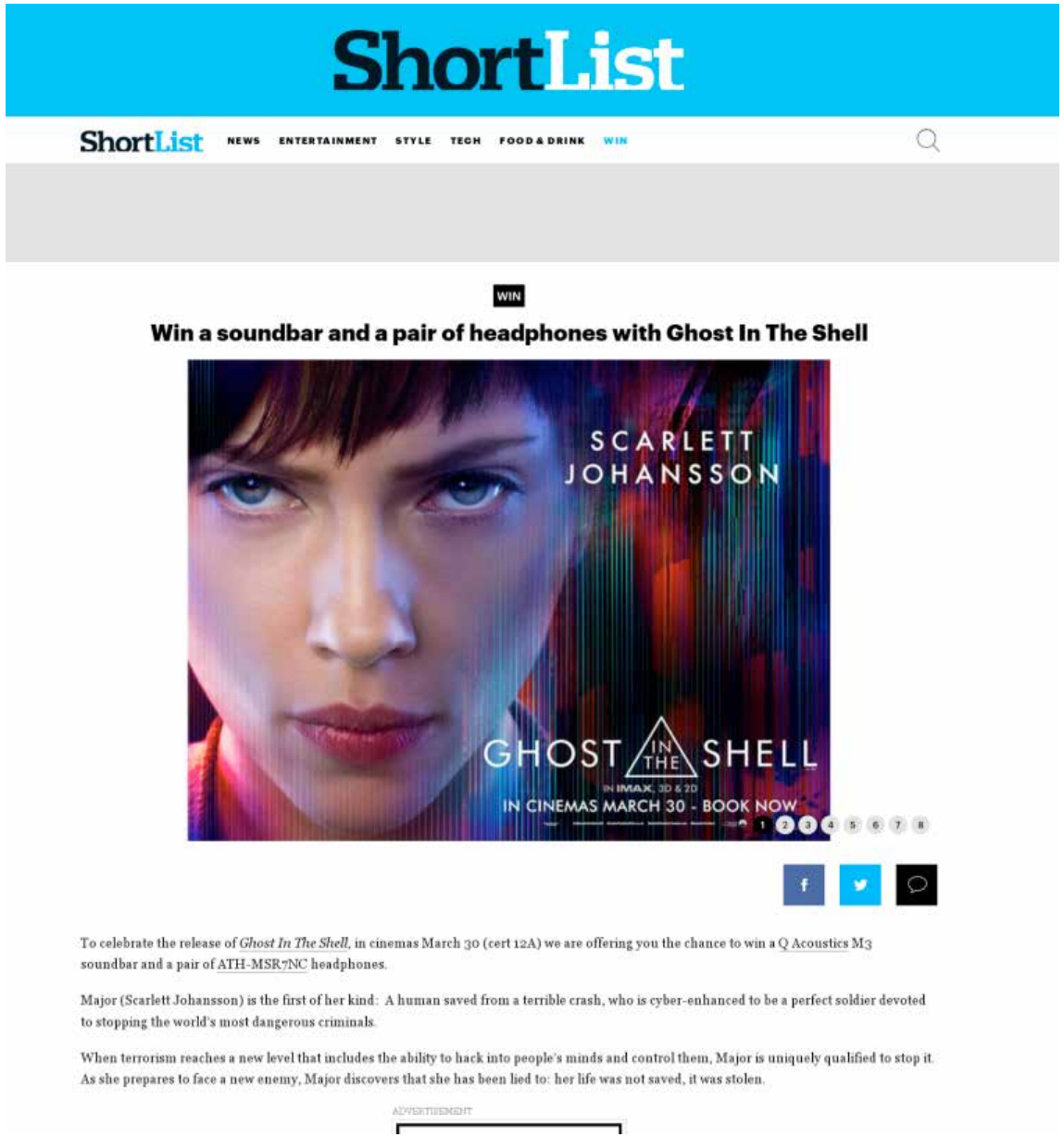

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Win a soundbar and a pair of headphones with Ghost In The Shell

To celebrate the release of *Ghost In The Shell*, in cinemas March 30 (cert 12A) we are offering you the chance to win a Q Acoustics M3 soundbar and a pair of ATH-MSR7NC headphones.

Major (Scarlett Johansson) is the first of her kind: A human saved from a terrible crash, who is cyber-enhanced to be a perfect soldier devoted to stopping the world's most dangerous criminals.

When terrorism reaches a new level that includes the ability to hack into people's minds and control them, Major is uniquely qualified to stop it. As she prepares to face a new enemy, Major discovers that she has been lied to: her life was not saved, it was stolen.

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ShortList (online)

Mar 29 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **2.17M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **12.2K**

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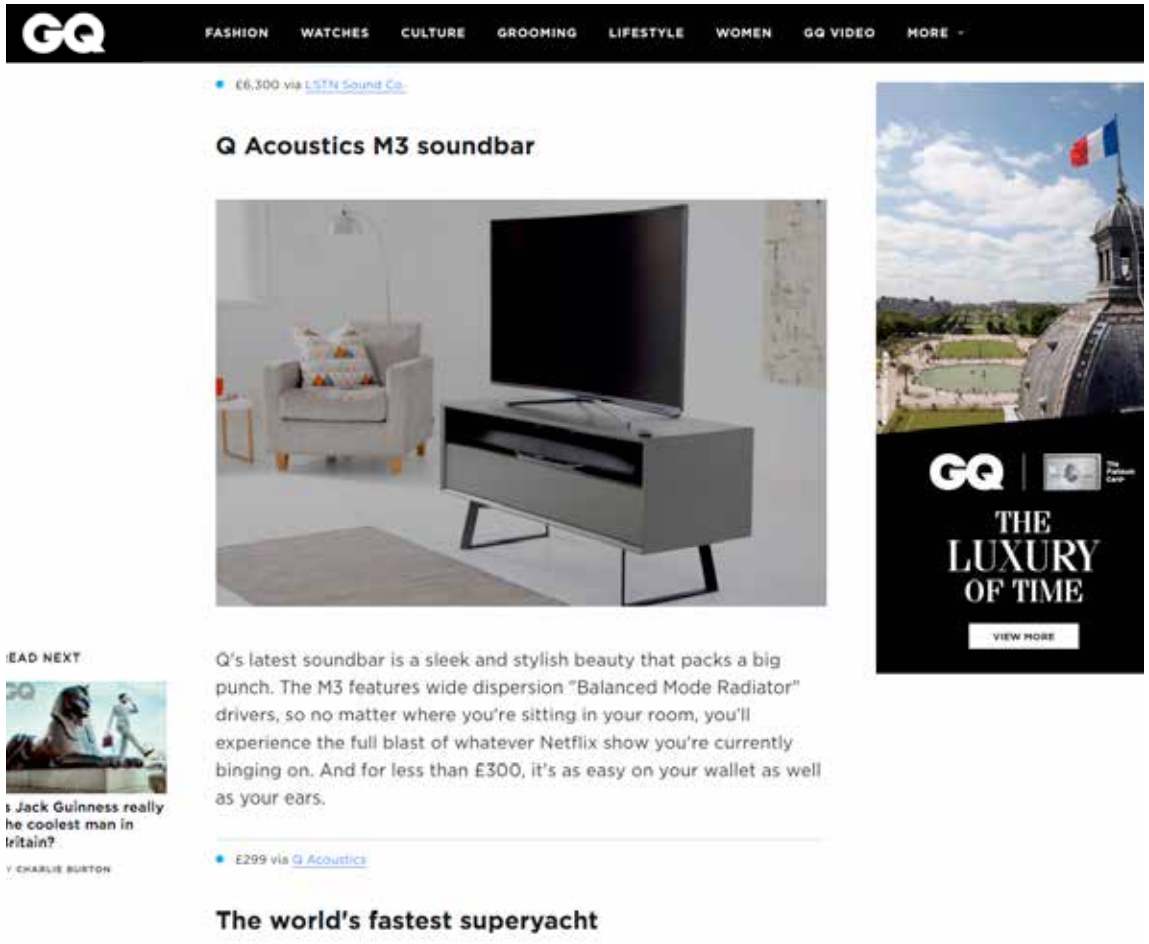

GQ

Mar 21 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **52.7M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **75.6K**

UK online presence of leading men's lifestyle magazine GQ. The website is a definitive guide to daily news, the latest "Cool stuff", bars, places to go, fashion, style, politics, culture, and technology.

"11 coolest things in the world this week..."

Q Acoustic's latest soundbar is a sleek and stylish beauty that packs a big punch."

"The M3 features wide dispersion "Balanced Mode Radiator" drivers, so no matter where you're sitting in your room, you'll experience the full blast of whatever Netflix show you're currently binging on."

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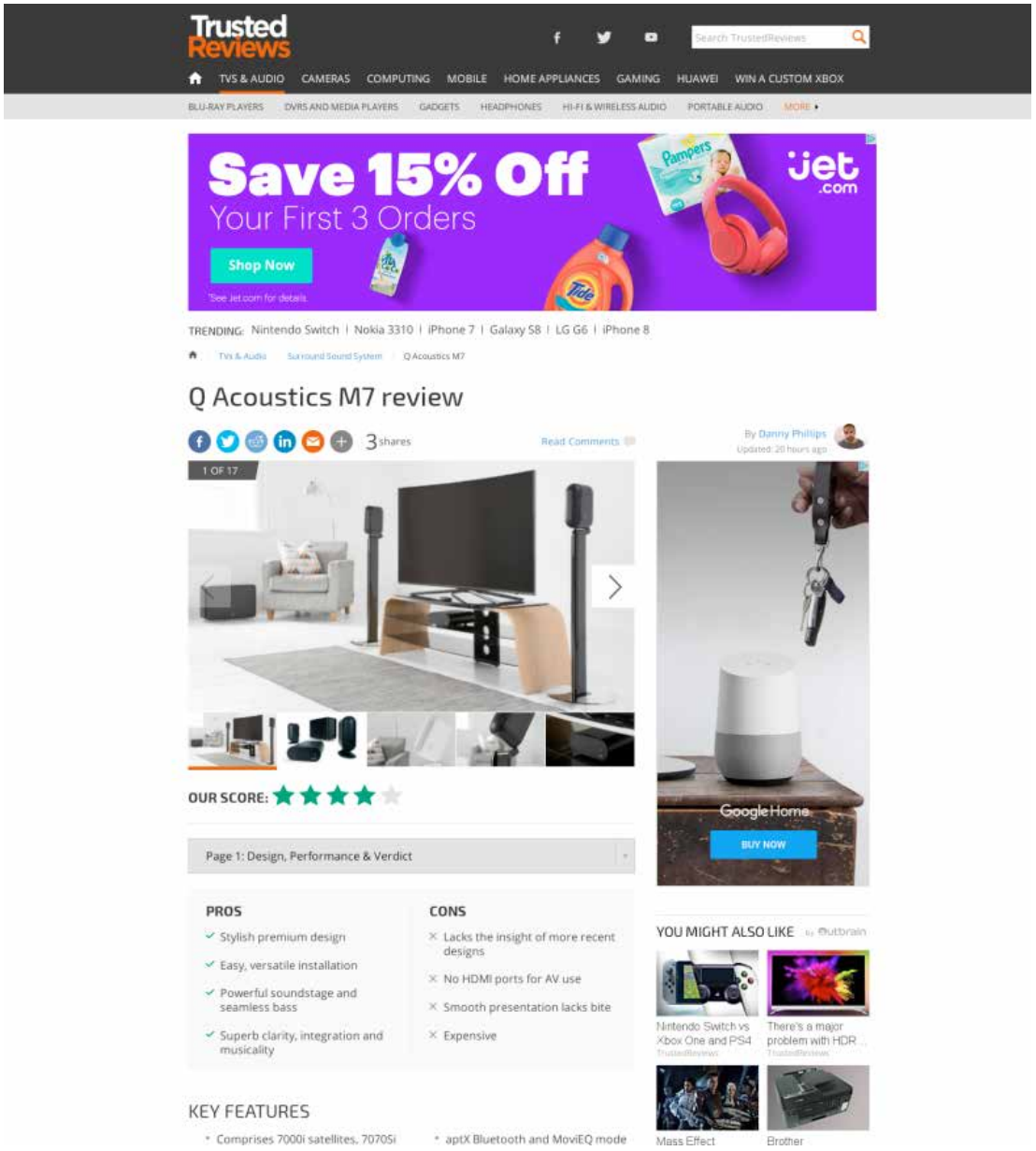

Trusted Reviews

Mar 21 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **24.2M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **102K**

Trusted Reviews is one of the biggest consumer technology websites in the UK.

> Q comes up trumps with a compact 2.1 system that delivers high-class design and spectacular sound quality.

ACOUSTICS **M7**

HOME CINEMA Choice RECOMMENDED

Slim, slick sonics

Danny Phillips adores the styling of Q Acoustics' latest soundbar, and laps up its crystal-clear audio. But he still can't shake the memory of its bigger, bolder brother

Q ACOUSTICS' MOTORWAY-THEMED soundbar range continues with the M3, a slimmer and more affordable follow-up to the M4, which was previously reviewed in HCC #238 and winner of our Soundbar of the Year award, and is actually still on sale three years later.

Like all of Q Acoustics' products, the M3 arrives with a firm emphasis on build quality and performance over – in this instance – niceties like phone apps and multiroom streaming, currently the Big Things of the soundbar world. It does, however, freshen up the spec with a couple of new features.

The M3's most significant upgrade, however, is its design. If the M4 was De Niro at the end of *Raging Bull*, the M3 is *Cape Fear*'s Max Cady – toned up and slimmed down. Its cabinet is sleeker than its bulky sibling and therefore takes up less space on your TV stand. With 20mm shaved off the M4's height, it's less likely to obstruct your TV's remote sensor, too.

Styled in black with an angled front grille, the M3 is a good-looking soundbar, far smarter than some of the sub £300 competition. Its sturdy construction has the air of a more expensive product, particularly the heavy-duty metal stand that doubles as a wall-mounting bracket.

Clutterphobes will love the M3's self-contained design, which relies on a built-in down-firing bass driver for deep impacts as opposed to an external subwoofer. The stand leaves a gap for the woofer to shift air.

Operating the soundbar is a bit basic. There's a cluster of controls on its top panel and a Bluetooth pairing button squirrelled around the back below them. The rest of its user options are accessed using the credit-card style remote and its column of clumsy, unresponsive buttons.

There's no display integrated into the soundbar's chassis, just an LED surrounding the power button that changes colour when you switch inputs and blinks when you change volume. The top-mounted position makes it a bit hard to see from your sofa. Front-panel positioning would have made more sense, but would have hindered the bar's minimalist aesthetic.

The M4 ignored HDMI completely but the M3 adds a single ARC output (and bundles a 2m HDMI cable in the box) allowing you to pipe sound over a single cable and control volume using your TV's remote. HDMI is joined by optical, 3.5mm and analogue phono inputs, with a USB port provided for firmware updates, but not media file playback.

Like the M4, the M3 uses dual Balanced Mode Radiator drivers, known for their wide dispersion characteristics, and a 4in x 6in woofer. With BMR drivers onboard, the M3 should be less fussy about positioning and all but eliminate the notion of a sweet spot.

Setting the scene

Joining apt-X Bluetooth and NFC device pairing on the specification sheet is a range of EQ settings that optimise the sound for different scenarios – in-furniture, on-furniture or on-the-wall – which can be selected using a switch on the back.

The in-furniture setting offers the flattest response and is therefore the best 'all-round' option for those who frequently flick between movies and music. But movie fans

AV INFO

PRODUCT: Stereo soundbar with Bluetooth and HDMI ARC

POSITION: Below the M4 in Q Acoustics' packing order

RIVALS: LG SK8, Bose Solo 5

Home Cinema Choice

Mar 20 2017

CIRCULATION: **9.12K**

Aimed at passionate AV enthusiasts, Home Cinema Choice is a monthly magazine covering hardware, home movie and technology news and reviews.

> "It may fall short of the standards set by the majestic M4, but the M3's slimmer design and smooth, powerful sound make it an impressive soundbar at a great price."

M3 Soundbar

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HI-TECH **IDEAS**

Smart living

The latest in clever home technology and the most stylish gadgets around

INTELLIGENT DOORBELLS

Find out what's new in home security technology with this insight from Andy Mack, director of Cyberhomes

Consider the options
Simple battery-powered smart doorbells can be screwed onto your door or gate post and connected to your Wi-Fi. More complex video intercoms have to be inset into the wall, programmed and integrated into the rest of your home system by a specialist such as a CEDIA (cedia.org) member. Standalone smart doorbells start at about £100, while a fully integrated video intercom can cost up to £1,000.

Sound and vision
Camera-based doorbells allow you to check ID before you open the door, while those with the option to record video footage let you see who rang the bell while you were out. As they can't see you, callers won't know your house is unoccupied. Internet-based designs link to an app on your smartphone or tablet to alert you when someone is at your door – you can then speak to the caller even if you aren't at home.

Special features
A smart doorbell linked to a home network can include:
★ Motion detectors that turn on the lights at the front of the house as someone approaches.
★ An intercom that can call multiple touch screens and mobile devices within the home.
★ The option to open the gate or unlock the front door remotely.
★ The ability to briefly pause music or TV you are listening to/watching when a doorbell 'chime' (or any chosen audio track) alerts you.
★ PIN codes or fingerprint access for family members and trusted guests.
★ Notifications on your phone for different events – every time the bell rings or the front gate is opened/closed, for example.

Stay secure
If you have a doorbell connected only via Wi-Fi and your connection is unreliable, you may miss calls. Make sure you change a default password to a secure one to minimise the risk of it being a target for hackers. If the doorbell also has the capability to unlock the door, ensure it's well installed – it could reduce your security if someone could pull it off the wall and 'short together' wires to unlock the door. High-end products will have an encrypted relay module to prevent this.

BUYERS' GUIDE

Ring, £159 from Amazon (pictured) with motion detection, HD camera and speaker, will alert you via a phone app if someone is within range of your home. The **app-controlled doorbell system** with intercom and HD video, £180 from reichelt.co.uk, has a door-opening function and infrared night vision, so you can see who rings your door day and night.

LATEST TREND

SUPER SOUND

Step aside bulky home cinema systems – the latest streamlined soundbars provide all the crystal clear audio you need. The Q Acoustics M3 Bluetooth Soundbar, £999, for example, is an elegant and compact design. It has a built-in subwoofer and connects via HDMI for impressive sound to accompany your TV.

3 OF A KIND... HEALTHY COOKING GADGETS

▲ **Lakeland's Touchscreen soup maker, £124.99**, has four easy-to-use settings that make creating healthy homemade thick or smooth soup a breeze. It's can also make sauces and keep them warm, and crush ice for nutritious smoothies and healthy dips.

▲ **Miele's DG6010 freestanding steam oven, £799**, features a convenient integrated water container, so it doesn't need to be plumbed in. With precise temperature controls, within 1 degree, it's perfect for preparing fish, meat, vegetables and desserts just the way you like them.

▲ **Mycook Touch, £999 from Witt**, is an all-in-one multicooker that can be controlled via an app on your phone or tablet and be used to steam, fry, stir-fry, boil, chop and knead food. It also comes with built-in scales that weigh the ingredients.

154 housebeautiful.co.uk

House Beautiful

Mar 8 2017

CIRCULATION: **118K**

House Beautiful is one of the UK biggest selling and influential monthly interior magazines offering advice on renovating, decorating and interior design.

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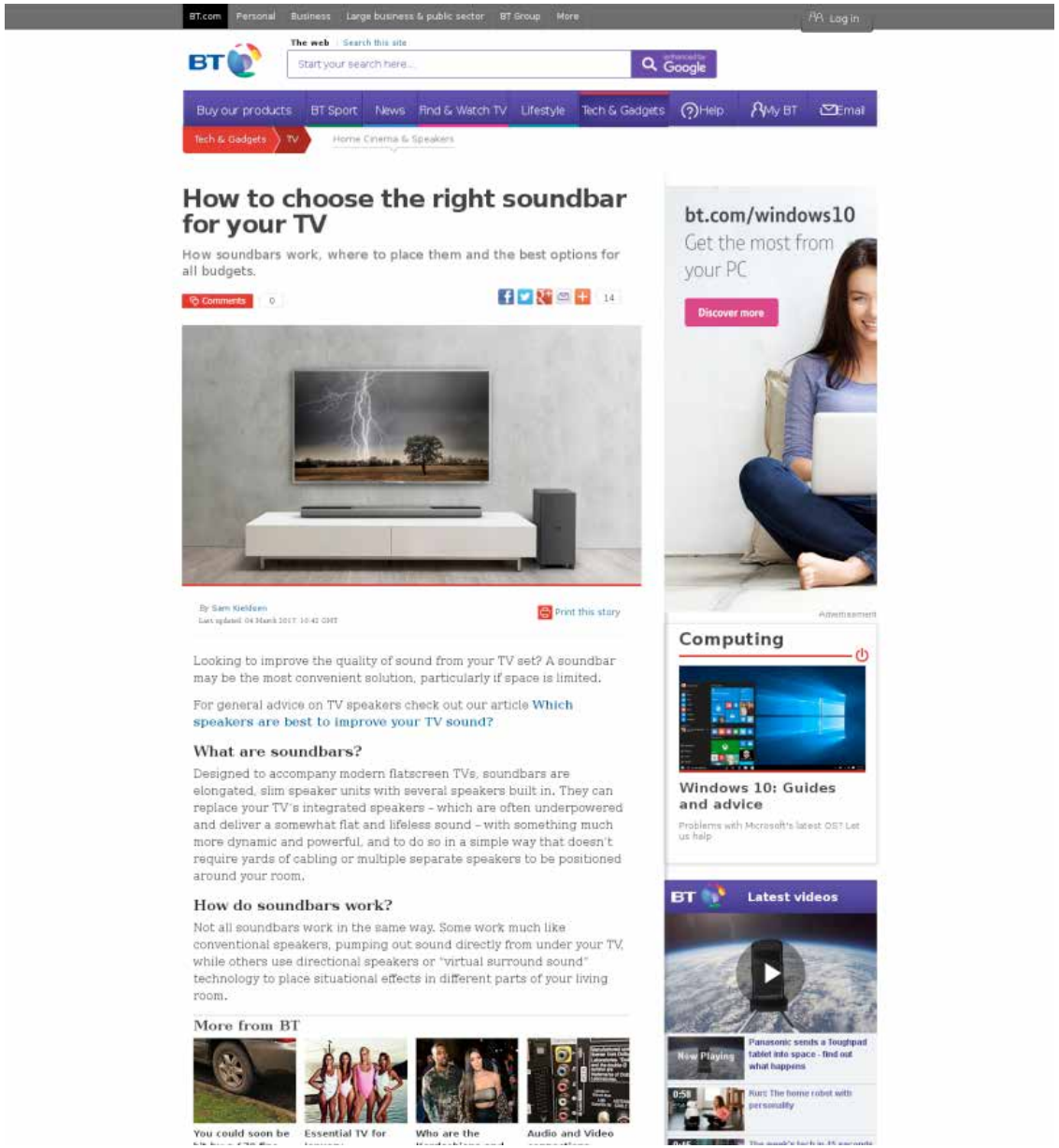

BT.com

Mar 4 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **25.6M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **65.3K**

BT.com is the telecommunications company's own website focusing on its services and exclusive content including news and features on current affairs, lifestyle, sport, technology and entertainment.

"Sleek and stylish, the M3 nevertheless delivers a strong and powerful all-round performance with a wide dispersion of sound, which it pairs with a strong range of connectivity: HDMI, optical digital and two analogue inputs, plus Bluetooth aptX for high-quality music streaming."

M3 Soundbar

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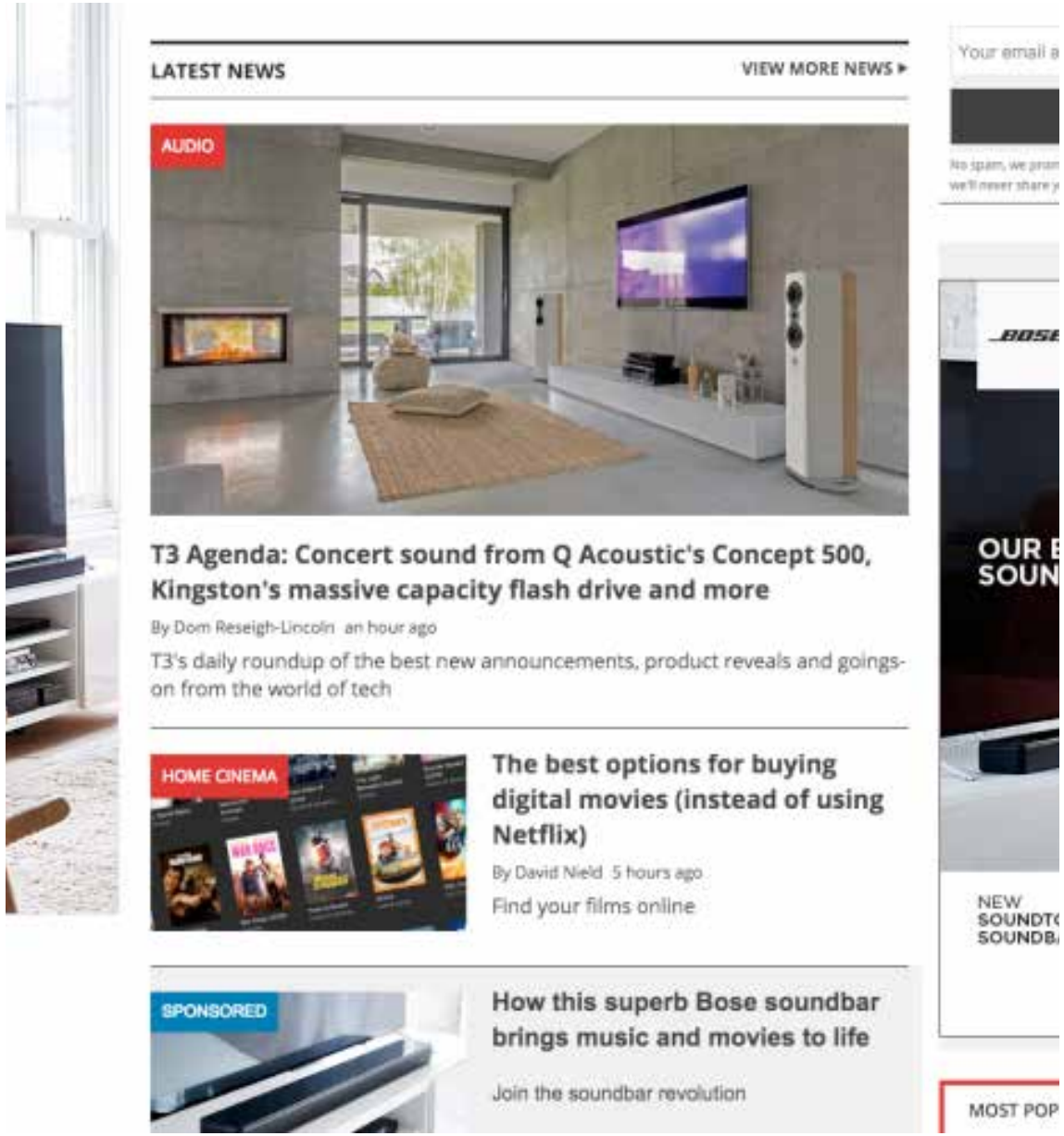

T3.com

Mar 3 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **2.38M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **9.03K**

T3.com is the website arm of the leading UK monthly magazine, covering news, reviews and features on all aspects of consumer-orientated technology and electronics.

"The Concept 500 uses a special driver to deliver its special 'live sound'. The higher frequency driver is completely isolated from the cabinet eliminating any vibrations transmitted between them while the mid/bass voice coils boast a larger-than-normal diameter to enable increased drive and power handling."

Reviews

Q Acoustics M3 soundbar

£299/$299.99

Connect your iPhone straight to the device and play music wirelessly using the Bluetooth settings

The subwoofer is housed in the back of the unit, which makes for far more powerful bass

With curved edges and a matte black finish, the M3 soundbar looks as fantastic as it sounds

Key features
Bluetooth enabled • Switchable EQ • Built-in subwoofer

Learn more
qacoustics.co.uk

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In the last few years, as sound technology has advanced further and more and more homes have delved into getting cinema-style setups, the soundbar has become a popular alternative to speakers either side of your television. They look cool for a start, but they also seem like a space-saver; instead of dedicating part of your lounge to speaker stands or even fixing speakers to a wall, a soundbar simply sits in front of your television.

The M3 soundbar fits many of the stereotypes that you might expect; it looks fantastic and it isn't difficult to fit into your TV setup. But perhaps what is surprising is just how bassy the device actually is, considering its slender, elegant look. The first impressions of the M3 soundbar are that it's powerful; the subwoofer is housed in the back of the unit, with the sound from the front feeling full and clear in your room. There's an MovIEQ mode to enhance the cinema feel of the soundbar, which can really add a whole new dimension to your TV viewing experience.

The technicalities of the M3 soundbar measure up too, with an LED light on the top of the device and plenty of connectivity options. The LED lights up too: blue for Bluetooth, white for optical, green for line-in and purple for HDMI – a new port added from the last model. There's a small remote to use with the soundbar too, and as the unit supports Audio Return Channel, it's easy to connect with your television.

A soundbar might come across as a flimsy yet futuristic alternative to speakers, but the sound quality from the M3 speaks for itself. Though it can be a little overpowering, the clarity and power of the device are astonishing and versatile enough for movies or just playing music. The M3 soundbar is well worth investing in if you're looking for something that looks good, but has the quality to match.

Verdict

With clear and strong sound, not to mention impressive bass, the M3 soundbar is a fantastic addition to any living room, and perfect for a cinema-style setup.

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iCreate (US)

Mar 2 2017

CIRCULATION: **120K**

iCreate is a magazine that centres on news, tips, tutortials and reviews on how to be creative and get the most from your Apple devices and its eco-system of products. It has a strong audience in the U.S. and is sold in Barnes & Noble Stateside.

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M3 Soundbar

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AUDIO

This month we welcome our new hi-fi expert *Chris Haslam* to help you choose the very best audio and video kit for your recorded music

MUSIC CHOICE

NOISE-CANCELLING HEADPHONES

Sony MDR-1000X £330

For me, noise-cancelling headphones are up there with the dishwasher in terms of life-enhancing innovation. For the last ten years, I've almost exclusively travelled with Bose, but on a recent long-haul flight my allegiance switched to Sony.

The MDR-1000Xs are nothing short of brilliant, and better than anything I've ever experienced for minimising engine noise, chatter and toddler gremlins. Many ANC (active noise-cancelling) headphones create a surreal vacuum effect but it's not noticeable here. Instead you're left with quiet, impenetrable calm.

The headphones are light and plush, fold neatly into a reinforced case and have a 20-hour battery life, reliable Bluetooth connection and a 3.5mm cable for plugging into in-flight entertainment systems. They also boast something called a Personal NC Optimiser function, which essentially tunes the noise-cancelling features to the shape of your head. It sounds like a gimmick but it works. And the tricks don't end there. Place your right hand over one ear-cup and the noise-cancelling cuts out allowing you to hear the outside world at full volume.

The only weak link is the touch-sensitive ear pad controls which are needlessly complicated, but the sound quality soon makes amends. Being able to hear anything clearly on a plane is a bonus, but the MDR-1000Xs offer an exceptional amount of space, and a silky playback whatever genre. No single frequency dominates – instead, you get an even spread across high, mid and bass tones, even when listening to British Airways's on-board classical collection. I'm not sure Schoenberg has ever sounded so enticing at 35,000ft.

sony.co.uk ★★★★★

IN FOR THE LONG HAUL! the Sony MDR-1000Xs are ideal travel companions

IMPRESSIVE SOUNDBASE

Cambridge Audio TVS v2 £300

Modern televisions look gorgeous, but as designs get thinner the space for speakers shrinks and sound quality suffers. If you've ever tried to listen to a live concert, or stream a digital radio station through the TV, you'll know just how flat playback can be.

The Cambridge Audio TVS v2 soundbase (above) sits neatly beneath your TV set and, using either an optical or hi-resolution HDMI cable, hijacks the audio output and vastly improves its sound quality. The two front-facing 5.7cm speakers dramatically improve dialogue, while the dual down-firing 16.5cm subwoofers enhance action sequences at lower frequencies. Together they produce a superb full-range of frequencies, with 180-degree room-filling sound wherever you are seated.

Watching Sir Simon Rattle conduct the London Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Haydn's *The Seasons*, on Sky Arts, the TVS v2 managed to deliver an immersive and refined, room-filling performance. Spectre, the most recent James Bond movie, also sounded spectacular.

The design, however, is a little basic, lacking a digital display and a little finesse, but given there's also CD-quality aptX Bluetooth streaming it can double up as a discrete wireless music system.

cambridgeaudio.com ★★★★

LUXURY BLUETOOTH HEADPHONES

KEF Porsche Design Motion One £219.95

Whatever misgivings I had with the neckband design, I can't fault the sound quality of these in-ear Bluetooth headphones (top, right) that boast aptX CD-quality streaming and ten hours of battery life. Listening to the opening minutes of Elgar's Cello Concerto, even as a lowly MP3, there's superb detail to the strings, without the high-end ever sounding shrill.

But what about the design? The build quality is flawless, with a rubber neckband that is comfortable and practical, and earbuds that fit beautifully. The look, however, is an acquired taste.

It's a minor niggle, but the cables are a few inches too long, meaning they're prone to unexpected yanking when being worn, and look a little too much like a spectacle chain when they're not. That said, I've barely taken them off in weeks, such is the richly rewarding performance.

uk.kef.com ★★★★

BOOKSHELF SPEAKERS

Q Acoustics Concept 20 (£379 per pair, £220 for stands)

Since launching in 2006, Q Acoustics has ruffled plenty of audiophile feathers with its exemplary entry-level speakers, and nothing epitomises the company's success like the Concept 20 bookshelf speakers. They've won every award that matters and continue to offer unbeatable value for money.

As standalone speakers, they're unobtrusive, well-built and refined. The effortless presentation is helped by the Gelcore design, where two cabinets are sandwiched between a gel that dispenses unwanted kinetic energy as heat. The result is an exceptionally stable sound from the 125mm woofer (bass) and 25mm tweeter (treble) speakers and a budget-defying performance.

But if you want the best possible sound I'd recommend buying the stands. They're not cheap and the design isn't exactly interior-friendly but they boast the same Gelcore construction and elevate the Canon 20s well beyond the combined £600 investment.

qacoustics.co.uk ★★★★★

BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE 97

BBC Music

Feb 23 2017

CIRCULATION: **35.7K**

BBC Music is a magazine covering all aspects of classical music.

> The M3 is one of the most versatile soundbars I've had the pleasure to try and, at a whisker under £300, it represents phenomenal value for money.

> Highly recommended.

ACOUSTICS **Concept 20**

Style *For men*

SIMON HILLS

Stride pattern
The G-Star RAW Elwood X25 is a rowdy collection of jeans that could have been transported from Sixties California. But no, this is a limited edition of 25 new and very colourful designs in a collaboration with Pharrell Williams – yours for £95 if you're brave enough (g-star.com).

LOCAL HEROES
John Lewis in Leeds is working on a new range with Guiseley worsted fabric mill Abraham Moon & Sons and Leeds tailors Berwin & Berwin. We can all share this Yorkshire heritage online though, with suit jackets and trousers sold separately, including this rust jacket (from £92.50; johnlewis.com).

Brand watch Smart Turnout

Fashion pieces with a military bearing

After serving for a decade as a captain in the Scots Guards, Philip Turner decided that there was a gap in the market for a military-influenced fashion brand. In 1999 he founded Smart Turnout – a London company specialising in watches, bags and clothes referencing military colours.

Because the brand gives pieces a modern twist, customers aren't nostalgic old boys, either: celebrities such as Ewan McGregor, Chris Pine and Harry Styles are all fans. The Officer watch, left, with a choice of regimental colours on the strap (£259), is perhaps its most traditional style, while the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment canvas backpack (above left) costs £365, and the Yale cricket sweater and Household Division bow tie (above right) are £149 and £39 (smartturnout.com).

5 reasons why we love... Q Acoustics M3 soundbar

1. "Balanced Mode Radiator" drivers mean you don't have to sit in front of it to get good sound ... **2.** ... and it can be situated away from the TV, if necessary, and has a bracket for wall fixing. **3.** The sound is good, too, with a Dual Voice Coil subwoofer taking away the need for a separate unit. **4.** You can connect it to the TV wirelessly using Bluetooth aptX ... **5.** ...which, along with NFC, you can use to stream music from your phone or using Spotify, iTunes, etc (£299; qacoustics.co.uk).

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'I think I'm generally liked, but people who don't like me can't stand me'

Jamie Oliver

THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT

Waxed jackets. Chosen by Rachael Dove

£120, Howick | £595, Belstaff | £185, Fjällräven | £219, Barbour | £695, Private White VC

The Times Magazine 41

The Times

Feb 18 2017

CIRCULATION: **446K**

The M3 featured in The Times newspaper magazine over the weekend. It appeared in the 'Style for men' section, under the '5 reasons why we love' column.

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GADGETS

NIALL DOHERTY TESTS THE GIZMOS SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

This month's gadget page covers all the bases for how to cut off interaction with other humans: featuring a personal assistant for your home that's the best friend you never knew you had, a soundbar that will drown out chit-chat and a portable speaker to turn on in case anyone tries to talk to you. Techno techno techno techno!

AMAZON ECHO DOT £50

You should recognise this, because it's the thing your furloy brother-in-law got you for Christmas that you haven't taken out of the box yet. You should take it out of the box, and not just because it's an amazing AI assistant for the home and that's the closest you'll ever get to starring in a Steven Spielberg film. You can get the Echo Dot to do all sorts: order a takeaway, play music, dim the lights. Sounds like you're in for a romantic night. With your new robot other-half. Don't be a fuddy duddy - you managed to wean yourself off your Discman, you can wean yourself off humans. ★★★★

OPPO PM-3 £349

This set of headphones from Oppo is a cheaper take on their PM-1 set. They will still set you back £349, but they are very good headphones and, really, what would you spend the money on? Bills? Mortgage? The children's nursery costs? Just tell the kids when you leave them on their own at home that you needed these headphones because they have a planar magnetic driver. And if they don't know what that is, they shouldn't be asking questions to which they don't understand the answer. The Oppo PM-3 have a fantastic sound, are very comfy, and please don't take the bit about leaving the kids at home seriously. ★★★★

Q ACOUSTICS M3 SOUNDBAR £300

The Q Acoustics M3 Soundbar, which is no relation to Q, or Q from James Bond, or early-'90s Scottish indie-rockers AC Acoustics, is the update on the Media 4 soundbar. That model set the standard for Q Acoustics and this more than lives up to it, with a sleek design that will make your TV blush and adds a booming sound that will give extra oomph to your TV watching. Ooh, it turned that walking scene in Antiques Roadshow into something else. It was almost as if that pebble driveway was in the room. ★★★★

LIBRATONE Q ADAPT ON-EAR £219

A wireless set of headphones from Danish company Libratone, the Q Adapt On-Ear (On-Ear - get that? Not On-Nose, not On-Belly Button, On-Ear) headphones come with lots of lovely gimmicks that will get you through at least seven minutes of small talk. You can talk about the Bluetooth set-up and the CityMix noise-cancelling technology. Your listener will be captivated. But you should also let them know the sound is good but not great, and the functionality is a bit fiddly. Especially if you have fat fingers. Honesty is the best policy. ★★★

LIBRATONE ZIPP MINI £179

You remember Libratone, don't you? You were reading about them, like, five seconds ago. Usually, they make speakers and this little fella is the portable version of their excellent ZIPP model. The sound is punchy and you can connect it to other ZIPP speakers. As it's portable, take it on the bus and when some sniffy school kid starts playing music through his phone, pull it out, say, "That's not a speaker, this is a speaker", stick on Here Comes The Hotstepper full blast, enjoy your triumph for a second, and then run as fast as you can. Well done. ★★★★

Q magazine

Feb 14 2017

CIRCULATION: **40K**

The M3 appears in the new issue of T3 as part of its '101 gadgets you can't live without' feature.

> Despite it small size, Q Acoustics' award-winning M3 soundbar turns everything from Eastenders to the latest big-screen blockbuster into a cinematic epic

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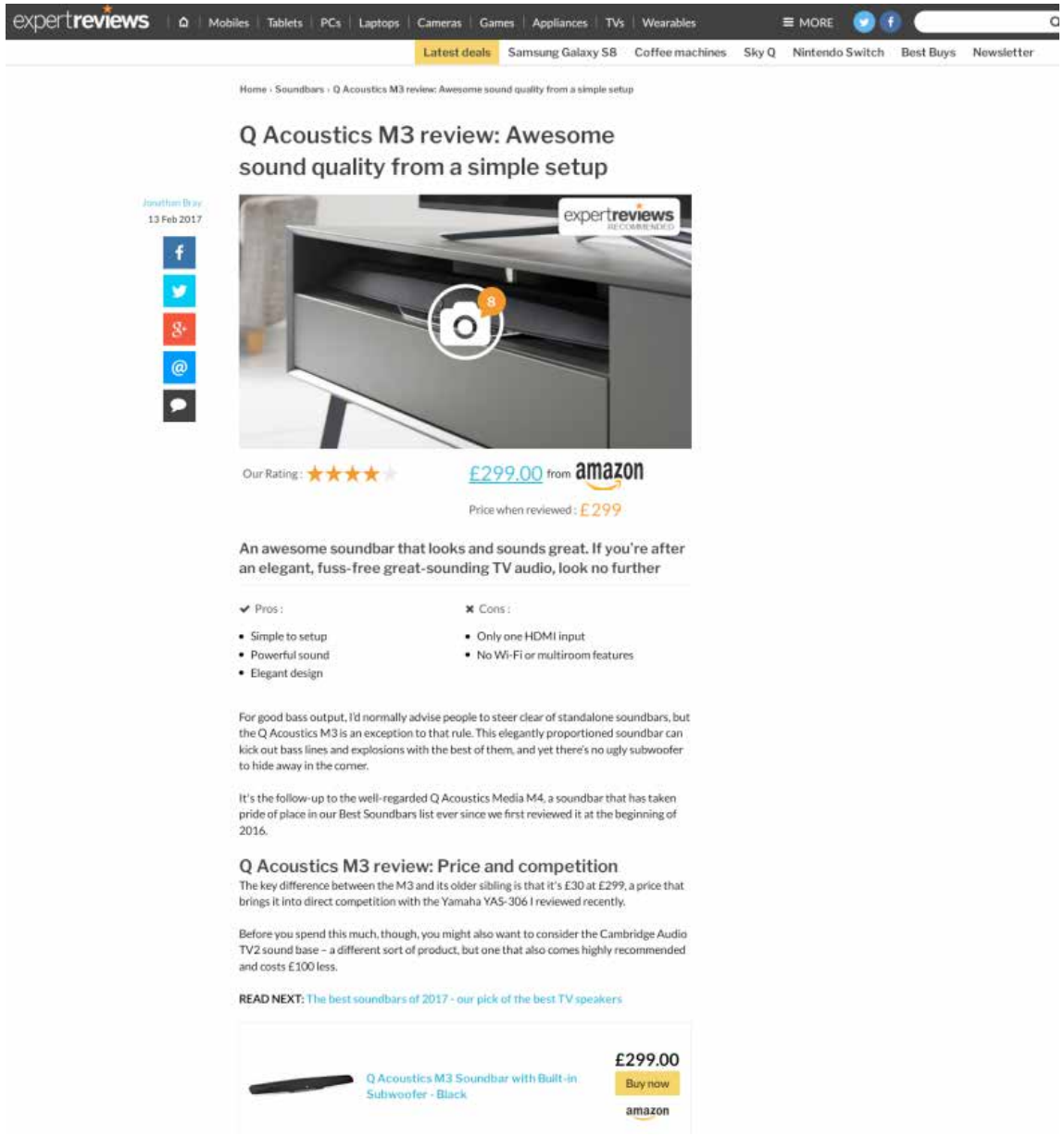

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Q Acoustics M3 review: Awesome sound quality from a simple setup

Jonathan Bray
13 Feb 2017

Our Rating: ★★★★

£299.00 from amazon

Price when reviewed: £299

An awesome soundbar that looks and sounds great. If you're after an elegant, fuss-free great-sounding TV audio, look no further

✔ Pros:

- Simple to setup
- Powerful sound
- Elegant design

✖ Cons:

- Only one HDMI input
- No Wi-Fi or multiroom features

For good bass output, I'd normally advise people to steer clear of standalone soundbars, but the Q Acoustics M3 is an exception to that rule. This elegantly proportioned soundbar can kick out bass lines and explosions with the best of them, and yet there's no ugly subwoofer to hide away in the corner.

It's the follow-up to the well-regarded Q Acoustics Media M4, a soundbar that has taken pride of place in our Best Soundbars list ever since we first reviewed it at the beginning of 2016.

Q Acoustics M3 review: Price and competition

The key difference between the M3 and its older sibling is that it's £30 at £299, a price that brings it into direct competition with the Yamaha YAS-306 I reviewed recently.

Before you spend this much, though, you might also want to consider the Cambridge Audio TV2 sound base – a different sort of product, but one that also comes highly recommended and costs £100 less.

READ NEXT: The best soundbars of 2017 - our pick of the best TV speakers

Q Acoustics M3 Soundbar with Built-in Subwoofer - Black

£299.00

Buy now

amazon

Expert Reviews

Feb 13 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **5.22M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **24.2K**

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BEST ENTERTAINMENT BUYS

Q Acoustics M3
→ Beefing up your telly's vocal chords is as simple as plugging Q Acoustics' M3 soundbar's HDMI into it. This single-box Bluetooth banger features Q Acoustics' MoviEQ functionality, which has TV and games settings, tailoring the sound to your needs. And if you're having a house party, you can stream music from your smartphone or tablet, too.
£299, qacoustics.co.uk

LG Minibeam PF1000U ultra-short-throw projector
→ LG has decided that quality projectors should be available to everyone – even those with tiny rooms. The Minibeam throws a 100-inch screen onto your wall from just 38cm away, and is Full HD with a 150,000:1 contrast ratio, meaning sharp images, vivid colours and deep blacks. Plus it has smart TV built in.
£965, lg.com

Sennheiser RS165
→ Whether you're playing games or watching movies, sometimes you don't want to disturb others – so you need a decent set of headphones designed specifically for televised audio. Sennheiser's RS165s provide punchy, clear audio pumped directly into your ears. And what's more, your pals 'n' pets won't get tangled in any cables, because they're wireless.
£180, sennheiser.com

Sky Q
→ Sky's super service enables you to watch what you want, when you want. Engineered to be QHD-ready from the outset, Sky Q's main hub and its Sky Q Mini satellites will beam QHD movies, sports and TV series – whether recorded, on-demand or Sky Store purchases – to your TVs, tablets and phones.
From £99 (set-up) and £42/month

Don't forget these
Essential add-ons

Enhance your home-entertainment set-up with these accessories

LOGITECH HARMONY ELITE
→ As well as your TV set-top box, console and Blu-ray player, the Harmony Elite will take charge of lights, thermostat, multi-room audio and security.
£280, logitech.com

PHILIPS HUE
→ This Wi-Fi lighting lets you control the colour of your room, flash the lights and create a romantic ambience, all from your phone – buy the starter kit to get going.
£60 (starter kit), philips.co.uk

AMAZON ECHO
→ Echo can control your home entertainment set-up hands-free, even hearing you from across the room during Marvel explosions, thanks to clever far-field voice recognition.
£150, amazon.co.uk

T3 Magazine

Feb 10 2017

CIRCULATION: **43.1K**

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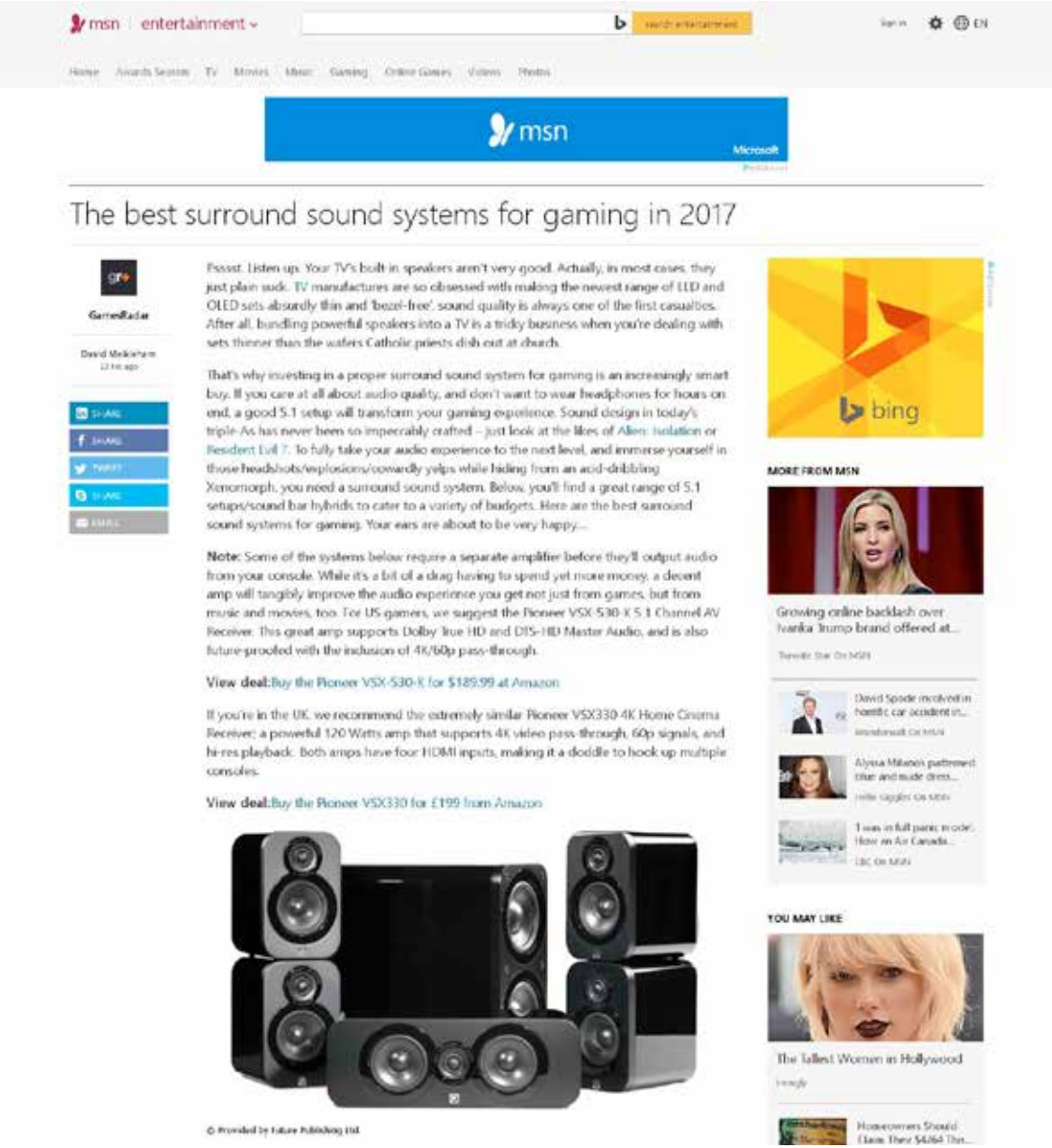

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The best surround sound systems for gaming in 2017

GamesRadar

David Meikleham

Pssssst. Listen up. Your TV's built-in speakers aren't very good. Actually, in most cases, they just plain suck. TV manufactures are so obsessed with making the newest range of LED and OLED sets absurdly thin and 'bezel-free', sound quality is always one of the first casualties. After all, bundling powerful speakers into a TV is a tricky business when you're dealing with sets thinner than the wafers Catholic priests dish out at church.

That's why investing in a proper surround sound system for gaming is an increasingly smart buy. If you care at all about audio quality, and don't want to wear headphones for hours on end, a good 5.1 setup will transform your gaming experience. Sound design in today's triple-As has never been so impeccably crafted – just look at the likes of Alien: Isolation or Resident Evil 7. To fully take your audio experience to the next level, and immerse yourself in those heads/shots/explosions/cowardly yelps while hiding from an acid-dribbling Xenomorph, you need a surround sound system. Below, you'll find a great range of 5.1 setups/sound bar hybrids to cater to a variety of budgets. Here are the best surround sound systems for gaming. Your ears are about to be very happy...

Note: Some of the systems below require a separate amplifier before they'll output audio from your console. While it's a bit of a drag having to spend yet more money, a decent amp will tangibly improve the audio experience you get not just from games, but from music and movies, too. For US gamers, we suggest the Pioneer VSX-530-K 5.1 Channel AV Receiver. This great amp supports Dolby True HD and DTS-HD Master Audio, and is also future-proofed with the inclusion of 4K/60p pass-through.

View deal: Buy the Pioneer VSX-530-K for $189.99 at Amazon

If you're in the UK, we recommend the extremely similar Pioneer VSX330 4K Home Cinema Receiver; a powerful 120 Watts amp that supports 4K video pass-through, 60p signals, and hi-res playback. Both amps have four HDMI inputs, making it a doddle to hook up multiple consoles.

View deal: Buy the Pioneer VSX330 for £199 from Amazon

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COVERAGE VIEWS: **660K**

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> "Your delicate little ears deserve the best. If you want to serve them up a sensory experience they'll never forget, the Q Acoustics 3000 is the system your discerning lugs demand."

> "...the full 5.1 setup, and the precision the 3000 is capable of mustering is little short of sensational."

3000 5.1 Speaker System

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gamesradar

Feb 8 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **11M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **26.5K**

GamesRadar+ is an entertainment website primarily featuring video game related news, previews, reviews, videos, and guides.

> Q Acoustics 3000 Series 5.1 Cinema Pack - A premium surround sound setup that produces truly thrilling audio.

> Exciting, beautifully accurate surround sound. The audio is so rich it's easy to pick out enemy players in shooters.

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3000 5.1 Speaker System

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New products

The latest in headphones, cases, Bluetooth speakers, chargers and more...

The new Evolve range of remote controls from **One For All** promises to not only replace an original remote, but also top its performance as well – and all at an affordable price range of £17.99 to £24.99.

One For All: 00 315 2488 8000
www.oneforall.co.uk

Aedle has introduced the ODS-1 in-ear phones following a successful launch in Europe. Described as having a 'hybrid sound engine', it features a balanced armature driver and a 10mm titanium diaphragm to deliver 'powerful and warm' low frequencies and a 'refined' top-end performance. The ODS-1 is available in three versions – Classic, Legacy and Eclipse – and has a retail price of £330.

JDS Company: 07917 834229
www.aedle.net

Join the Q for better TV sound

Promising easy set-up in minutes, the new M3 soundbar from Q Acoustics has been designed in the UK for consumers who are frustrated by the 'thin' audio performance of built-in speakers on flat-screen TVs.

The M3 soundbar's streamlined cabinet has been engineered for engaging performance whether watching TV, streaming music from a smartphone or tablet or playing a video game.

The M3 features Balanced Mode Radiator drivers for detailed sound and wide dispersion. Rather than focusing sound in a tight area like traditional drivers, it disperses it in a wide arc, meaning users will experience the full detail of the effects no matter where they are sitting in a room.

Its dual voice coil subwoofer also supplies the low-end rumble to add depth and weight to films, TV, music and video games.

The Q Acoustics M3 soundbar is priced at £299.

Q Acoustics: 01279 001111
www.qacoustics.co.uk

Flying high with KitSound

With frequent flyers in mind, KitSound has released two new Bluetooth adaptors – the Airline Bluetooth Adaptor and the Bluetooth Headphone Splitter.

The Bluetooth Airline Adaptor allows users to use their own Bluetooth headphones on a plane by converting its headphone jack to send wireless audio by plugging the adaptor in and connecting it wirelessly to the headphones.

The Bluetooth Headphone Splitter, meanwhile, makes it possible to instantly share favourite tracks. By simply plugging two sets of headphones into the adaptor, it can send the audio into two headphones at once to make sharing those tunes easy.

Both adaptors are small enough to fit into a pocket and offer nine hours of battery life.

The Bluetooth Airline Adaptor has a retail price of £24.99 and the Bluetooth Headphone Splitter sells for £14.99.

KitSound: 01423 284000
www.kitsound.co.uk

Denon headphones target more demanding listeners

Denon's new flagship over-ear headphone – the AH-D7200 – is designed with the most demanding audiophile in mind.

Two criteria were front of mind for Denon's engineers – uncompromised sound quality and unparalleled comfort.

The AH-D7200 features unique FreeEdge nano-fibre drive units inside stylish walnut housings.

For the ear cushions, Denon has used Japanese-developed soft synthetic leather covers, chosen because they provide users with an extra level of listening comfort.

The 50mm FreeEdge driver diaphragm, made from a nano-fibre material, was chosen for its rigidity and low mass. This is said to deliver accurate pistonic motion without distortion.

The motor system driving the diaphragm uses copper-coiled aluminium wire and neodymium magnets to increase the linearity and speed of response.

The drive units are also mounted on vibration-reducing resin baffles, said to help reduce distortion.

The AH-D7200 headphones are priced at £999.

Denon: 01895 279000
www.denon.co.uk

The newest addition to the **Sanus** range of super-slim mounts is the VLF613-B2, for use with TVs from 40in to 80in. The VLF613 sits just 47mm from the wall when folded flat and its full range of motion allows the screen to be extended 342mm into the room with up to 50 degrees of swivel. The VLF613 is available at a suggested price of £199.

Sanus:
0800 504 2553
www.sanus.com

Designed for the active listener, the **Polk Audio** Boom Bit is a wearable, 'ready for anything' Bluetooth speaker. Giving the convenience of hands-free listening, the rugged enclosure is sweat-, dirt-, sand- and shock- proof. Measuring only 70mm by 30mm, it can be clipped and secured to any item of clothing, bag or cycle helmet, while giving three hours of playing time. It also has a USB connector. The Boom Bit is priced at £29.99.

Polk Audio:
0845 0022454
www.tns-connect.com

ERT

Feb 6 2017

CIRCULATION: **5K**

The M3 is featured in ERT. It appears in the 'New Product' section of the magazine. ERT is a leading monthly electrical retail industry magazine.

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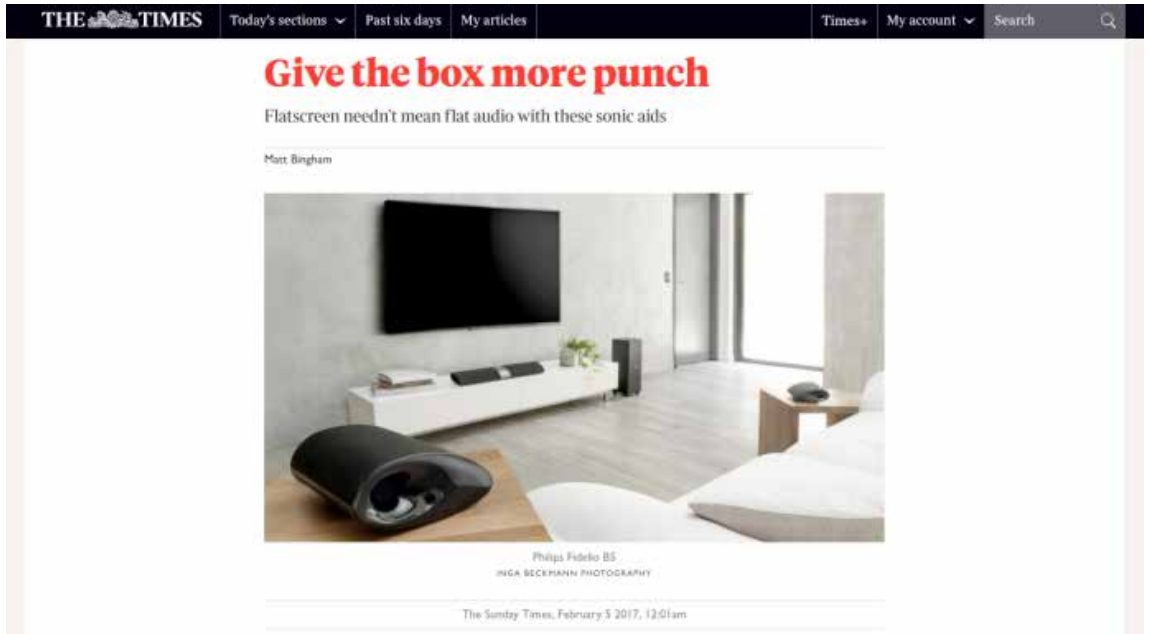

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Give the box more punch

Flatscreen needn't mean flat audio with these sonic aids

Matt Bingham

Philips Fidelio B5
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The Times online

Feb 5 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **8.8M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **26.5K**

The M3 was featured in The Times Online. It appeared in the magazine supplement as part of a feature about speakers that will enhance the sound of your TV.

> This single soundbar will fit under a TV of 40in or more and has a built-in subwoofer. The maker doesn't claim it produces surround sound; just deep, punchy audio.

PHILIPS FIDELIO B5 £900
Choose between 2.1 and 4.1 sound by taking the wireless end-speakers off this long bar and positioning them further to the left and right. Each also has Bluetooth to act as an individual music speaker. A versatile and sweet-sounding piece of kit. *philips.co.uk*

Flatscreen needn't mean flat audio with these sonic aids, says *Matt Bingham*

Give the box more punch

The picture on your flatscreen TV may look great, but the set will have an Achilles heel: its sound. The wafer-thin TVs we now take for granted have very little room for built-in speakers, so film soundtracks in particular — designed, as they are, for cinemas — sound weedy.

Luckily it's easy to beef up your TV's audio. A soundbar — a long, thin box that sits under the set and contains multiple speakers — will enhance bass and stereo separation so music swells and action scenes crunch satisfyingly. A bar with a separate wireless subwoofer (or "sub") speaker sounds even better: the sub may be plug-ugly, but the low notes it produces are non-directional, so you can hide it out of sight in the corner of the room or even round the back of a sofa.

For something close to cinema sound you'll need a 5.1 system: the 5 stands for two rear speakers, two side ones and a centre channel; the 1 is the sub. Sound effects will pop out around you, while the central speaker produces sharp, distinct dialogue. Unlike soundbars, which connect to the TV over a simple HDMI or optical cable, these bigger systems require an AV receiver and are connected to it with old-fashioned wires. Not the neatest setup but the sweetest-sounding ■

Q ACOUSTICS M3 £299
This single soundbar will fit under a TV of 40in or more and has a built-in subwoofer. The maker doesn't claim it produces surround sound; just deep, punchy audio. It also has Bluetooth, so you can use it as a phone speaker. *qacoustics.co.uk*

DALI ZENSOR 1 5.1 £979
These Danish speakers, bundled by retailers, generate powerful sound, surround effects and sharp dialogue. A pocket-straining premium package (£1,429 at Richer Sounds) upgrades one pair of bookshelf speakers and the sub. *dali-speakers.com/uk*

KEF E305 £900
Available in black or white, these aren't speakers, according to Kef — they're "eggs". Cloth-covered and curvy, even the sub will look at home in a Scandi-chic living room. As with the Dali system, for best results dim the lights, warm the popcorn and go loud. *uk.kef.com*

YAMAHA YSP-2700 £899
A step up from the Q Acoustics is this bar with wireless sub. During setup, it will bounce audio off the walls and use the results to generate pseudo-surround sound; switch between that and stereo with the remote. It too has Bluetooth. *uk.yamaha.com*

The Sunday Times

Feb 5 2017

CIRCULATION: **792K**

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Head for the bar

You don't need a truck-load of speakers and cables to get your home cinema into shape

BEST ON A BUDGET

Q ACOUSTICS M3

£289 / stuff.tv/QAcousticsM3

How do you make a good thing even better? If you're Q Acoustics, and that good thing is the superb Media 4 soundbar, you stick an HDMI port on the back and give it a new name. The M3 is the new entry-level model from a company used to pumping out much-more expensive speaker systems – and that means you can expect a sleek design and great sound quality for your cash

What's the story?

With a streamlined, modern look, the M3 won't look out of place under any TV be it a supermarket special or an OLED stunner. It's slim enough to sit beneath your telly and not block your remote control, but you can also bolt it to a wall if you fancy.

There's still room inside for a dedicated subwoofer and separate stereo speakers, even if they've shrunk a bit since they first showed up in the Media 4. At least you won't need an external subwoofer, which helps to keep things tidy.

Is it any good?

The addition of an HDMI port really keeps setup simple, and lets you piggyback a set-top box or games console to the soundbar if your TV is running low on free sockets. And it supports Audio Return Channel, meaning it syncs up to let you control everything with one remote.

Just keep in mind you don't get 4K support at this price. If you've got a UHD TV and want to hook up a 4K Blu-ray player or console, you'll need to skip the soundbar and plug straight into the telly. Otherwise, you get digital audio, a pair of analogue inputs and a 3.5mm socket for plugging in your portables. Don't like cables? Good job there's aptX Bluetooth too.

Audio quality will make or break a soundbar, and here it's definitely more make than break – if you like a serious bit of bass, that is. Speech is clear enough, and a real step up from your tinny TV speakers, but there is a boomy nature to the sound.

This muddles high-end effects like squealing tyres, bounding bullet casings and shattering glass (if you're not testing soundbars with the Fast & Furious films, you're doing it wrong). Still it fills the room with sound and has plenty of presence.

The M3 has a lot going for it. It looks great for the cash, has a handy HDMI socket, and pumps out some impressively powerful sound. There may be a few shortcomings, but nothing to complain about for the price.

Tech **Total power output** 80W **HDMI** Yes **Bluetooth** Yes **Wireless subwoofer** No **Dimensions** 1000x90x109mm **Weight** 4kg

BUTTERY BASS
New for the M3 is a bass-boosting 'MovIEQ' mode, which ramps up the rumble. Pity this is the one thing the M3 doesn't need more of – best stick to standard stereo mode.

STUFF SAYS The emphasis is very much on bass, but this is an ultra-affordable option that gives your TV a sonic leg-up and doesn't look half bad doing it ★★★★☆

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Stuff

Feb 1 2017

CIRCULATION: **56.2K**

Stuff is the UK's biggest selling consumer technology and gadget magazine

"pumps out some impressively powerful sound"

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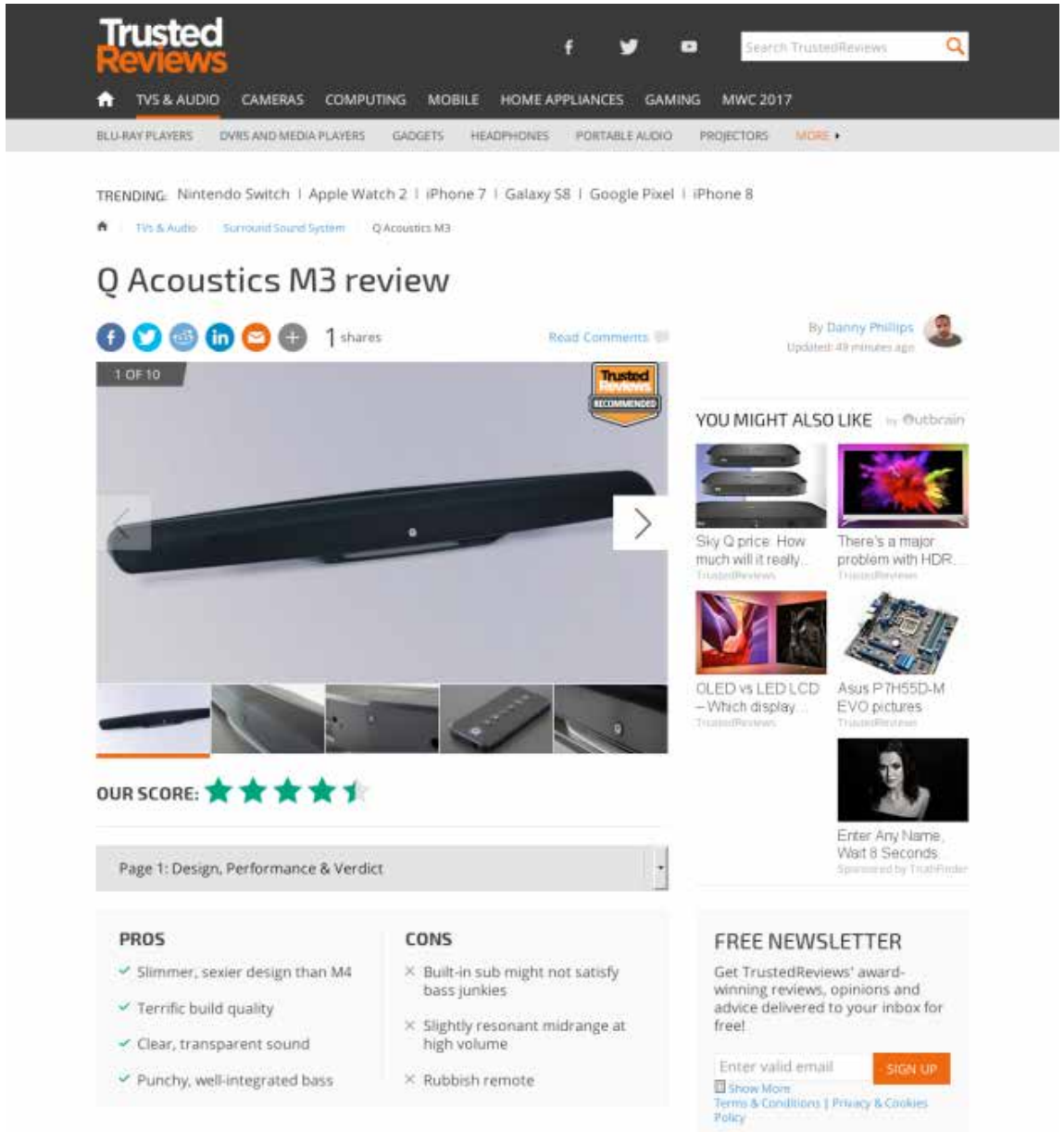

Trusted Reviews

Feb 1 2017

AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **28.6M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **116K**

Trusted Reviews is one of the biggest consumer technology websites in the UK.

> It may not match the mighty M4 sonically, but the M3's performance, build quality and improved design still earn it a place among the soundbar elite.

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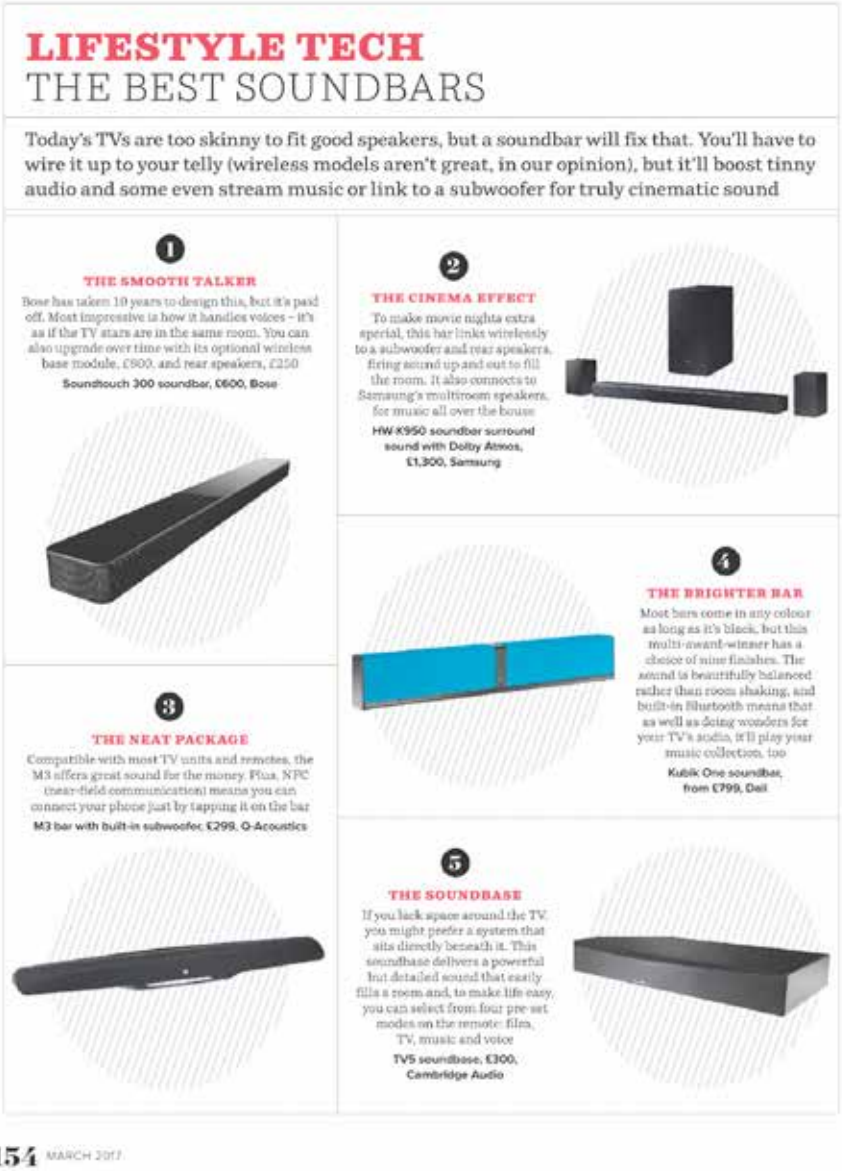

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THE BEST SOUNDBARS

Today's TVs are too skinny to fit good speakers, but a soundbar will fix that. You'll have to wire it up to your telly (wireless models aren't great, in our opinion), but it'll boost tinny audio and some even stream music or link to a subwoofer for truly cinematic sound

1 THE SMOOTH TALKER

Bose has taken 10 years to design this, but it's paid off. Most impressive is how it handles voices – it's as if the TV stars are in the same room. You can also upgrade over time with its optional wireless base module, £800, and rear speakers, £250

Soundtouch 300 soundbar, £600, Bose

2 THE CINEMA EFFECT

To make movie nights extra special, this bar links wirelessly to a subwoofer and rear speakers, firing sound up and out to fill the room. It also connects to Samsung's multiroom speakers, for music all over the house

HW-K950 soundbar surround sound with Dolby Atmos, £1,300, Samsung

3 THE NEAT PACKAGE

Compatible with most TV units and remotes, the M3 offers great sound for the money. Plus, NFC (near-field communication) means you can connect your phone just by tapping it on the bar

M3 bar with built-in subwoofer, £299, Q-Acoustics

4 THE BRIGHTER BAR

Most bars come in any colour as long as it's black, but this multi-award-winner has a choice of nine finishes. The sound is beautifully balanced rather than room shaking, and built-in Bluetooth means that as well as doing wonders for your TV's audio, it'll play your music collection, too

Kubik One soundbar, from £799, Dali

5 THE SOUNDBASE

If you lack space around the TV, you might prefer a system that sits directly beneath it. This soundbase delivers a powerful but detailed sound that easily fills a room and, to make life easy, you can select from four pre-set modes on the remote: film, TV, music and voice

TV5 soundbase, £300, Cambridge Audio

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Ideal Home

Jan 31 2017

CIRCULATION: **179K**

The M3 is a featured in Ideal Home as part of a lifestyle tech round-up of 'The Best Soundbars'.

Ideal Home is the biggest selling monthly homes/ interiors magazines in the UK

"The Neat Package"

"The M3 offers great sound for the money"

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SPEAK EASY

Deviating from the standard rectangular sound bar design, Q Acoustic's curved M3, £299, pairs elegance with practicality. It has HDMI, analogue, digital, Bluetooth and NFC connectivity, meaning it can be used as a standalone audio device as well as a TV speaker. It even has a built-in subwoofer, so you don't have to find space for another unit. Choose a wall-mounted option or a freestanding model. (qacoustics.co.uk)

Smart security

Blink's home security system has been a hit in the US since the idea came to life via a Kickstarter campaign. It's now available in the UK and is set to shake things up in the world of HD smartphone-connected security. The unit has motion and temperature sensors, sending push notifications to an app when triggered, so you can monitor your home from your smartphone when you are away. The system starts from £109.99, with additional cameras available. (blinkforhome.co.uk)

Warm tones

Bang & Olufsen's Cool Modern collection brings a rich, polished finish to its stylish range. A wide selection of products, including the new BeoVision 14 television and the new wireless speaker system BeoSound 1 (pictured left), £995, are available in rich, brass-effect aluminium, jewel-toned textiles and dark-wood finishes. The collection was inspired by the Art Deco movement, popular when Bang & Olufsen was founded. Connect different products to create a multi-room wireless audio network. (bang-olufsen.com)

EASY CLEAN

The Neato Botvac Connected, £549.99, is a sleek, Wi-Fi enabled robot vacuum with two primary cleaning settings: high-powered Turbo mode and Eco mode, a setting that takes longer but provides a quieter, more environmentally friendly alternative. Not only does the accompanying app ensure your house is cleaned even if nobody's home, if you're an Amazon Echo user, you can now connect the vacuum to your speaker and use voice-control to begin and end a cleaning session. (neatorobotics.com)

Grand Designs

Jan 30 2017

CIRCULATION: **29K**

The M3 is featured in an issue of Grand Designs magazine.

This monthly interiors magazine is an off shoot of the popular Channel 4 TV programme.

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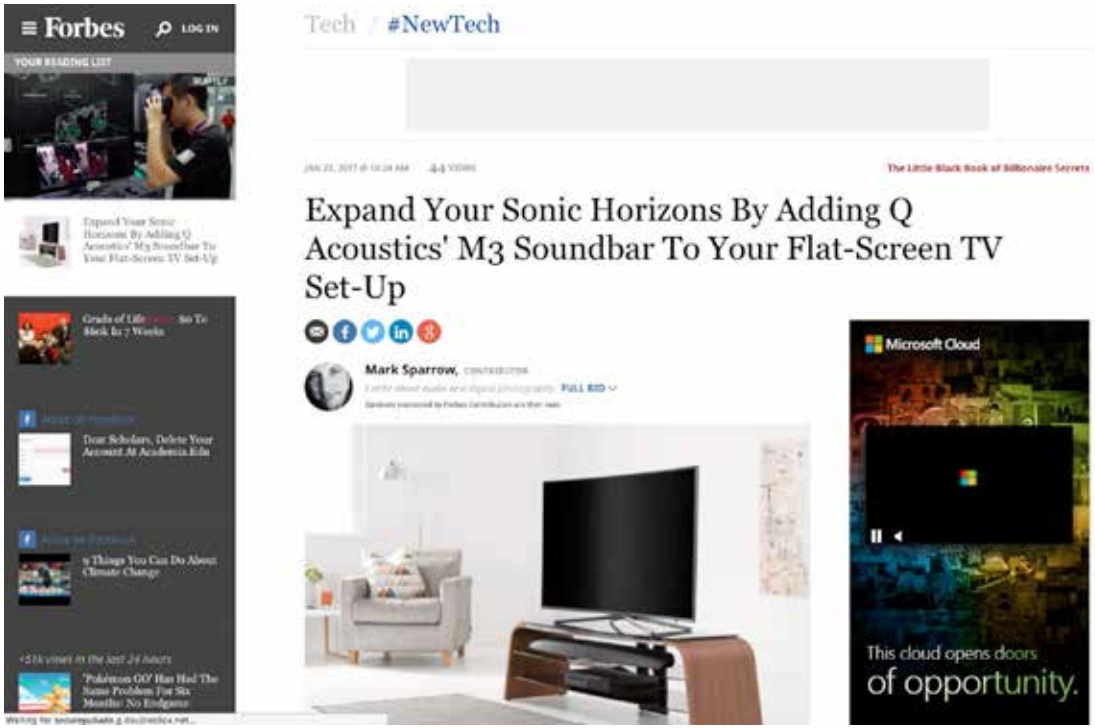

Forbes

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AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **138M**
COVERAGE VIEWS: **63.5K**

Established in 1917 and written for C-level corporate executives, top managers, institutional and individual investors and affluent business professionals. Its mission is to give its business readers a competitive edge.

> A soundbar is an essential purchase if you have a flat-screen tv. It doesn't take up very much space but it still gives a lovely big sound that's not too far off a full surround-sound set-up.

> The M3 is sleek and compact, with stylish tapered ends, and offers a wide choice of inputs.

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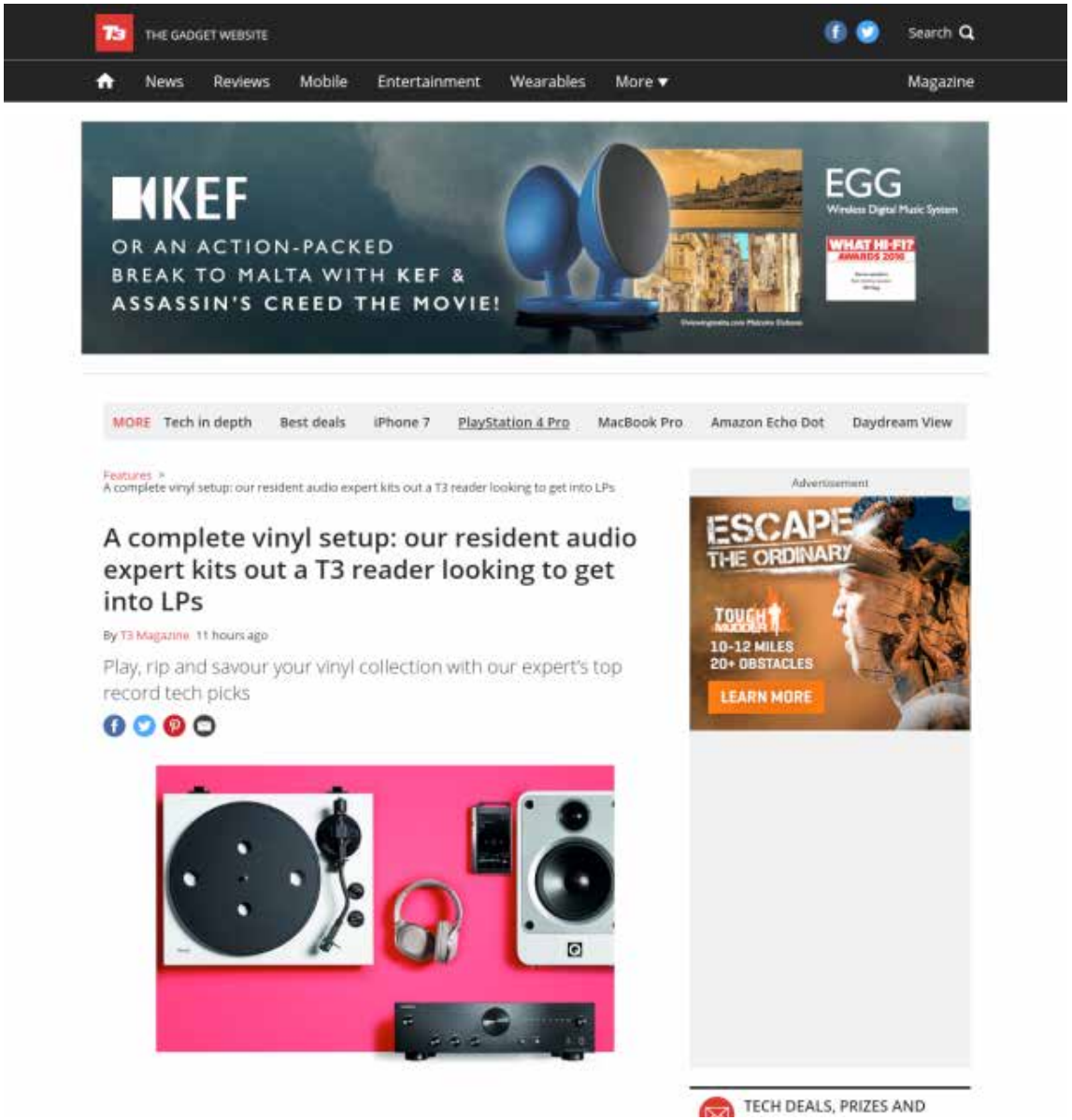

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AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS: **2.47M**

COVERAGE VIEWS: **8.35K**

The Concept 20s were listed on T3.com under 'A complete vinyl setup: our resident audio expert kits out a T3 reader looking to get into LPs' feature.

Incorporating a robust 'cabinet within a cabinet' Gelcore design, the Q Acoustics Concept 20 loudspeakers look like no other bookshelf speakers out there.

> "They will make your vinyl sound awesome."

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