

Definitive Technology Mythos

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WHY YOU WANT THIS

A speaker system helps recreate the thrashes and thrills of movies and perfect performance from your music collection. A complete system includes two main left and right speakers, left and right rear surround speakers, a center-channel speaker and a subwoofer.

Industrial design is sometimes just as important as performance in today’s marketplace. There are cars that are fast, but those that speak to our tastes aesthetically will always win out for our dollars. Definitive Technology’s latest lineup of Mythos loudspeakers offer that rare combination of substance and style, and do exceedingly well at both.

The Mythos One tower loudspeaker is a thin, tube-like construction that is finished out of aluminum, in either silver or black. It can be mated with the Mythos Three center speaker, and in my case, also mated with a pair of the Mythos Two surround speakers. Integrating this stalwart system with my existing SuperCube I subwoofer from Definitive Technology was a no-brainer, and the result was outstanding.

Installation Issues

Installing this system took about 20 minutes, and that is pretty fast, considering that it includes the assembly of the beautiful glass bases that come with the Mythos One tower speakers. The Mythos Two and Three models all come with wall-mount brackets, and I used those to great benefit, making the speakers virtually blend into the room, achieving a custom look in minutes. You can even route your cables through the walls to come out behind the speakers, and you won’t even see any signs of installation.

Performance/Features

Once the system was warmed up, and had played some loud music for a few hours, it was time to start listening. On multichannel movie material, such as the outstanding Superbit edition of *Spider-Man*, the DTS (digital theater systems) soundtrack was over the top. The performance of the Mythos

speaker system beats that of systems costing many times as much, and it’s not even surprising.

The Mythos One tower speakers offer so much punch and substance to a soundtrack, that it feels as if you have six subwoofers in the room. The Mythos Three center speaker also achieves the unimaginable, as it blends perfectly with the rest of the system, and projects voices and music solidly. The Mythos Two surround speakers round out the system, and as they are virtually the same as the center speaker and front right and left speakers (aside from the bass output), the blend from front to back is seamless.

The Last Word

This speaker system is one of the most beautiful aesthetically and greatest performers to come onto the marketplace in the past five years. Continuing the Bang & Olufsen approach aesthetically but also offering great performance at a great price, there is no competition here. With plasma TVs in mind, providing a myriad of design choices for your room, these speakers really have no match. We can’t recommend them highly enough. **EH**

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THE SCORE

■■■■ Install	■■■■ Ease of Use
■■■ Expandability	■■■■ Overall Value
4 → broke the mold	3 → playing with the big boys
2 → not such a bad buy	1 → just plain sad