



Sonus Faber Sonetto VIII

MARTIN COLLOMS ASSESSES A HIGH POWER FLOORSTANDING LOUDSPEAKER FROM A WELL-ESTABLISHED ITALIAN BRAND

One doesn't realise how imposing this £5,700/pair Italian loudspeaker is until it's properly located in the listening room. It has physical presence and stature, displaying the five vertical-in-line drive units with characteristic panache. Fit and finish is exemplary, closely approaching the high standards set by their luxury flagship Guarneri range.

Great attention to detail is seen, from the leather top panel to an artfully concealed and massive 100mm high power bass port on the underside. Floor coupling consists of heavy duty adjustable and

locking floor spikes, with matching alloy discs for polished floors. A stylish alloy base plate of larger area gives good stability.

Options of white, black, and walnut with a piano gloss finish are applied to the side and front panels, while an acoustically effective, open weave, moulded polymer grille is retained magnetically. These loudspeakers still look great with the grilles off, and sound just slightly better. Tall and slim, the speaker narrows towards the back, giving an elegantly tapered appearance. Two pairs of high quality binding posts may be bi-wired and also work for 4mm plugs.