



ANDREW QUINT

Reference 3A Taksim Loudspeaker

\$6990

Reference 3A's latest loudspeaker is priced at a point where you'd have to spend a lot more to improve upon its many virtues. This two-way design features a mid/bass transducer with a "hyperexponential" shape that was introduced by the company's founder half a century ago and has been continuously improved upon since. This dynamic driver is characterized by exceptional linearity and dispersion characteristics that translate into wonderful detail and tonal realism. A beryllium tweeter is implemented without the use of a crossover, protected from low frequencies and high power by a single non-inductive capacitor. The Taksims acquit themselves honorably in bass-heavy music without the use of a subwoofer, though using one is certainly an option. The grey Nextel finish has sonic benefits, but the largely non-reflective surface mostly serves to assure that these biggish speakers won't visually overpower a room. (Review this issue)