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GOLDEN MA's GX array – £7K worth of high-end audio

Monitor Audio GX

Winner: Best speaker package over £5,000 Reviewed: HCC 202

Monitor Audio's Gold series utilises much of the technology found in the brand's flagship Platinum range, and as that product is a previous *HCC* Awardwinner, it's no surprise to find its sibling grabbing a gong, too. The £7,000 GX 5.1 package presents you with a battalion of drivers, from a 15in woofer in the sub to ribbon tweeters, that combine to craft a soundfield of amazing beauty. High-frequency effects are delicate and rich, dialogue pin-sharp in the mix and the subwoofer just drops and drops. Gorgeous to look at, too.

Finalists...

Tannoy Definition Reviewed: HCC 197

This £8,000 5.0 system oozes class and refinement. Don't worry about the Definition range's hi-fi heritage – it's made for movies, too. Just add a subwoofer and you're in business.

Bowers & Wilkins 800 Series Diamond Reviewed: HCC 196

If it's money-no-object surround sound you're after, then B&W's stupendous £20,000 800 Series Diamond array should be at the top of your list.