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Sound Investments

GADGETS

WHETHER YOU SEEK THE ULTIMATE IN AUDIO CLARITY OR SIMPLY WANT TO MAKE YOUR WINDOWS SHAKE, THESE SPEAKERS WILL

LEAVE YOU AMPED UP BY SETH KELLY

IF YOU'RE DROPPING three grand on Sunfire's Ultimate Receiver or 20 large on Linn's Sondek CD12 CD player, it would be senseless to skimp on your speakers. Plug your old Bose surround system into components that hot? The only thing you'll be surrounded by is a chorus of static and hiss. Instead, pick your price range, produce your platinum card — and let audio enlightenment waft all over you.

UNDER \$10,000 > PARADIGM REFERENCE SIGNATURE S8

\$6,000/PAIR

BY NO MEANS a "starter set," the Paradigm S8s outwork speakers that are twice the price. Packed into their 100-pound frames you'll find six separate drivers cranking sonic pleasure: Gold-Anodized Pure-Aluminum Dome and Dual Super Neodymium Magnet structures in the one-inch tweeter reproduce flawless high-frequency signals, while a seven-inch Mica-Loaded Polymer cone delivers mid-range sound and four Mineral-Filled Polypropylene bass cones handle the thump. What's that all mean? Beats us. But it sure sounds impressive.

■ Bells and Whistles: The proprietary Asymmetrical Tapered Channel (ATC) behind the mid-range driver collects and disperses stray sound waves before they can muck up the driver cone signal. Confused? Just think of yourself as the ATC and your annoying intern as a stray sound wave. Now fire the intern. Doesn't your office sound better already? paradigm.com



\$10,000 TO \$20,000 ^ MARTINLOGAN PRODIGY

\$11,000/PAIR

THE PRODIGY — the last exit on the reference-quality audio highway before you hit the price-is-no-object toll booth — represents the best buy in its class. Its hybrid design combines MartinLogan's proprietary CLS technology (curvilinear electrostatic transducer) with a ForceForward bass system. The system, however, still requires a traditional bass rig — two 10-inch woofers back to back — to enable you to piss off neighbors on both sides of your condo.

■ Bells and Whistles: The electrostatic speaker, essentially a nearly weightless diaphragm held between perforated steel stator plates, efficiently re-creates both high- and mid-range sound using only charged electrons instead of traditional cones, domes and magnets. This eliminates the crossover point between mid-range speakers and tweeters, taking a moving part out of the sound equation. martinlogan.com

