

ProjectionDesign Action Model Two



SANGTHE praises of ProjectionDesign in our May issue, having returned from the Bristol show still revelling in the stunning success of our demo room – which was partially thanks to the company's high-end Action Model Three. That £17,000, 1080p-ready model delivered mouth-wateringly good pictures to thousands of enthralled punters at the show, so we've been a veritable colony of eager

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beavers waiting to test the more reasonably priced Action Model Two.

Like its more grandiose sibling the Model Three, this new projector uses ProjectionDesign's proprietary 'RealColor' colour management software, which ensures true whites and excellent control of greyscale tracking. It also demonstrates that the company's taste for joiny-up words shows no signs of abating. Beyond that minor irritation, the only news here is good.

FOR

Great colours; fine detail; simple, attractive and compact design

AGAINST

At the price, nothing

VERDICT

A real star of a projector: The Model Action Two is very compact, yet offers a performance way above its price tag



For starters, the Action Model Two is a marvellously compact projector. At just 27.8cm across the front, its small, slim design married to this striking Koenigsegg Orange Special Edition finish (it also comes in 'Maranello Blue', 'Vanquish Grey' and 'Pearl White') makes for an extremely room-friendly unit.

Model Two picture stays stable

But it's the Action Model Two's picture performance that really earns it the full complement of five stars. Through its DVI-D input (there's no HDMI, but if you're outputting HDMI from your source you only need a simple adaptor), pictures are finely detailed, with a dynamic and subtle colour palette and great line definition. And where some projectors show signs of judder and smearing with fast motion, the Model

Two stays stable in even the most testing scenes, such as the epic battles in *Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King*.

The downside? It's hard to find one at the money. Sure, we could say the Action Model Two lacks a touch of fine detail – if we were comparing it to a £6000 rival. But at just £3500, this projector scales performance heights that its price would imply are highly unlikely. And no, it can't render full 1080p – but again, we'd hardly expect it to at the price.

All of which means, in short, that the action Model Two is a stunning product, and well worth the money.

SPECIFICATION

Type DLP **resolution** 1280x720 **max screen size** 300in **throw ratio** 1.9-2.4 **progressive scan** PAL/NTSC **composite input** yes **component input** yes **HDMI** No **DVI-D** yes **weight** 2.7kg

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