

Closed-Back Headphone of the Year



Final SONOROUS III

Drawing heavily from some really big hitters in the Final range, this headphone has a lot in common with the SONOROUS X and SONOROUS VIII, despite the more than ten-fold price differential. Based around a 50mm dynamic driver that features a polycarbonate/glass resin molded front plate, Final's unique Balanced Air Movement mechanism, and synthetic leather ear pads, the SONOROUS III looks and sounds more upmarket than many of its peers. In listening, Chris Martens felt that "it offered deeply extended and powerful, (albeit somewhat elevated) bass, with plenty of pitch definition and transient impact," with a vibrant midrange, an extended treble response, "effortless transient speed", and "a satisfying quality of coherence."

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