

# SuperTest

## SONIQUE SAV-3SE SURROUND SPEAKER



**The SAV-3SE loudspeaker system is a full range compact design that suits all home AV systems, but is most at home in those comprising other Sonique speakers.**

### FEATURES

Full magnetic shielding • 18mm MDF cabinet • Contoured acoustic foam damping • Ferro fluid hi-tech tweeter • Double magnet motor systems

### THE BUZZ

It's the SE or Special Edition of the conventional SAV3 speaker and the system costs around \$100 more. For the extra money you get an improved cabinet, made of material which has an MDF substrate veneered with furniture quality American oak timber on the inside and outside. The crossover has even closer tolerance with hand wound air cored inductors and the drivers are hand selected as the best. It makes the SE a worthwhile investment. The SAV3SE is suitable for stand or shelf mounting and full shielding means they are safe for use around televisions and video monitors. The SAV3SE also makes an excellent choice as a front speaker where space or budgets are limited. In fact a system comprising four of these models (along with a Sonique centre speaker) would be an outstanding system. This is a bass reflex cabinet design with rear porting. The two low range drives are 165 mm in diameter with double magnet motor systems while the tweeter is a 25 mm soft dome design with ferro fluid cooling. The shielding is magnetic, the cabinet is made from braced 18 mm MDF with contoured acoustic foam damping inside.

### OUR SAY

The finish of the SAV-3 is simply breathtaking. The wood finish is a definite improvement over speakers that reduce costs by using imitation finishes. A feature of the SAV-3 is its dynamic range. It allows full range performance and can deliver a sense of realism in surround sound mode. The speakers are also excellent music transducers, which is an important attribute in modern home entertainment systems. The SAV-3SE handles a good amount of power and is reasonably flexible to drive and extract healthy sound levels. Overall it's a solid performer and a quiet achiever.

### CONCLUSION

Versatile, flexible and an excellent performer when either of these attributes is fully optioned. A precise and controlled yet natural sounding speaker that will sit happily in virtually any system and shine when used in a Sonique set-up.

### SPECS

Frequency Response: 47 Hz-20 kHz • Power Rating: 30-200 watts • Sensitivity: 88 dB • Dimensions: (w x d x h) 450 x 180 x 300 mm • Weight: 10 kg each

### RATINGS

Performance:	8.5/10
Build quality:	9/10
Operation:	8/10
Features:	8/10
Value:	8.5/10