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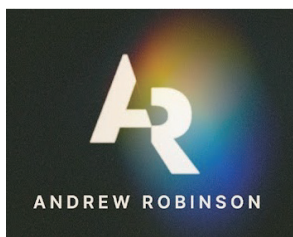
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LEAK SANDWICH

Jun, 2024 Andrew Robinson (USA)



"... sort of saw the is just another nostalgic cash grab, boy was I wrong! I'm not saying the Leak 250 isn't pulling at the heartstrings of those who want to relive a bygone era, but make no mistake, this is a modern speaker with reference level chops all for a not-so-high-end price. Props to the designers behind this speaker because it is one I would highly, highly recommend!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OirHxi5VFeM>

Jun, 2024 The Audiophile Man



"... Racing the Leak 150s push their own inherent performance envelope to the very edge. For the money, you get a lot in physical terms. These are big, bold speakers for stand mount; they dwarf my Spondor A1s and the MartinLogan 15is, for example. In performance terms, the upper frequencies push the envelope to the max. They give everything they've got and don't hold back. The 150s are triers; bless them. They put so much effort into what they do."

"... I like their honesty. The bass was exuberant, big, bold, yet controlled and focused. In short, these are some of the most exciting, rousing, and dramatic speaker designs I've heard in some time. The Leak 150 speakers, for that price point, provide a sensational performance."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucPIKqAdQZc>

May, 2024 hifi.nl



The British still know how to build excellent speakers. It's a fact that they stick to traditions, which we can only be happy about. However, we are pleased to see that traditions can go hand in hand with new insights and techniques. The Leak Sandwich 150 is a great example of this.

These speakers are not meant for listening to a music system. They are meant for listening to music. And that might be the biggest compliment we can give to the Leak Sandwich 150 speakers.

<https://hifi.nl/artikel/33619/Review-Leak-Sandwich-150.html>

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LEAK SANDWICH



Mar, 2024 Lite Magazin (DE)



Clearly: With the Sandwich 250, Leak Audio has created a hi-fi product that stands out from the endless sea of speakers. The design and sandwich chassis are a successful homage to their legendary predecessors. However, there is no trace of outdated sound here. Thanks to modern materials and sophisticated cabinet construction, Leak achieves an optimum in sound and performance. The 250s are highly agile, dynamic, and really push the envelope. With all these qualities, they definitely qualify for the "must-have league" in my opinion. So, if you're currently looking for high-tech speakers in a retro style that bring that special something, while also representing the golden era of hi-fi, you should definitely check out and listen to the Sandwich 250.

<https://www.whathifi.com/news/leaks-two-new-sandwich-speakers-look-very-well-bred>

Feb, 2024 What Hi-Fi



8 of the best new speakers at the Bristol Hi-Fi Show 2024

The new Sandwich 150 and 250 speakers draw on the design of the original Sandwich which first launched back in 1961. They feature Leak's nifty "Aluminium-Foamcore Sandwich" cone used in bass, mid and mid/bass form, plus a 30mm textile-dome tweeter. The cleverly crafted cabinets are built using a special glue filling, sandwiched (get it?) between an outer layer of MDF and an inner layer of high-density particle board.

<https://www.whathifi.com/features/8-of-the-best-new-speakers-at-the-bristol-hi-fi-show-2024>

Feb, 2024 What Hi-Fi



A 63-year-old sandwich might not sound that appetising, but these speakers are anything but stale. Leak's new Sandwich 150 and 250 draw on the design of the firm's classic speaker which debuted in 1961, injected with plenty of modern technology to make what looks like a very tasty treat.

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LEAK STEREO 230



Dec, 2023 Stereophile

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The Leak Stereo 230, priced at \$1695 with the walnut enclosure, presents a nostalgic yet technologically advanced proposition. Highlighting a robust power supply and modern enhancements, it stays true to LEAK's legacy while integrating cutting-edge features like hi-res streaming, a 32-bit ES9038Q2M Sabre Reference DAC chip, and aptX HD Bluetooth connectivity. With 75Wpc into 8 ohms or 115Wpc into 4 ohms, this MOSFET-based class-AB amplifier represents a genuine innovation for the brand, balancing tradition and modernity.

<https://www.stereophile.com/content/leak-stereo-230-integrated-amplifier#comments>

Dec, 2023 Steve Guttenberg Audiophiliac



I think it's a winner...The Stereo 230 is a more neutral sounding design. It has a wood cabinet, and you know when you live with these things, they're part of your life. Just seeing it as a piece of furniture definitely weighs in my opinion. During my time with the Stereo 230, I just liked using it, I just did...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KiGfzgTE3Uc>

Mar, 2023 Just Audio



The Leak Stereo 230 Class A/B Amplifier with MQA streaming & ARC, paired with the Wharfedale Lintons may be the best budget audiophiles dream system!

<https://youtu.be/tSQq5aOjCek>

LEAK STEREO 130 & CDT



Aug, 2022 Fedelta Magazine (IT)



Taken separately, these components have largely convinced the undersigned (himself) about the undoubted quality... The amalgamation of the components is excellent and with a small but very sensible upgrade it is possible, with little expense, to achieve a quality that is only possible with perfectly calibrated systems... Honestly speaking, if I had 3000e for a complete system, I would choose these proposed products.

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNDUK2phPdPVAhQpzCGiGh8WA?e=XDC1RT>

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LEAK STEREO 130 & CDT

Jun, 2021 TONE Audio (USA)

TONEAudio

The key to the Stereo 130/CDT combination is overall balance. No aspect of its sound or functionality overshadows the rest... making this a perfect hub for a music lover on a real world budget. You can get great sound without spending five or six figures, and the Leak combo makes for a system to be proud of... Fit and finish is very good... You'll either drool over the vintage/mid-century aesthetic, or be turned off and move to the more typical looking gear in this price range. But if you're in the "love it" category with us, these two components from Leak are a fantastic combination.

https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2pg_lh2K8dmnANWdxO8A?e=V2hC6L

Feb, 2021 HiFi.nl (NL) - 4.5/5.0 Stars



A total of 5-pages of coverage with the title 'Classic Hi-Fi in a New Retro Jacket'. LEAK had not existed for a long time, but now this quite iconic brand is back on the market. Not with what-the-crazy-gives high end price tags, but affordable and with some interesting contemporary features gadgets...

The LEAK Stereo 130 and the CDT CD transport form one classic looking but completely perform contemporary standards for a surprising affordable price... one set that in combination with the right one speakers will be the stars of heaven while playing... The LEAK CDT works fast and smooth, actually runs dead quiet and ensures in combination with the converter in the Stereo 130 for a catchy, spatial and light-footed rendering... The Stereo 130 integrated amplifier is both sweet to see and to hear. It is well built, sounds modern and open, and offers sufficient digital and analogue connectivity including Bluetooth. Don't be fooled by the compact dimensions, this spicy performing set has it all just like its illustrious predecessor one become a true retro classic.

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2pgq8rbMv4YDYGIInksg?e=J7flnW>

Dec, 2020 SUONO Magazine (IT)

SUONO 

The appearance is however very pleasant and the quality of the realisation is excellent, with a feeling of robustness transmitted by the commands to the remarkable users... Defects? We have not found any... LEAK also excel compared to established standards... in terms of versatility... in terms of design choices... But if tradition and the iconic effect come into play, the two new Leaks beat everyone hands down!

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2pgpkAkhZroxmQhU0OnQ?e=ExuUmK>

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LEAK STEREO 130 & CDT

Dec, 2020 Hifi.nl (NL)

hifi.nl

The Stereo 130 integrated amplifier is a treat to see and hear. It is well built, sounds modern and open, and offers plenty of digital and analog connectivity options including Bluetooth. As icing on the cake, he has an excellent MM phono stage on board... this snappy performing set [with CDT] has what it takes to become a true retro classic just like its illustrious predecessor.

<https://hifi.nl/artikel/29525/Review-LEAK-Stereo-130-en-CDT-klassieke-hifi-in-retrojasje.html>

Nov, 2020 Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (DE)

Frankfurter Allgemeine

[LEAK] with English roots are reflecting on the glamor of the HiFi early days. With considerable success... Simply beautiful would be a short answer... If we take another look at the prices after these experiences, the following applies in particular to the speakers: Here is a real bargain on offer.

<https://www.faz.net/aktuell/technik-motor/digital/hifi-von-wharfedale-und-leak-16985408.html>

LEAK STEREO 130



Sep, 2021 Steve Guttenberg Audiophiliac (USA)

**The
AUDIOPHILIAC
DAILY
SHOW**

Steve has included LEAK Stereo130 at the first place in his recent sorted amplifier section in 'The very BEST audiophile systems, \$2K to \$4K (USD)'... It's very tasteful, has a built-in DAC... I just have a great time with the handsome built-in phone pre-amp. It's just a gorgeous piece of audio for a very fair price, [with] a great great product!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-n9bT60uSI>

Aug, 2021 The Audiophile Man (UK)

Paul Rigby
(The Audiophile Man)

Overall, I really enjoyed the musical experience of the Stereo 130... Frankly, I could easily live with the Stereo 130... I could easily see myself listening to the Stereo 130 in evenings and weekends, and doing so with a big smile on my face! The Leak Stereo 130 has bags of character and certainly offer you a definite sonic choice but it does so, while retaining frequency discipline; that is - it remains well behaved!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yblZ9H77cRA>

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LEAK STEREO 130



Jan, 2021 Diapason Magazine (FR)

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L'AMOUR DU CLASSEMENT, LA PASSION DE L'EXCELLENCE

The feature covers the LEAK Stereo 130 with comments 'sweetness and expressiveness on all sources...' and how '...one is seduced by a fluid and almost silky side that evokes the best of analog reproduction before all digital... The Stereo 130 is a strange, musical and seductive attractor.' The reviewer proclaims, in conclusion and encouragement "long live the retro style!"

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2pgqslBdmQ6zffFWDg8A?e=aDvhAE>

Dec, 2020 Hi-Fi World - Awards 2020
Best Amplifier



By combining great sound with all digital conveniences this amplifier easily cruises in to gain our recommendation as the best all-round amplifier package of 2020. In style, compact size and performance nothing comes close.

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2pgpkAkhZroxmQhU0OnQ?e=ExuUmK>

Dec, 2020 The Luxe Review (UK)

The Luxe Review

In celebration of the late great Jimi Hendrix's Birthday, we are excited and proud to have been involved in the recreation of the exact listening experience Jimi Hendrix had at his home in 23 Brook Street, Mayfair (between 1968-1969). The late and great Jimi was a big Leak Fan!

<https://theluxereview.com/2020/11/27/jimi-hendrix-hi-fi-experience-london/>

Dec, 2020 Forbes.com



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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/marksparrow/2020/11/27/bang--olufsen-lowther-and-leak-join-forces-to-recreate-jimi-hendrixs-original-sound-system/?sh=13fcb921ef8>

Nov, 2020 Steve Guttenberg Audiophiliac
(USA)



The Stereo 130 is a pretty remarkable return... the Stereo 130 for looks, for the sounds, for what it stands for; this review was a pleasure!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UITiCVAdZx4&feature=youtu.be>

Nov, 2020 Darko.Audio (DE)



The Leak Stereo 130 has a character that extends beyond its looks... it offers many strengths that will neatly complement any music you care to play through it. If we add up all of the Stereo 130's pluses which include a very good sounding DAC, an equally well-sorted MM phono stage, eminently enjoyable Bluetooth connectivity and a headphone amplifier, all wrapped in a vintage-inspired aesthetic and at a price that won't obliterate the bank, the only question remaining is: what's not to like?

<https://darko.audio/2020/11/whats-not-to-like-leaks-stereo-130-integrated-cdt-player/>

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LEAK STEREO 130



Nov, 2020 Just Audio (USA)



LEAK Stereo 130 VS Vintage Leak Stereo 30 Plus - How close is it to the original?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0yhh1JUnMmfV8LK7tbobVA0IHenzYuV17eUlsGeyGVj_mLD2mzNdLCeHU&v=OtZhjZZkvpU&app=desktop

Oct, 2020 BUG Magazine (Croatia) - Recommendation



Beautiful retro design, top quality workmanship, clean and detailed sound... The Leak Stereo 130 is great and highly recommended integrated stereo amplifier!

https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2p3kL2-0fI932m2_O?e=9tLnmO

Oct, 2020 Recovering Audiophile (USA)



The Leak Stereo 130 is NOT your grandpas stereo! The Stereo 130 is an integrated amplifier that brings past eras into 2020, bringing with it modern sound with vintage style. The 130 is a great compact integrated amplifier. When paired with Leak CDT players, this combo will have you reconsider your vintage vs modern audio comparisons.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugzgZBCnes4&feature=youtu.be>

Sep, 2020 Stereophile Magazine (UK)



Full rear cover presentation of Stereophile Magazine (USA) - one of the USA's biggest and world respected audio enthusiast publications, on the LEAK STEREO 130 and CDT. Offering grand exposure to the return of the brand.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/De9WbZUQ2qS1BhjB1boD>

Sep, 2020 Hi-Fi World - 5 Globes Outstanding Amongst The Best



Warm yet detailed sound from vinyl and digital sources with vintage style and modern features. Superb! The new Stereo 130 also comprehensively outperforms my old drab-sounding Stereo 30, which, with its aged electrical components, is becoming to me nothing more than a chic Sixties ornament... Had Leak not got these products spot-on, it would've been difficult to disguise my disappointment. I'm delighted with them. Welcome back Leak – you've been a long time coming.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DSQ_rUcQ2qS1BhjA1boD

May, 2020 What Hi-Fi?



Quite simply, there is nothing the Leak can't happily turn its hand to. But for all its versatility, this is an amplifier that puts the music first. Whatever the source, its virtuosic performance is consistently engaging: foot-tappingly lively yet maturely refined, richly detailed and fluidly dynamic... Here, vintage aesthetic, contemporary features and state-of-the-art technical proficiency go hand in hand to herald a new and unique addition to the midrange amplifier market.

<https://www.whathifi.com/news/leak-is-back-and-the-stereo-130-amplifier-is-its-first-modern-retro-masterpiece>

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LEAK CDT



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Polite, approachable and easy on the ear, totally lacking in any form of ear fatigue; this is a CD transport that wants to be your friend! It offers a host of detail, clarity and transparency to impress.... A satisfying dynamic range and bass punch to rock, if required. If your looking for a CD Transport, the Leak CDT should on your list... the distinguished gentlemen of CD Players.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcLqO1EzfwA>

Jan, 2021 Steve Guttenberg
Audiophiliac (USA)



I think it's pretty cool... the LEAK's CD Transport is a very appealing piece of machine. First of all, I feel really solid... I think it's gorgeous... everything kind of works as it's intended, a straightfoward machine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJqCNbbyNm4>

Nov, 2020 Darko.Audio (DE)



As a CD Transport I found nothing to criticize with the [Leak CDT] and we cannot ignore the fact that if you like the look of the Leak Stereo 130, you'll love the look of these new Leak components sitting side-by-side.

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Sep, 2020 Hi-Fi World - 5 Globes
Outstanding Amongst The Best



A CD transport that can also play digital files from flash drive. Keenly priced, and easy to use.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DSQ_rUcQ2qS1BhjA1boD

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