

**TEST RESULT**

We've been saying it for a long time now, but once again these **ATCs** prove unbeatable at this price

**THERE ARE A** couple of manufacturers who might at first be a bit disappointed to see the scores their stereo speakers have received, but let us be quite clear on this: there is not a single bad product in this *Group Test*.

The truth is simply that time has moved on, and speakers that once were deemed perfect examples of their type have since been outdone by rivals.

This is particularly true of the Acoustic Energys. The slight flaws that they always exhibited have been highlighted by newer floorstanders like the Monitor Audios, which improve on those areas. However, even these aren't perfect, and are outshone again by the Neats, with their new take on floorstanding design.

**"Honesty and insight: the most rewarding qualities in hi-fi speaker design"**

**Four stars seems low in this company**

However, it's a standmouter that takes the prize on this occasion, as the ATCs prove once again that honesty and insight are the most rewarding qualities in speaker design. The Jamos instead go for fun and excitement, and are never a dull listen, while the Wharfedales have some exceptional talents – even if there are some frustrations in there, too. Overall, it's the ATCs we'd love to own.

**ATC SCM11**



£850

**WHAT HI-FI? SOUND AND VISION GROUP TEST WINNER**



**NOW ADD THESE**



**CD PLAYER REGA APOLLO**  
★★★★★  
£ 600

Awards 2007  
This Rega is quite simply an astounding CD player for the money. It will feed the ATCs all the detail that they love so much, but can also do rhythm, punch and atmosphere, too. Nothing phases the Apollo.



**SPEAKER CABLE CHORD CARNIVAL SILVER PLUS**  
★★★★★  
£ 5.50/m

September 2004  
We could have recommended the QED cable here, but we reckon it's just a little lean for the ATCs. The Chord Company cable makes a better choice as it's that little bit more robust and full-bodied.



**STEREO AMPLIFIER ROKSAN KANDY MK L.III**  
★★★★★  
£ 650

Awards 2007  
Unbeatable in our Awards two years in a row, this is the perfect amp to push the ATCs, as it has all the power they need, plus loads of detail.

**TOTAL SYSTEM £2100**

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

PRICE RANGE £700-£1000	ACOUSTIC ENERGY AELITETHREE	ATC SCM11	JAMO C803	MONITOR AUDIO SILVER RS8	NEAT MOTIVE 2	WHARFEDALE OPUS2-M1
<b>SPECIFICATION</b>						
PRICE	£ 750	£ 850	£ 700	£ 800	£ 945	£ 1000
TYPE	Floorstander	Standmount	Standmount	Floorstander	Floorstander	Standmount
SENSITIVITY	89dB	85dB	87dB	91dB	85dB	87dB
IMPEDANCE	8 ohms	8 ohms	6 ohms	6 ohms	8 ohms	6 ohms
POWER-HANDLING	175w	200w	125w	175w	100w	75w
BIWIRABLE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FINISHES	3	1	2	6	4	4
DIMENSIONS	92 x 23 x 30cm	38 x 21 x 25cm	38 x 23 x 34cm	90 x 19 x 27cm	77 x 16 x 20cm	51 x 23 x 36cm
<b>HOW THEY RATED</b>						
SOUND	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
BUILD	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
COMPATIBILITY	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
VERDICT	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★