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"Hands down the best value in this survey. This speaker has it all: stunning cosmetics, flawless build quality, and honest-to-goodness high-end sound!

Unprecedented for a product in this

price range, the Studio uses French-made Focal woofers, whose 7.5-inch cones are formed of Kevlar, the same material used in bulletproof vests. Thanks to its dual-voice-coil design, this castbasket driver extends bass response to a remarkably deep 46Hz. A 1-inch titanium-dome tweeter- designed and manufactured by Legacy- delivers clear, crisp treble.

Veneered on all six sides, the Studio looks great with its grill on or off. A quick peek at the speaker's nicely finished back panel reveals a single pair of solid-copper, gold-plated binding posts, a large-diameter port tube, and a switchable, low frequency filter that ensures proper subwoofer matching.

From the moment I hooked them up, the little Legacies impressed with their concert-hall dynamic range- not surprising given their 90.5dB sensitivity rating, which makes them a great mate for the lower power amps.

Central musical images are focused and have good body to them, although soundstaging groupies will miss the wall-to-wall width provided by the best competitors. Those dynamic woofers generate thunderous, pitch-defined bass- a solid foundation for the Studio's wonderfully transparent midrange presentation. But while high frequencies are extended and detailed, the speaker can produce a bright, forward sound with certain components and recordings. Not to worry: Since Legacy products are only sold factory direct, you'll have plenty of time to audition them in your own system before the bill arrives."


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