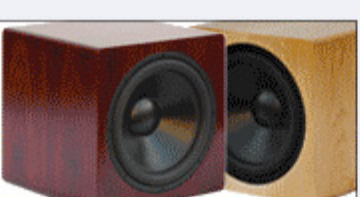




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 Reviewed by: stazi (Audio Enthusiast)

Review Date
 September 22, 2004

Overall Rating
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Value Rating
 5 of 5

Used product for
 1 to 3 months

Visitors rate this review
 3.88 of 5, 8.00 votes

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Review 1 of 8
 Price Paid: \$1000.00 from EBAY

Summary:
 I have been looking for a complete subwoofer for almost 2 years. My 1st sub was a JBL. It was an OK sub, but nothing to brag about. So I upgraded to an infinity L120. Then I added a second L120. They sounded pretty good, specially for \$300 a piece. After a while they just didn't do it for me anymore. So I went back on a my long search again. I tried a martin Logan sub, Velodyne HGS 15, Velodyne SPL 12 and even the over Hyped up VELODYNE DD15 (They were all good subs by the way but all overpriced). On August 20th of 2004, I finally found the truth and now I am a believer. After reading the reviews on this great site, I decided to give the Earthquake a try (I've been hesitant at 1st, because they are mostly known for their car audio products). So I bought 2 Earthquake supernovas MKV 15. What a huge difference these BASS monsters have made to my home theater. Aaaaaaaazazing!! These are so good I had to send the 2nd one back. One is more than my walls can handle. I have a pretty big room (28' x 22') and this baby fills the entire room with beautiful thundering bass. It brought out sounds I've never heard before. even in non action movies. If you have the money to spend, buy one of these and I will promiss you, your home theater system will be complete. Even if you don't have the money. GET A 2ND JOB and save up for it instead of wasting your money on other cheaper or even more expensive subs for that fact. And while you are at, make sure you save a little extra money to hire "apartment movers" or "2 man and a van" or even "8 brothers helping others" to help you carry this beast to it resting spot in your home theater. Trust me, you will need all the help you can get. This thing will brake your back (a 90 lb heavy weight champion). These babies retail for as much as \$3000 at some stores, but you can pick one up on line for a fraction of the price. I honestly cannot understand how people could need a better or more expensive sub other that the supernova 15". So if you hate your neighbors, investing in supernova MKV15 in one legal way to settle your differences with them.

Strengths:
 Very well built. Easy set up. Extreme bass. Pretty compact for a 15" sub. Musical but even more unbelievable with home theater. your haifull neighbor will learn to show you respect very fast.

Weaknesses:
 Heavy but you won't be moving it a whole lot anyway.

Similar Products Used:
 Velodyne HGS 12, HGS 15, SPL 12. velodyne DD12, DD15. Martin Logan

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Rating
 Reviewed by: starfish (AudioPhile)

Review Date
 February 10, 2004

Overall Rating
 1 of 5

Value Rating
 3 of 5

Used product for
 1 to 3 months

Visitors rate this review
 1.56 of 5, 9.00 votes

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 5 Highest

Review 2 of 8
 Price Paid: \$1250.00 from local dealer

Summary:
 I have not ever seen such bad customer service. the sub arrived in non-working condition. getting things resolved is taking far too long with too much struggle.

Strengths:
 solid looking parts

Weaknesses:
 does not work - replaced the amp still does not work - the company does not seem committed to stand behind their products or customers

Similar Products Used:
 sunfire, bag end, saturn, home-made

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Rating
 Reviewed by: tipteman (AudioPhile)

Review Date
 March 14, 2003

Overall Rating
 5 of 5

Value Rating
 5 of 5

Used product for
 1 to 3 months

Visitors rate this review
 5.00 of 5, 4.00 votes

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 5 Highest

Review 3 of 8
 Price Paid: \$1750.00 from JSK Electronics, Lak

Summary:
 This unit is the absolute best addition to my Home Theater. WOW.. what a boom.. Rocks the entire house with pristine accuracy. Incredible speed for music. Sonic impact is the best I have ever felt. System: B&W CDM SE 7's, B&K Ref 30 pre/pro, ATI 1505 Amp, Denon DVD 3800, Mitsubishi Diamond 65".

Strengths:
 Sound, speed, accurate, finish.

Weaknesses:
 None

Similar Products Used:
 Velodyne HGS 12, Sunfire

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Rating
 Reviewed by: Manny (Casual Listener)

Review Date
 February 10, 2002

Overall Rating
 5 of 5

Value Rating
 5 of 5

Used product for
 1 to 3 months

Visitors rate this review
 4.43 of 5, 7.00 votes

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 5 Highest

Review 4 of 8
 Price Paid: \$2695.00 from Hi Impact Digital En

Summary:
 As the last item in our home theatre set up, it proved to be the most difficult! We auditioned many brands, but unfortunately only two in our room. It's very important to listen to a subwoofer in your own acoustic area, and High Impact Digital Entertainment understand this. We auditioned the MKIV-12 and were sold immediately. We knew subs could be loud, but to feel it in your spine and under your seat. Wow!! More expensive subs we had listened to, didn't come close to giving us this experience - and for movies you want to "feel" the explosions, and Gozilla's footsteps shake the floor. This sub delivers! It coped extremely well with bass demanding material such as "The Haunting" DTS-ES version, when other subs "popped". It isn't boomy and is accurate - even with music, although we primarily have our set-up for movie watching. Placement is important, and to get the best performance you need to experiment. There are no rules, everyone's listening room is different, and so many factors play a part. It's amazing what a difference settings and placement make with any sub! If you live in Melbourne, there isn't anything that comes close to this sub, anywhere near this price range. We love it and my husband refuses to go to the movies now - he believes why bother, if you are not going to enjoy (and feel) the sound! Also important, the customer service from the manufacturer - Earthquake Sound Corporation, is EXCELLENT! We emailed some questions, and had a response in under 24 hours! It's good to know that behind a great product is a professional company!

Strengths:
 More QUALITY Bang for your buck! Great customer service from Earthquake Sound Corporation.

Weaknesses:
 Cracks plaster (only joking!)

Similar Products Used:
 First sub purchased - tested many, nothing similar.

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Rating
 Reviewed by: Farnam Toussi (Audio Enthusiast)

Review Date
 January 17, 2002

Overall Rating
 5 of 5

Value Rating
 5 of 5

Used product for
 Less than 1 month

Visitors rate this review
 5.00 of 5, 6.00 votes

Rate this review?
 5 Highest

Review 5 of 8
 Price Paid: \$590.00 from Mobile Systems

Summary:
 I have had my Earthquake Super Nova MKIII-12 for 3 days and its been amazing. I am only using it for music. I never new the amount of bass I was missing in certian songs. This thing goes deep and I mean deep. I have heard alot of low end subwoofers (had KSW-12) and car subwoofers, but nothing I have ever heard came to the sheer presence of this 70 Pound 15" Cube Monster. According to the manual, you can reach 100dB @ 10Hz, 100dB @15Hz, 128dB @30Hz. I don't even want to test it too loud incase i cause some kind of damage to my weak constructed roomhouse. I know every body talks about SVS and how great they are, ok, but the SVS ultra is so much bigger! Super Nova for its size, its unbelievable. I actually had a chance to speak to the designer of the sub. According to him this subwoofer surpasses the sunfire, and he claims their is no better subwoofer at any cost. For you audiophiles, this sub is not boomy to me at all. I couldnt stand listing to music with the KSW-12 I had because it sounded so 1 Note. Not anymore, bass is accurate smooth deep and flat in response. You can tell this is a quality sub when in the box you find a Birth Certificate with about 6 signatures of the people who put it together and tested it and a graph displaying its response measured.

Strengths:
 Powerful, deep bass! Accurate

Weaknesses:
 No Grill, maybe get damaged if something hits it.

Similar Products Used:
 KLIPSCH KSW-12

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