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Earthquake SuperNova MKIV-15

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Steven Stone got all shook up over the Earthquake SuperNova MKIV-15 subwoofer. Scoring high in all the critical requirements for a subwoofer (loud, deep, clean, and fast), it produced bass down to below 20Hz, and did so with panache and style. Whether the program material was music or film, the SuperNova performed with aplomb, improving on the low bass in his room even over his resident L/R front speakers, Dunlavy SC-VIs, each of which has two 15-inch drivers in a box large enough to have required piano movers when he bought a new home just up the street from his old one. Of course, a good powered subwoofer has the advantage of positioning flexibility, and its dedicated amp can be tailored to provide the best system performance. In this case, that performance was so good that SS concluded, "There might be better subwoofers on the planet, but I haven't heard them."