

ATC SCM20 SL £2,051.00

◆ Standmount speaker

This long-established loudspeaker has been subject to numerous refinements over the years, most notably ATC's 'Super Linear' magnet technology, which inhibits the generation of eddy currents within the motor.

A simple two-way standmount with a nominal 20 litre sealed-box loading, the SCM20 SL has a 7-inch main driver with a massive motor assembly, noteworthy in adopting a 'long-gap/short-coil' approach. A large 75mm voice coil has massive thermal power handling, and drives the 130mm diaphragm. A four ohm load with a low 83dB sensitivity makes a powerful amplifier essential. In-room traces show an essentially dry bass alignment, so some wall reinforcement is well worth trying.

Drawing very varied reactions from different listeners, it's neither particularly neutral, nor transparent. But it has bass to die for. It was clearly on a different plane from the rest, in the explicit way it gripped the bottom end and drove through the musical message. It would be very easy to fall in love with this main driver. It's extraordinarily clean, with a tight dynamic grip that seems to enhance voice articulation substantially.

ATC's very individual approach has its own distinct priorities which won't suit everyone, but its own validity undoubtedly demands due recognition.



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