



Design Classic

Now recognised as a design classic, the original Bowers & Wilkins Nautilus is not just our flagship product, but the very pinnacle of technological innovation to which all others must aspire. It is the result of a groundbreaking, five year research and development programme to achieve, as near as possible, the perfect loudspeaker.

The Bowers & Wilkins Nautilus has been greeted worldwide as an outstanding loudspeaker which will shape the direction of the audio industry well into the new millennium. Already sought after by cognoscenti, it has been unashamedly designed with the serious audiophile in mind, not only because of its size and shape but also because of its active design – the crossover network is positioned between the pre and power amplifiers. This means that a full Nautilus system needs one stereo pre-amplifier and eight monobloc or four stereo power amplifiers per pair (amplifiers of 100 watts upwards are recommended, with 500 watts being the optimum for the low frequency drive unit).

Price £55,000 per pair

Technical Specifications

Technical features	Nautilus™ tube loading Active crossover
Description	4-way tube-loaded loudspeaker system
Drive units	1x 300mm (12 in) aluminium cone bass 1x 100mm (4 in) aluminium/polymer sandwich cone lower midrange 1x 50mm (2 in) aluminium dome upper midrange 1x 25mm (1 in) aluminium dome high-frequency
Frequency range	-6dB at 10Hz and 25kHz
Frequency response	40Hz – 20kHz ±1dB on reference axis
Dispersion	Within 2dB of response on reference axis Horizontal: over 60° arc Vertical: over 10° arc
Crossover frequencies	220Hz, 880Hz, 3.5kHz
Power amplifier requirements	4 channels per speaker, rated 100W - 300W continuous into 8Ω on unclipped programme (each channel to have identical gain and phase)
Dimensions	Height: 1210mm (47.6 in) Width: 430mm (16.9 in) Depth: 1105mm (43.5 in)
Net weight	Speaker: 44.5kg (98 lb) Plinth: 42kg (92 lb) Total: 86.5kg (190 lb)
Finish	Midnight Blue, Black, Silver

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