

B&W MM-1

£ 399 ★★★★★

A new market for B&W and a huge hit. The MM-1s are the best PC speakers we've heard

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For

Fantastic sound for a PC speaker system; impressive bass for a subwoofer-less design; classy build; easy to install

Against

If price isn't an issue, nothing

Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* is a hauntingly beautiful piece of music.

To reproduce it well you need a system with a high level of subtlety, organisation and dynamics. All you need to know about B&W's MM-1s is that they did justice to it – so much so we forgot we were listening to a PC stereo speaker package.

Pitched at the quality end of the market, the MM-1s live up to their hefty price.

Build quality is excellent. Inside the speakers you'll find an aluminium dome tweeter with B&W's usual tapered tube behind it to absorb rear-firing radiation.

Internal amplification is rated at 4 x 18W, split between the drive units. Connections are limited to USB and a 3.5mm jack, which is enough to do the job.

B&W's engineers have done plenty of DSP work to ensure the MM-1s produce a decent level of bass despite lacking a subwoofer. These speakers are only 17cm tall, but produce an impressive amount of low-end weight.

They'll play loudly, too, and clever equalisation ensures they never turn hard and shouty. All that happens is that the sound gets steadily more compressed without sounding stressed.

It is edging towards being proper hi-fi and that's not something we thought we'd be saying about a PC package anytime soon.