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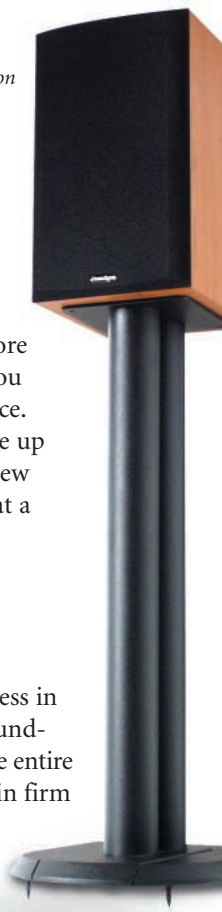

The New Titan
(Improved over version reviewed for even better sound.)

Ho hum. Another pair of small bass reflex box speakers for review. Boring, boring and boring. Why I do this job is beyond me.

I must be on some sort of sordid self-flagellation trip for crimes committed in a previous life.

But it's not all that bad. You get to review a bunch of stuff you would never normally listen to, and best of all you get to spend quite some time with the equipment. And so it was with the Paradigm Titans.

They're small, measuring 33 x 20 x 25 cm in total, but being finished in an oak veneer helped them look the part that they play.

After unpacking and the usual running in, they were listened to closely for the first time in over a week, and it was then that I remembered why I do this job. It's because despite prejudices and preconceptions, hi-fi has the remarkable ability of proving you wrong when you least expect it. I vastly underrated the Titans.

I expected a typical small box sound — no bass, clean tops and fuzzy midrange — but the Titans are so much more than that it's hard to believe you can have them for this low price. In this class they have got to be up with the best of the best — new product in hi-fi is improving at a frightening rate these days.

Score one for us hard pressed consumers please.

The Titans were simply effortless in what they set about doing. Sound-staging was immaculate and the entire frequency spectrum was held in firm control. They matched my Harman Kardon 1400 in terms of power handling like few others can, and with the Rotel blossoming on the front end the whole package made music in a way that leaves a smile on the face and creates the desire for listening session after listening session.

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Sure, one can always nit pick, and the Titans have their limitations, as do all small speakers. But in this particular case, for this price, I can't honestly find fault with them.

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PARADIGM TITAN PEAKS
FOR: Great sound from tiny boxes.
AGAINST: At the price, nothing.