PRODUCT review

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TITAN

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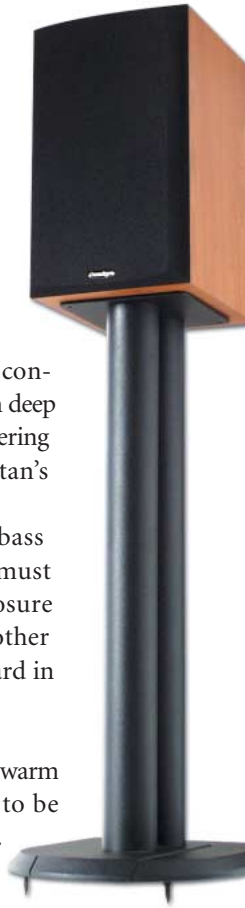

The New Titan
(Improved over version reviewed for even better sound.)

Audio publications rarely run negative product reviews, so it is often possible to gauge the merit of certain products only weighing the total load of superlatives heaped upon them by reviews.

The affordable Titan, a tidy little bookshelf speaker from Canadian manufacturer Paradigm, deserves all of the high praise it has been receiving in audio publications both here and abroad.

These are very attractive bookshelf speakers —our pair had a black ash finish with black grille cloth—that represent the state-of-the-art in getting the most sound out of a small box (12.5 inches high x 7.75 inches wide x 9.5 inches deep).

Paradigm prides itself on using top-quality components even in its lower priced products, and the Titan's 6.5-inch woofer features a high-pressure die-cast chassis —something unusual in a speaker of this prices range. The tweeter is a tried-and-true European Vifa dome unit used in a number of other fairly expensive speakers.

The solidly built woofer in conjunction with a nearly 10-inch deep speaker box and fancy engineering combine to produce the Titan's most outstanding feature: amazingly solid and deep bass output that sounds like it must be produced from an enclosure at least twice this size. No other bookshelf speaker we've heard in this class could rival it.

Overall, these speaker have a warm smooth sound that proves to be extremely easy on the ears. People used to the more in-your-face style of some American speakers might be put off at first. But over time, the natural sound these speakers produce will win over most consumers.

The Titan has as much going for it as any bookshelf speakers in this price range.