



LOUDSPEAKER OF THE YEAR (£10K-£20K)

Kudos Audio Titan 707

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Kudos Audio’s Titan 707 sits just below the flagship Titan 808 in the current Kudos lineup and, apart from being a slightly more accommodating size, it eschews the Titan 808’s 2½-way, four-box layout for a more conventional two-way floorstanding design, though it uses the same tweeter, and retains Kudos’ isobaric and fixed boundary reflex bass loading arrangement. This puts two of Kudos’ bespoke SEAS 220mm bass/mid drivers back to back in a sealed chamber and wired out of phase so the pressure in the chamber remains pretty much constant. The whole speaker sits in a fresh, modern cabinet with beautifully finished wood veneer side cheeks, elegantly chamfered top and bottom which quite effectively reduces the visual mass of what is actually quite a large cabinet, and also helps define the shape of the downward-firing port.

“The thing that has always appealed to me about the Kudos designs is their sense of ease, and natural tonal colour,” said Steve Dickinson in his review, adding that, “first impressions of the Titan 707 quickly reinforce that notion. There’s a sense of honesty in the warmth of their presentation, a limpid fluency that is both beautiful, and entirely reassuring. Openness and freedom abound, but without any hint of looseness, there’s no concern that they might, at any moment, give up the struggle for control and simply blurt the music at you.”

He continued by saying, “These are not going to be some wayward, rollercoaster ride of a speaker that exhilarates and enervates in equal measure. Rather, they exhibit the calm, professional air of a skilled artisan.” and concluded the review by saying, “This particular form of remarkable is the one that constantly reminds you that behind the music there are real people playing real instruments, and doing it because they love to make music. It’s transparency, detail, and honesty, but it’s also warmth, textures and a very natural way with shape and form.... The Kudos Titan 707s make it very easy to get drawn into the music and just forget about the hifi.” +

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