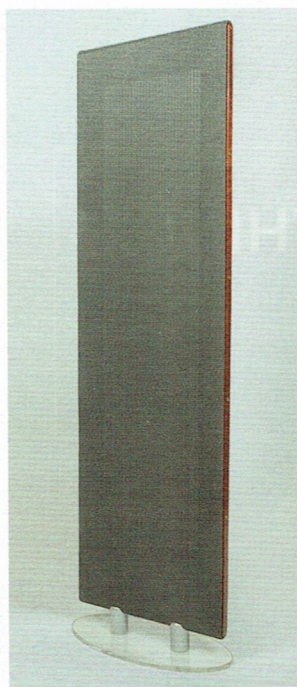




## *High-value loudspeaker*



### **Magnepan .7**

Magnepan has long achieved that elusive sweet spot in loudspeaker design; a loudspeaker that delivers true high-end performance, but generally without the kind of high-end price tag that makes the brand the preserve of audio's elite. And in the Magnepan .7, the company's latest compact floorstanding design, the cost:performance ratio makes it almost irresistible.

As with all planar-magnetic quasi-ribbon designs from the brand, the panel size dictates the amount of bass, and Magnepan speakers in general have specific requirements on room size, dimensions, and the choice of power amplifier, but if these aspects are addressed, the results can be awesome. And the .7 is the most room/amp-friendly Magnepan to date. Resident *Hi-Fi+* expert Eric Neff felt that "The crisp and authoritative bass was nearly perfect in my smaller listening room. In addition, I was enjoying an almost holographic listening experience as the famous Magnepan dimensionality appeared right in front of me." He also felt that, "small home owners need never look with wistfulness on their friends' 'Audiophile' system again. This is not a compromise at any level. It is music."

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