

BEST BOOKSHELF LOUDSPEAKER

Martin Logan Motion 15

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here's no shortage of choice in compact bookshelf loudspeakers in the UK market – but the Martin Logan Motion 15s are undeniably special. They're a brave attempt to bring some of the characteristics of the company's big hybrid electrostatics down to a lower price point.

The star of the show is the Folded Motion tweeter – a Heil-type folded ribbon design. It is clean, fast and deliciously airy, giving vocals and acoustic instruments a wonderful sense of freedom and lack of colouration.

The 5.25-inch aluminium-coned woofer integrates seamlessly and although there's little low bass it is remarkably refined and articulate on dense material with a firm sense of rhythm and timing.

As we said at the time: "If you have ever hankered after a full-size Martin Logan hybrid electrostatic but had neither the space — or the funds — then this 'speaker could be just the ticket." The Martin Logan Motion 15s really are that good.