



Avalon Isis Loudspeaker

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Those wondering at the yawning chasm in price between Avalon's Eidolon Diamond and the flagship, four-box Sentinel need wonder no more. The Isis not only fills the gap, it also provides a more practical range-topper for smaller European rooms. Although there's seemingly little new to differentiate the Isis from its more affordable siblings, at least as far as styling and driver complement goes, the new speaker extends the Eidolon's performance envelope not just in those areas where Avalon



have always excelled, but into the new realms of dynamic range and impact. Here we have a speaker with the seamless integration, dynamic discrimination, transparency and staging for which the company is justifiably renowned, but combined with a sense of power, scale and sheer presence that has so often been the preserve of more obvious sounding alternatives. It's a little like discovering that the well-spoken young man being bullied by the scruffs is actually the Eton boxing champ. These speakers are well capable of administering a sound drubbing

without getting so much as a hair out of place: Impeccably mannered, supremely organised but brutal if necessary, it's a combination that's very, very special indeed. ➤+



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