

ATC SCM50A SL £7,020.00

◆ Standmount active speaker

ATC's SCM50A SL is a long-established, actively-powered three-way design that looks decidedly old-fashioned, yet sounds anything but. The difference from its predecessors lies in the Super Linear magnetic circuitry, which uses permeable insulating material to inhibit eddy currents. The top-class drivers include ATC's famous 75mm soft dome midrange, alongside a 180mm bass unit and 30mm tweeter. The electronic crossover feeds separate power amplifiers for each driver (50W+100W+200W). Signal connection is via balanced XLR interconnect.

Sonically the SCM 50As are pretty straightforward. They tell you precisely how it is – how big, how fast and how much bass extension. These are brutally honest to a greater extent than most. On the one hand, charm is not on the agenda unless it's there on the recording; on the other, you hear every transition, be it studio effect or chord change.

There is a degree of dryness that occasionally limits the fun factor – the sound could be a bit more 'juicy', for want of a better word. But in terms of resolving power for your pound, this amp and speaker combo is superb value, all the more so if you like to play music loud and long.

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