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Tangent Spectrum X5 BT

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PRODUCT

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ORIGIN

China

DIMENSIONS

(WxHxD)
166 x 345 x 205mm

WEIGHT

4.4kg per speaker

SOCKETS

Digital optical in;
digital coaxial in;
3.5mm analogue in;
RCA stereo phono in;
USB charge port;
subwoofer out

FEATURES

Quoted power output: 2x 50W;
aptX Bluetooth 4.0;
tabletop/stand mount;
remote control

DISTRIBUTOR

BGG Distribution

LIKE THE CLINT, the Tangent Spectrum X5 BT hails from Denmark and comes in a choice of white or black finishes. Although considered a compact bookshelf, it is a sizeable beast – the height of a large pair of wellies – and requires a fair bit of real estate. Too large to use on a desktop with a computer the Tangents are well equipped for placement with a mini hi-fi system. In addition to aptX Bluetooth 4.0 the left speaker has a good array of wired digital and analogue inputs. There's also a USB port, sub line out and high-quality binding posts for hooking up the passive right speaker. Power output is quoted as 2x 50W.

The rear-ported Spectrum exudes quality in terms of design and construction, with a lustrous satin finish and walnut base plinth, one of which has a single LED status light. A wide dispersion 25mm soft fabric dome tweeter is complemented by a 130mm long-throw paper coned bass



driver, both are protected by colour-matched mesh grilles.

A nicely designed remote is also provided. It has 27 buttons, adding playback control and treble/bass adjustment to the usual suspects.

High energy

Bluetooth performance is highly energetic with an excellent sense of scale, and topped off by well-rounded delivery that ensures all parts of the dynamic range are treated equally. The double bass in *Grandma's Blues* is bold and textured, while detail

retrieval from the piano is peerless. The whistling in *Isn't She Lovely* is expertly conveyed as the speaker handles the track's mix in its stride.

Unsurprisingly, given the larger enclosure and superior power output claims, the Spectrum can be driven louder than the others tested here without sounding hard or strained ●

VERDICT

The Spectrum is a terrific Bluetooth speaker that delivers the sonic goods with aplomb

