

AktiMate Mini

The Australian AktiMate Minis are active stereo speakers - that is, they have an amplifier built into one of the speakers.

You connect the left speaker to the right one with the supplied cable, connect the power lead to the mains, pop your iPod in the concealed dock on the top of the speaker - and that's all you need to do. No stack of separates, no trailing iPod dock, no flashing mini-system console.

Instead you have just a pair of 30 cm high hi-fi speakers in a white, red or black gloss finish in what can only be described as an impressively simple set-up.



The AktiMate Mini however is more than just a pair of speakers which accommodates an iPod.

You can expand on its simplicity by using either of the two auxiliary inputs on the rear panel of the active speaker - one RCA phono pair and a stereo mini-jack. There is an RCA stereo pair for audio out which can be used for the addition of a sub-woofer or to daisy-chain pairs of AktiMates. A composite video output for iPod transfers images to a screen (only suitable for early version iPods however). Finally, there is a USB power socket to re-charge an MP3 player.

You operate the iPod by using a small remote control, although the active speaker also has a depressable knob at the bottom right for volume control and power on/off. The system leaps into life at great speed and your iPod will recall its exact song position. Your finger will have barely left the power button before the song re-starts. And if you have been previously listening at the high levels the AktiMate's abilities encourage, they do not re-start with such aggression, but at a reasonable mid-level volume.



One of the AktiMate's greatest strength lies in its pedigree. Overseen by engineers from the iconic British hi-fi companies, Creek Audio and Epos, both the amplifier and loudspeaker drive units evolve directly from those companies.

The AktiMate Mini has been the recipient of many glowing reviews as well as a multitude of awards - those awards have been for Best iPod Dock, Best Lifestyle Product, Best Desktop Speaker and more.

So how does it sound? Here are comments from some of those who have reviewed it...

Of all the iPod oriented speaker systems I've heard, this one has the most refined and powerful sound
(USA)

Anyone who sneers at the description of iPod as hi-fi needs to hear a pair of these
(UK)

This is simply a blinder of a product
(Australia)

Your average iPod user would be gobsmacked by the combination of clarity, detail and finesse the AktiMate offers - even audiophiles will love them
(UK)

AktiMate has everything going for it Simplicity Heritage Performance

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