

Explosive C3!

Edifier C3

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Over the past few months popular speaker manufacturer, Edifier has been piling the pressure on its competitors by releasing a whole smorgasbord of new speaker models. The company has now unveiled its latest weapon – the C3. This 2.1 system comes with some impressive spec in tow and is clearly targeted at the desktop user who demands the best from his/her speaker system.

Out of the box, we could see that the C3 is a handsome speaker combo. You get two large (and weighty) main speakers or satellites that are constructed from wood and feature a two-channel design. Each magnetically shielded sat houses a 3" midrange driver and a 3/4" tweeter. Curiously, there are no bass reflex ports on the sats.

Speaker cables are not attached to the sats, instead you get spring-loaded connectors to attach the better quality speaker cables that Edifier bundles. This also means that you can mix and match speaker cables to suit your taste. You'll also find mounting brackets on the rear of each sat. To add to the style, Edifier has equipped the sats with smart removable cloth grilles.

The subwoofer unit is large and solid. The heavy

wooden cabinet houses a front-firing 8" long-throw woofer that's also magnetically shielded behind a metal grille which means you can house the unit near to your desktop monitor or TV. A large side-firing bass reflex port that's silver in color pushes air when the system is running for a better bass response. On the rear of the cabinet you'll find similar spring-loaded connectors for speaker cables. Again, speaker cables for the sub can be mixed and matched.

At the heart of the C3 system is the External Amplifier section. This handsome metal box houses the amplification and connector options for the speakers. On the faceplate you'll find a numerical, orange-colored LED readout as well as four green LEDs as visual indicators for inputs, i.e. CD/Aux and PC and bass & treble settings. These visual aids work in tandem with the large, centrally located dial to make system settings adjustments easy. This large dial is backlit in orange and compliments the overall color scheme. You also get dedicated buttons for Function, Volume/Adjustment and Power. There're two inputs for Aux and headphones too. On the rear you'll find spring-loaded connectors for all the speakers as well as two source inputs – a mini audio line-in for CD and a couple of RCA connectors for PC.

Up and running we were impressed by the C3 system. You get good clarity, detail and timing as well as a big enough soundstage from the two sats. The large subwoofer churned-out gut-wrenching bass that literally shook the furniture in our listening area. Gamers too will love this system for its bite and grunt. Its only fault is that bass may seem a little too forward for some listeners. Simply put, these speakers are the current 2.1 speakers to beat.

SPECIFICATIONS

Total Power Output	Configuration	Feature	Color	Price
43W RMS	2.1	External amplifier	Black with silver/gray trim	TBA

Total Power Output: 2x 9W RMS (sat.) / 1x 25W RMS (sub.)
Satellites (each): 1x 3" midrange & 1x 3/4" tweeter, magnetically shielded
Subwoofer: 1x 8" long-throw woofer, magnetically shielded
Frequency Response: 20Hz ~ 20KHz
Signal to Noise Ratio: 85dB
Others: Wireless remote control
Ext. Amplifier Section: Power, Volume/Adjust, Input selector, Function selector, Aux-in, Headphones, PC & CD inputs, speaker connectors
Weight: 9.2kg
Contact: Inter-Asia Technology Sdn Bhd
Telephone: (03) 6276 6292
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HWM'S VERDICT

Physique: **9.0**
 Features: **9.0**
 Sound Quality: **8.5**
 Value: **8.5**

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Out of 10

The C3 is the 2.1 speaker system of the hour... nuff said!



The external amplifier section is the nerve center of the C3 speaker system



The card-sized remote



The two-channel design of the sats translates to better defined sound