

Got Radio?

Edifier M1310 FM Radio

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This month popular speaker manufacturer, Edifier sent us the latest 2.1 speaker system from their well-known M-series - the M1310. This model is a 2.1 speaker system with a twist. It actually comes fitted with a built-in FM radio!

Each handsome black sat houses a 3" full-range driver to handle all mid and high frequency duties. Below the driver you'll find a stylish slit that serves as a mini bass reflex port of sorts. The sats are terminated with speaker cables that can't be removed.

The matching subwoofer unit on the other hand features a compact design. Although it looks small, picking it up we found it to be quite solid and weighty. This is always a good sign of course. The M1310's 5" long-throw subwoofer comes with a silver colored bass reflex port with a sliver of orange on the top - just beside Edifier's catchline: The Audio Artist. On the back of the unit on the right hand side you'll find the usual power switch, Bass volume knob and a pair of speaker line-out connectors. On the left hand side is where you'll find something that you normally won't see on a 2.1 speaker system - the FM radio section!

The FM radio section is simple enough with just a

foldable antenna that neatly sits in a slot when not used. To the right of it are three buttons - one to switch on/off the FM radio, one for auto scanning for radio stations and another to reset the scan. Unfortunately, you can't store any stations as the M1310 has no memory facility. Also included with the M1310 is a handy wired triangular-shaped pod that houses a large, circular volume knob, a headphones jack and a speaker volume mute button. There's also a handy LED indicator that lights-up when the system is powered.

In our test lab, we proceeded to setup the M1310 system. This was easily accomplished by hooking-up both the sats to the connectors on the back of the subwoofer, connecting the audio cable from the volume pod to the sound card and powering-up the system. After our initial running-in period we played our test tracks on the system. You get good mids and highs from the sats and the subwoofer system is surprisingly powerful - given its modest size. In fact, we were able to turn-up the volume to the max and only encountered a little distortion. Switching over to the FM radio, we found reception to be almost as good as that of a standalone FM radio. However due to the lack of preset options and a visual indicator of stations, our experience was a little wanting.

Still, the M1310 is a good, compact 2.1 speaker system. The addition of a FM radio section only adds value to the package but really is only for casual listening. Perhaps Edifier could refine the radio section to make it more worthwhile.

SPECIFICATIONS

Total Power Output	Configuration	Feature	Color	Price
28W RMS	2.1	FM radio	Black with silver trim	RM 139

Total Power Output: 2x 8W RMS (sat.) / 1x 12W RMS (sub.)
Satellites (each): 1x 3" full range, magnetically shielded, 4 Ohm
Subwoofer: 1x 5" long-throw woofer, magnetically shielded, 4 Ohm
Frequency Response: 45Hz ~ 20KHz
Signal to Noise ratio: ≥ 85dBA
Input Impedance: 10k Ohm
Others: External volume control pod w/ headphones jack & speaker mute function
FM Radio Section: Built-in antenna, Auto search radio stations, Radio on/off, Scan, Reset
Weight: 5.3kg
Warranty: One-year
Contact: Inter-Asia Technology Sdn Bhd
Telephone: (03) 6276 6292
URL: www.inter-asia.com.my

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HWM'S VERDICT

Physique: **8.5**
 Features: **8.5**
 Sound Quality: **8.0**
 Value: **8.0**

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Out of 10

Good speakers with the added novelty of FM radio to boot!



Yes, that's a radio section



The large 3-inch driver



The wired remote controller