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New Kudos Cardea C30 Now Shipping!



Kudos' new high-end flagship loudspeaker, the awesome Cardea C30, which was first publicly demonstrated at the London Sound & Vision Show 2007, is now in full production, with the first pairs now being shipped.

In common with all Kudos loudspeakers, the C30s have been designed with well-proven techniques and using the highest quality components. Eschewing inexpensive, often poorly engineered and inconsistent far eastern components, Kudos work with Seas of Norway to develop drive units perfectly optimized for each model in the range. The "Crescendo" tweeter used in the C30 is almost certainly the finest treble unit available (and one of the most expensive). It is remarkably detailed, dynamic and harmonically accurate with excellent dispersion and a very even response.

The new Kudos mid / bass drive unit features a unique tri-laminate cone of paper coated on the outer surface with stiff Nextel, and the inner surface with a special damping compound. The magnet is optimised for low distortion with an extended pole piece that provides excellent symmetry both in and around the air-gap. Copper-rings above and below the air gap reduce voice coil inductance, and improve the inductance symmetry throughout the full excursion of the driver. The ring on the pole piece also prevents modulation of the magnetic field, and in conjunction with the aluminium phase plug reduces compression and eliminates resonances in the cavity inside the voice coil former.

The result is a level of mid-range detail, timing and musicality previously unknown at this price point.

All of the C30's drive units have very smooth and predictable roll-off characteristics meaning that only minimal electrical compensation is necessary. This allows Kudos to use minimalist, low-order crossovers that have the benefit of low phase distortion and energy storage thus preserving the harmonic structure and avoiding time-smear and "ringing". All crossover components are of true audiophile quality; the capacitors are made specifically for Kudos by Clarity Caps, and the C30 is silver-wired with Chord Company cable. □ □

The handsome C30 cabinets are solidly constructed from high-grade 18mm MDF and finished to furniture standards maintaining a timeless, elegant appearance to blend in with any environment. □

Technical Specification: Kudos Cardea C30

Type:	2.5 way, Dual reflex
Frequency range:	20 Hz – 30 kHz "AIRR" (average in room response) +/- 3 dB
Sensitivity:	90 dB/@1 W/1 m
Power handling:	200 W RMS
Nominal impedance:	8 ohm (4 ohm Minimum)
Tweeter:	SEAS Crescendo 1" fabric dome
Midrange:	Kudos C-MBNX-03 Tri-Laminate mid bass unit
Woofers:	Kudos C-LB-03 bass unit
Standard Finishes:	Cherry, Sycamore, Walnut, Rosenut. Oak
Premium Finishes:	Rosewood, Ebony, Others upon request.
Dimensions (w x d x h):	200 x 270 x 1120 mm
Weight (each):	30 kg
Guarantee period:	1 + 3 years

UK selling price (Inc. VAT)

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Standard finishes: £5,250.00

Premium finishes: £ POA

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About Kudos Audio...

Derek Gilligan grew up in a family of skilled craftsmen: musicians, engineers, and cabinetmakers. Early in his career he worked with his brother as a sound engineer, earning an excellent reputation for the sound they created both in the recording studio and at live concerts. After working on the first UK INXS tour, Derek felt he needed a change and began working in the hi-fi industry.

For fifteen years Derek worked in the UK hi-fi industry as a loudspeaker designer and built up an excellent reputation as the gifted designer of many award winning products.

Towards the end of 2005, Derek set up his own business, taking over the Kudos brand. Kudos had an excellent reputation as manufacturer of some of the best speakers stands money could buy. Derek kept the speaker stand business running, added an equipment rack and

began to develop loudspeakers under the Kudos name.

The first three years has seen Kudos develop into a high quality loudspeaker manufacturer, renowned by the most fastidious audio critics, and praised for the stunning musicality of their products. The spring of 2008 sees Kudos moving into larger premises to expand their range and grow in line with the demand for their very high fidelity products.

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