



Piega Coax 611

WINNER

FLOORSTANDING LOUDSPEAKER £10K – £20K

The Piega trademarks – extruded aluminium cabinets and a rare in-house-manufactured coaxial ribbon mid/treble driver that is unique to the Swiss brand – make for an aesthetically pleasing loudspeaker, not least when they are presented in the slim, elegant form of the Coax 611.

That coaxial ribbon is paired with two and three 16cm aluminium woofers and passive radiators, respectively. And the optional Coax Bottom Plate (£900) bolts to the speaker base to provide a more secure footing on carpets, too.

Cool in looks, not sound

You may expect a sleek silver construction packed with all-metal drivers to sound cool and sophisticated, albeit lacking warmth – but fortunately, that’s not the case. To ensure the metal casework isn’t prone to bell-like resonances, Piega has employed substantial aluminium braces between each driver that create a central web within the cabinet using tensile stress. The result is very low coloration from the box and its drivers, with no blurring of leading or trailing edges.

This is a highly neutral, sensitive and revealing loudspeaker that doesn’t appear to have any tonal tendencies or preferences for musical styles or partnering hardware. “The Piegas have a liquidity and ease to the mid and treble that is an absolute delight,” says Jason Kennedy in his review. “The ribbon drivers are smoother than their domed competitors and capable of revealing the finest of nuances,” while bass rhythms are delivered with “metronomic precision”, making for a highly engaging presentation. The Coax 611 are proof that if you develop technology properly, it can evolve into a tremendously capable device.

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