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Limited edition Kudos Cardea Super 10 loudspeaker now available

For some time Kudos have been experimenting with the design of the 'ultimate' standmount loudspeaker. Following the development work into drive unit and crossovers that took place for the company's flagship Titan project, Kudos are now able to turn the dream of the ultimate standmount loudspeaker into an enthralling reality.

The Kudos Cardea Super 10

Derek Gilligan, Kudos' owner and chief designer, has been designing high quality loudspeakers for 21 years and so Kudos decided that the production of the Super 10 would be a limited edition run to commemorate this anniversary. The Super 10 is designed without compromise and uses the very finest quality components – regardless of cost.

The Super 10 shares the same 12 litre cabinets with the C10, Kudos' established standmount reference. The drive units are some of the best in the world, produced for Kudos by SEAS in Norway – a company with almost 60 years of expertise in this field. The K2 tweeter is developed exclusively for Kudos from SEAS' famous Crescendo unit. The main drive unit, developed by Kudos and manufactured by SEAS features a copper shorting ring to minimise eddy currents, an aluminium phase plug to act as a heat-sink and a hand-treated paper cone. This drive unit has been specifically designed to work in this cabinet and to integrate superbly with the K2 tweeter.

Designing the drive units to integrate seamlessly allows the use of a minimal, low-order crossover reducing phase errors, blurring and other unwanted artefacts. Every component is carefully selected for its performance in the Super 10 crossover, which includes Mundorf inductors, resistors, and Mcap® Supreme Silver/Gold/Oil capacitors. These parts are produced to extremely tight tolerances and then hand-matched for use in the Super 10.

Internal wiring from The Chord Company is carefully chosen for its musicality and resistance to the effects of vibration.

The Super 10 defines the ultimate potential of standmount loudspeaker performance, never loosing the innate understanding of the music itself. The ability of a loudspeaker to allow you to enjoy your music collection is the attribute Kudos value above all others, and with the limited edition Cardea Super 10 Kudos have reached their ultimate expression of the standmount loudspeaker.

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Technical specification: Kudos Cardea Super 10

Type: 2 way, bass reflex

Frequency range: 40 Hz – 30 kHz "AlRR" (average in room

response)

Sensitivity: 87 dB / @ 1 W / 1 m

Nominal impedance: 8

Tweeter: SEAS - Kudos Crescendo K2 29 mm fabric

dome

Mid bass driver: SEAS - Kudos 180 mm with copper shorting

ring and hand treated paper cone

Finishes: Black, cherry, oak, walnut, rosenut

Dimensions (h x w x d): 350 x 200 x 270 mm

Weight (each): 10 kg

Guarantee period: 10 years

Suggested UK selling price (inc. VAT)

Kudos Cardea Super 10 (standard finishes): £3,495.00

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About Kudos Audio

Kudos Audio began life as a maker of award-winning speaker stands until renowned designer Derek Gilligan took over the helm and Kudos was relaunched as a specialist in high performance loudspeakers. Since then, the company has gone on to win worldwide respect and numerous awards. Kudos speakers have established themselves as some of the best-sounding available, with each model setting a standard at its respective price point.

Why? Kudos take an uncommon approach to loudspeaker design. In his earlier career as a live sound engineer, Derek discovered that traditional technical measurements don't reflect everything that we hear. While these measurements are useful for fault analysis, they don't necessarily optimise a product's musical abilities.

This inspired Derek to pursue an alternative methodology, using music as the primary tool in loudspeaker design and assessment. This departure from traditional approaches takes confidence and a wealth of experience, and contributes toward what makes Kudos different - as well as making it one of the fastest-growing UK loudspeaker companies in recent years.

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Derek and his team, based in Country Durham, work closely with some of Europe's finest suppliers to ensure that the best possible components, connections and craftsmanship are brought together in the development of the Kudos range.

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