

They're not small, not flat, and not silver. No, these **full-size speaker packages** are big, bold and brilliant. If you have space, these boxes will work wonders with your music and movies

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Monitor Audio RS6 AV

YOU CAN'T JUDGE a piece of hi-fi equipment on looks alone, but there's no denying that showroom appeal counts for a lot. If Monitor Audio's riveting RS6 AV speaker package looked rough as an old boot, we'd still enthuse about its sound, but retailers would have their work cut out selling it to the public.

Fortunately, the RS6 AV looks very nearly as good as it sounds. The wood finishes are smooth, lustrous and expensive-looking, while the mixture of materials that make up the drivers (ceramic-coated magnesium/aluminium alloy with gold dome tweeters) add to the package's appeal.

This is a special-sounding system

So, provided that you have the space, this Monitor Audio package will look discreetly indulgent in your home cinema room. Driven by an appropriate multichannel amp, it also sounds indulgent – but far from discreet. The presentation is

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confident, engaging and superbly detailed. The clean and uncluttered top-end communicates impressively, while dialogue comes across in a crisp and natural manner. Low frequencies are tight, deep and authoritative, while the entire frequency range knits together seamlessly. Buying the RS6 AV is a decision you won't regret in the cold light of day.

VERDICT

This combination of graceful looks and compelling sound with movies and music doesn't come along too often – not at this price, anyway

