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“The Ice Cube is the alternative unit for music fans who are unenthralled by the visual monotony of customary subwoofers, and it’s extremely small footprint of 36.5 x 33 cm well and truly fulfils the "compact" requirement. The diminutive unit offers an insight into its bandpass housing and provides a good view of the wonderfully processed 20 cm woofer. Chrome-plated pole plates are pleasing to the eye and the large ventilation ports will leave technicians nodding approvingly. The metal basket used for the 20 cm woofer is also extremely sturdy, just like the polypropylene cone. The voice coil measures a full 50 mm and is driven by an analogue power amplifier. This is cleverly integrated - only the control panel is visible. The trick is an aluminium housing equipped with cooling fins, which extends into the vented bandpass chamber to provide fresh air. It works exquisitely, as does the unit through our tests. After all, a good 100 watts is applied by the 4 ohms of the woofer, which are supported in practice by the very high efficiency of the bandpass filter. Distortion levels are extremely low, which is testament to the perfect performance of the small amplifier. The bass boost is an area that is often criticised, however, it's the contrary here: It doesn't do anything except make everything louder.

### Sound

One thing that is noticeable about the Ice Cube above all else is that it masks its compact dimensions with an incredibly powerful performance. For a 20 cm woofer it really gets down to the nitty-gritty. The balance between depth and level in the configuration is excellent. Even the purely tonal qualities can be heard. The Cube may be less partial to audiophile skirmishes, but copes well when needed, without sounding spongy.

The Mac Audio is even equipped with an automatic switch-on mechanism. The compact amplifier module conceals an analogue amplifier that is to be taken seriously.”

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