



## COST NO OBJECT LOUDSPEAKER OF THE YEAR Burmester BC150

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**B**urmester's BC150 three-way bass reflex floorstanding loudspeaker is an impressive statement. Each BC150 weighs in at a shade under 200kg, a figure achieved by using a combination of aluminium, MDF, and steel in its cabinet. It features a front and rear firing AMT tweeter, a 180mm midrange and a side-firing 320mm bass unit. Every aspect – from the front and rear-firing AMT treble units to the use of a stepped attenuator instead of a potentiometer in that rear-firing tweeter's adjustment – doesn't just show commitment, it shows dedication 'bordering' on the obsessive. And it's listeners who get the benefit of that obsession.

"Of course," said Alan Sircom in his review, "all that passion and obsessiveness is as nothing if the loudspeaker itself does not perform in the listening room. However, that attention to detail pays off as the BC150

is one of the most detailed, exciting, dynamic and transparent sounding loudspeakers you can hear." He was impressed by the consistency of the Burmester presentation; "There's also a distinct family sound emerging that follows in these lines, from the B38 up to the vast BC350, they have a lot in common; just that the further up the line you go, the more dynamic range, volume headroom and detail from a cabinet that does an increasingly impressive vanishing act (obviously not physically... it's a big box)."

He continued by saying, "The vanishingly low cabinet coloration not only acts to keep the BC150 fast, it keeps it extremely detailed too. This is a loudspeaker that throws the window wide open on your music. Pick an instrument, preferably a solo instrument on a well-recorded album; that instrument sounds detailed, articulate, and physically 'there' in the room, solidly placed within a wide soundstage that projects slightly into the room, but not so much as to be intrusive." And concluded that, "the BC150 shows Burmester's high-end approach is equally at home making ultra-high-grade loudspeakers as it is producing top-end electronics and the best in automotive entertainment." +

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