VStirling Broadcast

BBC LS3/5a V2



Built under license from the BBC the Stirling Broadcast LS3/5a V2 represents our first design collaboration with Derek Hughes. The LS3/5a V2 combines custom versions of modern high quality drive units with a high quality crossover, all housed in thin wall (9mm) damped construction birch plywood cabinets with screw-on removable front and rear panels which are fitted with double layers of bituminous pads.

The standard cabinet for production versions of the LS3/5a utilised a cabinet with 12mm walls and a glued rear panel, whereas our V2 cabinets follow the BBC "lossy" cabinet design philosophy and are modelled after the cabinets used on the famous 001/002 pair featured in HiFi News, and which were also used for the prototype pairs built at BBC Research Department at Kingswood Warren.

The legendary sonic character of the original LS3/5a has been retained - capturing the best aspects of both versions of the original LS3/5a version (the faster and more modern sound of the 11 ohm version and the seductive vocal abilities of the 15 ohm version) whilst adding an improved and extended bass response and greater and dynamics handling for good measure.

The LS3/5a won the HiFi News Award for loudspeakers up to £1000 in 2005 and 2006. The Absolute Sound awarded the LS3/5a V2 an Editors Choice award in 2006 and 2007. In 2007 John Atkinson of Stereophile reviewed the LS3/5a V2 and it was then listed as a Stereophile Class B product.

The V2 comes with our standard 5 year warranty on the drive units and crossovers.

