

Zvox 315 speaker system



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<http://www.zvox.com.au>

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Rating: 4/5

This is a three-speaker audio system designed for anyone who wants to make that first step into home theatre audio or beef up their PC sound in a big way.

It's a solid, single-box unit designed to sit comfortably under an LCD monitor or in a TV cabinet. In a nutshell, it's a PC-friendly home theatre music system that will give desktop speakers a run for their money.

The Zvox 315's look is best described as discreet - it's a black box. With the speaker cover off, however, you do have a more distinctive piece of gear.

There are three 8.5cm speakers and a sub-woofer. The centre speaker replicates both stereo channels with the left and right speakers playing their respective part of the stereo spectrum. The configuration of the speakers allows for a virtual surround option, which works impressively for DVD playback.

There are three controls: general volume, phase control (the virtual surround sound option) and sub-woofer volume. The controls are at the back of the box, which is a little annoying at first, but it's the kind of system where once you set it you need only adjust the volume from the connected source, such as a computer or TV.

The Zvox powers down if no audio input is received for three minutes, which is a power-saving positive. However, a front-panel volume control and power on/off would have been a better option.

There are two stereo mini-jack audio inputs and two adapter cables supplied to cater for most

of the gear you'll need to connect.

For anyone who listens to music or movies through computer or TV speakers and wants a budget upgrade, the Zvox 315 hits the mark - especially if you want quality audio in a single, simple and subtle box.

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