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ZVOX Mini Surround Speaker System

From Rachael Smithey, Your Guide to Focus on Macs.

Simply amazing!

Guide Rating - ★★★★★

Looking for a single portable, high-performance speaker system to meet your audio needs? Whether you have an iPod, a notebook or desktop Mac, the ZVOX Mini is a must-have! This one-box surround speaker system connects with a single cable to an iPod/mp3/portable music player, computer, TV, DVD player, CD player, satellite radio, clock radio, gaming console, or any other device with audio outputs or a headphone jack.

Features

The ZVOX Mini offers high performance sound with three full-range speakers, one 4in.x6in. subwoofer and built-in amplification. The PhaseCue technology creates impressive virtual surround sound. The ZVOX Mini provides plug-and-play connectivity with a single cable. Two minijack inputs, a subwoofer level control knob and a master power switch are located on the rear panel. The main volume and PhaseCue knobs are located on the front panel for easy access.

The ZVOX Mini is quick to set up and easy to use. Simply plug your iPod or other device into the ZVOX Mini, switch the ZVOX Mini's power switch to Standby, press Play on your iPod (or switch on whatever device you have connected), and enjoy the music! When you're finished, simply switch off your device and the ZVOX Mini automatically switches off its amplifier. The ZVOX Mini includes all necessary cables including a mini-plug cable and an RCA cable.

The ZVOX Mini measures 13in wide, 3.3in high, and 9.5in deep and is available with black, white or silver finish.

Accessories

The ZVOX Mini can be powered by the included 120V AC power supply, a 12V car adapter or optional rechargeable battery. The rechargeable battery can power the ZVOX Mini for 4 to 6 hours before recharging is needed. The battery costs under \$50 US and it can also be used to power the ZVOX 315.

The optional ZVOX PortaParty carrybag is also a must-have! It not only allows you to carry the ZVOX Mini, rechargeable battery, power supplies, connecting cords, and your portable audio device, it also offers a zip-out flap, wire-routing slots, and mesh-style pockets so you can operate the entire system while it is still in the carrybag. The ZVOX PortaParty carrybag is an exceptional value at under \$50 US.

The bottom line

Instead of having multiple amps and speakers for your different audio needs, the ZVOX Mini offers a portable high performance, plug-and-play, value-priced multipurpose audio solution. I tested the ZVOX Mini by playing music from my iPod shuffle, enjoying high-performance DVD sound via my PowerBook, playing ogg vorbis files from PocketTunes via my palmOne Treo, and listening to MusicMatch streaming audio from a PC. Like its sibling ZVOX 315, the ZVOX Mini is amazing in its performance, simplicity, and sub-\$200 price. If you are looking for a convenient and portable high-performance audio system for your iPod and other devices, the ZVOX Mini is a must-have!

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