

Manchester Show 2011: Focal reveals its XS Book desktop speaker system

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We spotted these rather cute looking speakers, designed for desktop use with a PC or laptop, in the Focal room.

Called the XS Book Music System, Focal – which recently merged with Naim – describes it as "the ultimate computer 2.0 system, and a true mini monitor". The speakers could also be used to boost the sound of a flatscreen TV or as an active music system in a small room.

The 'master' right speaker houses a 2 x 20W amplifier, a 3.5mm stereo jack, volume control and on/standby switch. There are also RCA inputs for connecting the left-hand 'slave' speaker to the right-hand 'master'.

Each speaker has a 10cm Polyglass mid/bass driver and a 19mm aluminium tweeter.

Focal hopes the XS Book system will go on sale in the UK soon through its independent dealer network for "less than £300".

The company has also revealed details of its Little Bird, Bird and Super Bird 2.1 systems which combine an integrated amplifier/subwoofer with a pair of Bird satellite speakers. There's an optional iTransmitter Kleeer dongle for wireless streaming of music from iPhones/iPads/iPods.

The systems are expected to go on sale in the UK soon with prices from roughly £700 to £1000.

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