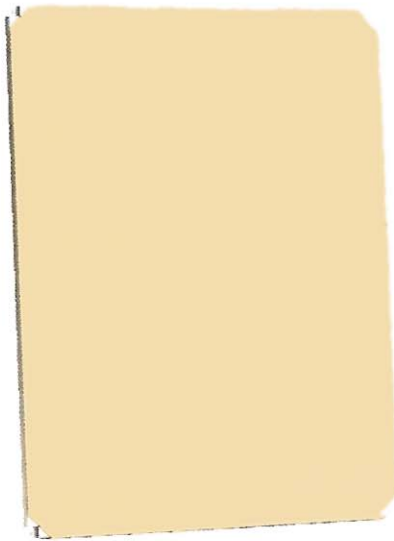


solution



NXT panels, apart from being relatively flat, offer a few more advantages than simply being unobtrusive. One of these is that they spread their sound over a large area, and don't in fact seem to follow the usual law of a 6 dB reduction of output when the distance from them is doubled.

This makes them ideal for filling a room with background music, something they do rather well. Particularly as most people wouldn't even realise where the sound is coming from.

Only using the speakers to add background music would be doing them a little bit of a disservice, as they actually sound good enough to be used as part of a surround sound or stereo system.

When used as a stereo pair – as listened to – they are capable of delivering a wide soundstage with good image separation, and the fact that they have extremely wide dispersion means that the sweet spot is wider than one typically expects from regular speakers.

My listening notes stated that I felt that high frequencies sounded like they rolled off a little too soon, but that this was preferable to speakers that sounded overly bright, and that the speakers, whilst being capable of playing low enough for most situations, should probably be used with a subwoofer. This would relieve the speakers of having to play low frequencies, and would probably enhance the spacious sound they deliver.

Admittedly, the SoundArt speakers don't

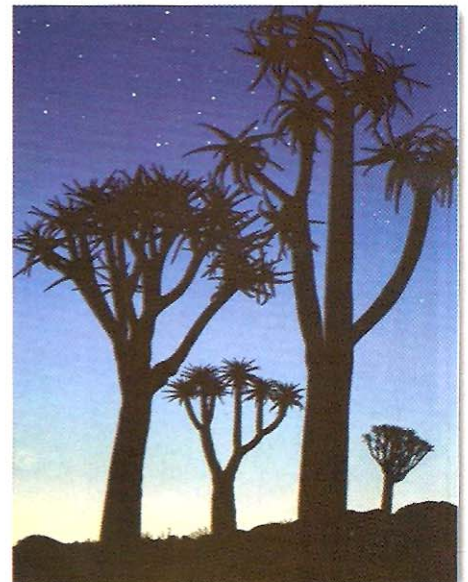
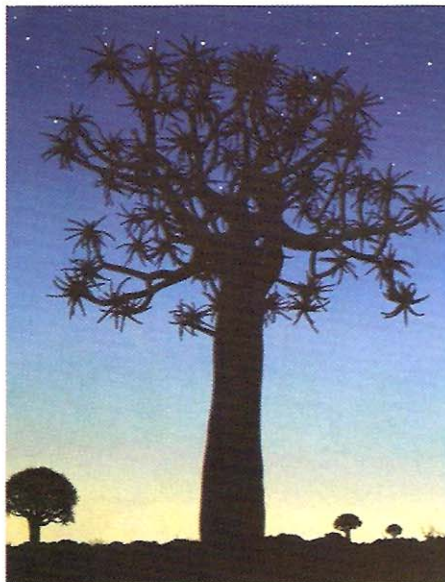
quite sound as good as a dedicated pair of regular enclosed and driver technology speakers that sell for a similar price would. But then regular speakers aren't as unobtrusive as the SoundArt speakers are.

The speakers for example would not look out of place flanking a plasma or LCD television, and the fact that they sound a whole lot better than the little speakers built in to

most televisions would simply add to the viewing experience.

What the Amina SoundArt speakers do, is to offer a solution to those that want high style – particularly when covered in art – and good audio, but who don't have the space, for larger (and to some interior decorators, ugly) conventional speakers.

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VERDICT

The Amina SoundArt NXT panels offer an aesthetic solution for those who either don't have the space, or don't want to use traditional box speakers.

PRICE R3 500/40 watt panel excluding art.

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