Naim Uniti Atom

£1,999/$2,995

Key features
Amp output 40w per channel into 8 ohms • Bluetooth aptX HD

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iCreate Editor's Choice ★★★★★ Just look at it! Naim's Uniti Atom is an all-in-one audio system that is designed to connect easily to your home Wi-Fi to enable you to enjoy a world of music from any source you could imagine. You can stream music in high-resolution from your Mac via Bluetooth, browse and play millions of songs through the popular streaming services such as Spotify Connect, Deezer and TIDAL, AirPlay music from your iOS device and connect directly to thousands of Internet Radio stations. It even has a built-in Chromecast! All you have to do is add your own speakers of choice and the Atom will steer you out onto a formidable sonic highway.

Designed and engineered in Salisbury, the Uniti Atom is a weighty hunk of extreme beauty. Crafted out of brushed black aluminium with extruded fins running down the side to extract heat, the unit somehow manages to be both

From the finned aluminium heatsinks to the mesmerising LCD panel, the Naim Uniti Atom is a hunk of unquestionable beauty…

inconspicuous and attention-grabbing at the same time. This could also have something to do with the swirling confetti five-inch LCD display and the illuminated oversized volume dial on the top (a signature feature of the range) that pulsates as if representing the beating heart of the system. And it's almost like the system IS alive because the screen boasts proximity sensors and wakes up whenever someone approaches. When active, the screen displays images of album artwork, music metadata and audio input information. A small vertical strip of buttons down the edge of the front panel lets you stop and play the music and select your favourites. It is undoubtedly a true masterpiece of industrial design.

Input overload

As you would expect from a high-end sound system, the Uniti Atom comes completely decked out with connection ports. On the rear y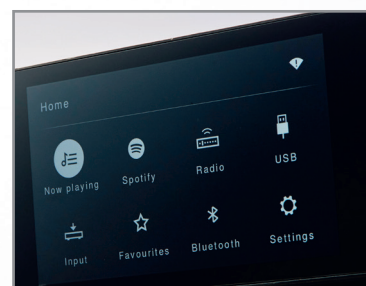ou will find two optical TOSLink (up to 24bit/96kHz) ports, a coaxial RCA (up to 24bit/192kHz, DoP 64Fs) port, an HDMI ARC port, RCA ports and two USB-A sockets (front and rear). There are also options to expand the system. For example, you can add external power amplifiers like Naim's own NAP 100, separate subwoofers and, if you have an extensive CD collection, the Uniti Core music server. Internally, the Uniti Atom utilises the same powerful 40-watt A/B-class amplifier technology as Naim's iconic NAIT integrated amps. Additionally, the finest-quality SMD circuitry and premium Burr Brown DACs deliver Naim's signature pace, rhythm and timing.

A free app provides quick and easy control over your multiroom Naim units and also your music, but any reason not to physically walk up to, touch, and admire the Uniti Atom is a negative as far as we're concerned. In terms of sound, this obviously depends very much on what speakers you connect to it (we used Q Acoustics Concept 20 speakers and QED cable). But as long as you provide the Uniti Atom with the finest tools to do its job then you'll not fail to be completely blown away by the quality of audio it produces.

From the moment you feed power into the Uniti Atom's divine unit and the LCD panel kicks into life you know that your money has been well spent on a high-end product. Also in the box is a chunky remote that replicates the build quality and sensory illumination of the main unit. If you're looking for an all-in-one sound system to connect all of your Mac and iOS devices to then this is probably the only one you will ever need. Breathtaking.

The illuminated volume control dial has an ultra-pleasing action and provides a beautiful, pulsating aesthetic…

The five-inch LCD front panel features proximity sensors so that it is awake and alert whenever you approach…

You can connect it to anything and it even provides local storage to house up to 20,000 songs ready for streaming

Verdict

The audio system of the gods, Naim's Uniti Atom looks incredible, connects to anything and processes your sounds phenomenally well.

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