



FOCAL-JMLAB 1037BE LOUDSPEAKER



Innovation (or should that be individuality) has been a keystone of Focal-JMLabs' designs from day one. Fitting then that their latest great leap forward, their beryllium tweeter, should build on the inverted dome, narrow voice-coil configuration that first brought the company to international notice. The beryllium story has been a huge success, but until recently, it's also been associated with the high price-tags attached to the Utopia range. Until, that is, the emergence of the more affordable 1007 and 1027 models. These were great products at great prices, but they left an uncomfortably wide gap in performance terms between themselves and the Utopias.

Enter then the 1037, a speaker that takes the tried and tested ingredients of the 1027 and writes them large. With three bass drivers in place of the 27's two, each one larger than the previous units, housed in a significantly larger cabinet, the 1037 clearly means business – and it certainly delivers, hitting that sweet spot between dynamic response and bandwidth that produces real impact and musical drama. The bottom end quality is now a match for that beryllium tweeter, while the efficiency makes music lucid and effortless, the performance potential easy to realise. The end result isn't the best speaker that Focal make, but it's definitely the best value beryllium package they offer. You can do better, but it's going to cost you a lot of speaker (and amplifier) to do it.

Price: £6399

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