



Classic Series

Three Bookshelf Loudspeaker

The NHT Classic Three is the best bookshelf we've ever built and we've built quite a few over the last 22 years. The Three offers great bass response (close to 40Hz in room), plus wide-open, natural sounding mids and highs. While it's a really good speaker for home theater, the Three is simply remarkable for music playback.

Stereophile Magazine's Robert J. Reina said "...the Classic Three is a superb value, particularly for those listening rooms in which size and cosmetics are important but whose owners are reluctant to give up performance in bass definition and extension and in high-level dynamics."

Soundstage's Sid Voola said "...in some ways, I would be hard-pressed to discern the Classic Three's performance from that of a similarly priced small floorstander. Add in the outstanding imaging and soundstaging capabilities and the Classic Three becomes a very compelling value, clearly matching or exceeding the performance of other bookshelf designs. The overall neutrality and rich midrange reproduction enhance this value further and lead me to conclude that the NHT magic has been preserved -- and then some -- in the Classic Three."

The Perfect Vision's (AVguide.com) Chris Martens said: "As I see it, whether listeners are spending \$800 or \$80,000 on a new pair of loudspeakers, they want the same thing-- namely, to get as close as possible to the heart and soul of the music. No other affordable bookshelf speaker I've heard does a better job of that than NHT's Classic Threes".

High praise for sure. Equally important to us are the thousands of satisfied customers who have purchased the Classic Three who are making their own noise about how much they love their Three's.

Acoustic Suspension: Like most NHT speakers the Classic Three is an Acoustic suspension design - no ports or holes in the cabinet. We use the air (nature's most perfect spring) that is trapped in the cabinet to control and damp the woofer cone motion. Acoustic suspension systems require not only specific design expertise but also tighter parts and materials tolerances. The benefits are well documented - smooth, natural midrange, low distortion, high power handling and smooth bass rolloff - an important benefit when blending speakers with subwoofers seamlessly.

Three-Way: The Classic Three is a 3-way design (unusual as most bookshelf speakers are 2-way designs) using a custom designed 6.5", very long throw anodized aluminum cone woofer in a NHT designed BMC (Bulk Moulding Compound) frame that offers very low resonance. The speaker also features NHT's proprietary Tweeter/Midrange module that sports a 3/4" tweeter and 2" dome midrange - both with anodized aluminum diaphragms. This compact array keeps the drivers in close proximity to each other improving phase (multi-driver timing) coherence. Using 3 drivers also reduces distortion and allows the woofer to concentrate on bass reproduction.

The Cabinet: The Three is made with CNC-milled 3/4" and 1" MDF with extensive internal bracing for rigidity which avoids unwanted resonances. The cabinet has variable radiused flanking the midrange/tweeter module which helps to randomize the upper frequency diffraction effects. The cabinet's curved top and bottom and hand-rubbed, high gloss piano-black finish lend a sense of timelessness to its visual aspect. Classic Three's are sold and packaged individually.

Mounting: Classic Threes have a pair of 1/4" #20 metal inserts on the back, specifically spaced to accommodate the mounting plate of the Omnimount 20.0 wall mount and ceiling mount - both mounts are available on nhtifi.com or your dealer/installer.



Adding a Subwoofer: Adding a NHT Classic subwoofer to a pair of Classic Threes will extend the bass an additional octave, further reduce distortions, and improve dynamics. We recommend the exciting Classic B-12d for the perfect match followed by the Classic B-10d.

Mixing and Matching: Building a home theater system? All NHT speakers are designed and voiced with the same set of parameters and design goals. This allows you the freedom to use any past or present NHT speakers to build your home theater system with good results. That said, for state-of-the-art results we'll recommend the Classic TwoC or Classic ThreeC center channel speaker as the perfect match. For rear and surround channels, again Classic Threes but many of our customers will opt for the more compact Absolute Zero's which are available in white and are good choices for more discrete wall and/or ceiling mounting.

The Company: Let's not forget that you're buying an NHT speaker and that means all sorts of things. It means you care about getting the best speaker value for your hard earned money. It means you care about quality craftsmanship and high-end performance. It means you're ready to join our family of fanatics who love music, movies and the best gear that produces them. Welcome to the club, now tell your friends. Now Hear This!



Series: Classic

Model: Classic Three

UPC: 780687322878

Finish: Black piano high gloss lacquer

Speaker Type:

- Three-way bookshelf
- acoustic suspension

Drivers:

Tweeter: 3/4" anodized aluminum dome
Midrange: 2" anodized aluminum dome
Woofer: 6.5" (black) anodized aluminum cone

Crossover:

- 2nd order low pass and high pass at 800Hz
- 3rd order high pass and low pass at 3.2kHz.

Cabinet Material: 30mm MDF front baffle, all others plus braces 18mm

Frequency response: 45Hz - 20kHz

Impedance: 8 ohms nominal

Sensitivity: 87dB (2.83v@1m)

Power Handling: 150 Watts

Height including rails: 13.75"

Width: 7.5"W

Depth: 10.375"D

Speaker Weight: 17 lbs. (7.7kg)

Shipping Weight: 20 lbs. (9kg)

Warranty: 5 years Parts and Labor

For more information call 1-800-NHT-9993 or write us at help@nhthifi.com