



### Acoustic Energy AE1 Active

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When the latest active version of the Acoustic Energy AE One arrived it made me wonder how many times can you keep a name and alter the product. This classic design still uses a 125mm metal cone and a 27mm aluminium dome tweeter, but has been made active with two built-in 50 Watt class AB amplifiers and an electronic 4th order crossover. On the back are a reflex slot and the heat sinks for the amps. Tone controls change the bass and treble output and a volume control is also included. This AE1 Active accepts analogue signals on RCA and XLR inputs. They are so good that I thought that the asking price for a pair was for one unit only. Such remarkable results were possible with pop and jazz music, but for classical work I would look elsewhere. This speaker rocks and the impact of drums and other instruments is explosive thanks its dynamic capabilities. If you own a preamp or streamer with analogue output these loudspeakers will do a great job, they will also work nicely on the mixing desk of a home studio. Recommended and not only for performance, they are a steal.