GROUP TEST

ONE-MAKE HI-FI SYSTEMS



It's been a hard-fought *Group Test*, with the **NAD/Q Acoustics** and **Roksan** systems just nudging ahead of the chasing pack...

BEST SYSTEM UNDER £1500

OFTHETHREE options here, we have no hesitation in awarding the win to the NAD/Q Acoustics system. Although its components aren't stunning in isolation, they pull together to create a wonderfully grown-up, musical sound. The fact that this has been achieved for £495 is phenomenal - it even makes the Cambridge Audio kit that we've loved so much in the past sound a bit brash, although it remains a very temptingly attacking prospect. The pricier Marantz/Mordaunt Short system goes to prove that excellent components do not automatically work perfectly together.



EQUIPMENT RACK

TARGET S230 ★★★★★

£170

This rack's got lovely looks and a slightly warm delivery, and it's now even cheaper.

INTERCONNECT/SPEAKER CABLE

ATLAS EQUATOR MKII **** £48
CHORD CARNIVAL SILVERSCREEN

£6/m

These two Award-winners have exceptional balance and maturity at an attractive price.

SPEAKER STANDS

SOUNDSTYLE Z2 ****

£70

The new version of the Z2 has even greater detail and dynamics – a real bargain.

