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Blue Aura WS80i speakers | £399

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These luxury active speakers benefit from wireless audio delivered via a small donut shaped USB dongle. USB also takes care of both power and audio transmission on Mac and PC, but there's also a 3.5mm input on the dongle to jack in other audio sources, though you'll need to have the USB lead plugged in somewhere for power.

The speakers themselves are powered by individual wall warts and have a simple station button that can be pressed to help configure receiver and speaker recognition. The sound

itself is pretty fantastic, with the bass feeling rounded, soft and controlled and the highs and mids, transparent and clear. They are pretty directional, so speaker placement will be very important, but wireless freedom should make that simple. Also in the package is a compact multi-function remote and all the relevant cables. They are certainly at a premium price, but they are beautifully designed and for non-critical listening situations, they sound fantastic. *Chris Barker*

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