

[Evaluation] Blue Aura Blue 1: High-quality entry-level micro speaker Bluetooth, CD, PA, radio integrated and multifunctional

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Speaking of Blue Aura, everyone may first think of their stylish tube amplifier series, but in fact, Blue Aura also has turntables, phono amplifiers, speakers, micro speakers and other product lines. This time the newly launched Blue 1 micro system also inherits the enjoyment. The concept of music and focus on sound quality not only provides [Bluetooth](#) function to cater to the new generation of users, but also CD and radio functions to cater for traditional needs. The most important thing is that the sound tuning is still excellent. With a pair of speakers, you can enjoy music in the living room and bedroom.

Design and function

Integrate Bluetooth, CD, PA, and radio functions in one

Blue 1 is a miniature audio host, equipped with [Bluetooth](#) function, which is convenient for mobile phone to wirelessly connect to play songs, or it can be matched with its own Bluetooth turntable PG1, and it can also listen to vinyl wirelessly. In addition, it also provides a CD player function, adopts a slot-in turntable design, plus the physical operation buttons of the body, which is simple and practical, taking care of users who can still play discs. The built-in radio function can receive FM, DAB/DAB+ broadcasts, and supports 40 pre-set radio stations for quick switching. The USB terminal of the body can be used to play songs, support MP3, WMA, MPEG and other files, and can also charge mobile phones, provide 5V/1A output, and play with Bluetooth, and listen to songs while charging. As a miniature audio host, Blue 1 is also equipped with an amplifier function, providing a power output of $50W \times 2 @ 8\Omega$, which is enough to cope with most bookshelf speakers, and it will be more effective and sound quality when matched with Blue Aura's own speakers..



The brushed texture of the front panel, plus the all-metal body feel and texture are quite good.



Although it is a "micro system", the Blue 1 has a physical shape of $275 \times 120 \times 317$ mm plus a weight of 6.4kg, and you can feel that the materials are sufficient when you open the box.



The front panel is equipped with headphone output and line-in input. The USB terminal supports MP3 and other music playback, and it can also charge mobile phones.



It supports CD playback and adopts a slot- design. There is a display screen to indicate song number, source and other information.



On the right are the volume keys, power-on/sleep buttons, and status indicators.



The remote control with the machine can easily switch the signal source, radio turntable, and also provides various sound adjustment settings.

Specifications and connections

Optical, coaxial, RCA, AUX input headphones, subwoofer output expansion is more practical

In addition to using Blue 1 as a Bluetooth or CD player, the host itself also provides several rich connections, which can be used with TVs and other audio-visual equipment as a small audio-visual hub. The back of the machine provides [optical fibre](#) and [coaxial](#) digital input, which is convenient for connecting different players and digital turntables. In addition, two sets of [RCA Audio](#) analogue inputs are provided to facilitate the connection of additional two-channel equipment. The radio part also provides an independent extension antenna to make the reception clearer and more stable. In addition to the speaker terminal, Blue 1 also has additional connection outputs, including REC OUT (RCA Audio), and subwoofer Pre-out to connect additional subwoofers to enhance low-frequency effects. The front panel is equipped with a headphone output, which is convenient for switching to headphones to listen to songs in the middle of the night. In addition, there is also a [3.5mm audio](#) line-in input, which can be temporarily connected to DAP and other songs. The connection design is quite practical.



Blue 1 back panel



The speaker terminal supports banana plug-in-line and provides a power output of $50W \times 2@8\Omega$.



Both analogue and digital inputs are available. Optical fibre and coaxial connection are convenient for connecting TVs and audio-visual players, while RCA Audio can be connected to additional music players.



The Blue 1 also has a long antenna, which is convenient for users who still listen to the radio and provides more stable reception.

Sound quality performance

Full, warm, energetic, Bluetooth, excellent CD, better

Blue 1 is a miniature audio system. In other words, a pair of speakers are needed to form a complete miniature audio system. This time, we borrowed Blue Aura's PS40 bookshelf speakers to cooperate with the test. I have heard of the PS40 when I tried the [Blue Aura V40](#) before. It is a pair of relatively small speakers with good energy and analysis capabilities. The sound of Blue 1 is quite full and energetic. The output energy of 50W on each side is indeed very strong. In addition, the low frequency is a little more sense and the design of the rear bass reflex hole. If you use the room, you should pay attention to the "breathing "space. The thick and warm sound is quite charming, and the right vocals and instrumental lingering sound are very pleasing to the hearing.



The low frequency has a strong sense of volume and strength, and it is more than enough to cope with a larger space in the living room, and it can still provide a good sense of envelopment. Changed to Mission LX-1 MK II to audition, even the low frequency is a little bit more, which slightly affects the mid-frequency analysis power, it has to be manually lowered to have a better effect, and the sound is still pleasing to the ear. Although Blue 1 only supports basic Bluetooth encoding, the analytical power presented by PS40 is not wrong. Sure enough, there are several tunings in its own combination, the image is clear and three-dimensional, and the vocal reproduction is accurate. With a little seasoning, it is both durable and pleasant. CD playback is mainly to improve the analysis power, the image is clearer and more three-dimensional, the details of the violin, guitar and other instruments are a bit richer, but the overall sound is still maintained to a thick warm, charming and energetic sound. The two sources of the tone is fairly consistent.

Summarize

Don't resist the good choice

Although online music streaming has emerged in recent years, when it comes to listening to music wirelessly, Bluetooth is still the most mainstream way of playing. Blue 1 continues the excellent tuning of Blue Aura, full of warmth and charm, quite pleasing to the ears, especially with its own PS40 bookshelf speakers. CD, FM, DAB and other sources take care of users who still listen to the disc and the radio, while the input of optical fibre, coaxial, and RCA Audio can expand other connections. Friends who prefer to listen to music put such a set of miniature speakers in the living room to cooperate. It is also a good choice for TV use.

Specifications

Blue 1

Play: CD, USB (MP3, WMA, MPEG)

Radio: FM, DAB, DAB+

Output power: $50W \times 2@8\Omega$

Input: Optical, coaxial, RCA Audio $\times 2$

Output: RCA Audio (Rec out), 3.5 mm audio, subwoofer

Volume: $275 \times 120 \times 317\text{mm}$

Weight: 6.4kg

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