

Sound Momentum Infinity

I discovered Sound Momentum through a very purposeful web search: "attractive sound diffuser". I wanted functional diffuser panels that didn't look like they should be lining the walls of a gymnasium, but also within the financial reach of a middle class audiophile and amateur musician. I also needed a solution that would work at very close range, since the couch in my listening area is right against the rear wall. I e-mailed Jean to inquire about his Infinity panels, and described the acoustic challenges I was trying to address. Jean replied promptly and offered a number of options, which included maximizing the benefits of the acoustic panels I already had! A true gentleman, who did not try to oversell me. I opted for 3 of the 23" x 23" Infinity panels, to be placed in a line behind the listening couch. Jean drew a number of sketches for me to plan out the listening space, and ensure that I was treating all critical reflection points.

The panels were built and shipped exactly to the schedule that Jean had communicated. They were well packaged to arrive safely after a cross country trek from Quebec to Alberta! Wall mounting the panels was super easy, using the supplied wall anchors...no stud finder required!

My system consists of a McIntosh MA2275 tube integrated amplifier driving a pair of modified 1978 Klipsch Cornwall speakers, with a Michell Gryo SE turntable, and Bluesound Node 2 music streamer. Cabling is all Nordost Blue Heaven and Purple Flare. This system delivers exceptional clarity, and instrument timbre, but had been lacking in weight and presence. With the Cornwall speakers only needing 1W of power to reach considerable volume, and the aforementioned gear, I highly doubted that the system was at fault here! The room had to be dealt with.

With the Infinity panels installed, there was an immediate increase in the bass weight! It honestly sounded like I had substituted a much more powerful amplifier. The vocals gained a three dimensional textured quality as well. I could "feel" the music. Sounds that were previously in the background were brought forward in the soundstage as well. The "presence" of the sound was the same if I was 12" from the panels, or sitting further into the room. They really do work at very close range!

So, if your mega-buck system is still leaving something to be desired, do yourself a favor before you spring for more gear...give serious thought to your listening room, and give serious thought to Sound Momentum panels. Great products from a great company!

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