

What's in Your Listening Room?



Listening Rooms. Some are simple in function. Others are opulent in form. Some are dedicated rooms, a safe house from the outside world. Others are part of the everyday.

Whatever your room may be, it is yours. We thought you might want to take a peek at ours. Audio Research has two listening rooms; one for company events and corporate guests (named Harmony) and one for our final sonic listening tests (Clarity) before units head out the door.

Harmony is approximately 21' W x 29' L x 9' H with non-parallel tapered side walls flaring 4" in width toward the listener end. The non-parallel walls minimize the reflection of sound off the two opposing walls. We utilize a room within a room construction with double sheetrock screwed and glued with green glue and staggered studs for interior walls, drop ceiling with special studio grade isolating ceiling tiles, weighted and solid double wood doors with gasket seal. All of this for the purpose of deadening the room of extraneous noise and non-music influences. The less vibration, the quieter the room, the more sonically neutral it becomes. The room is a reduced factor so as not to editorialize during the listening experience.

Harmony is modestly furnished to seat 9 listeners so the room also contains RPG diffusors and abfusors and ASC tube traps to help break up and randomize sound to reduce echo. The tube traps are particularly beneficial to bass. Even our walls are wired with Shunyata wall outlets and dedicated separate 20A and dual 30A service lines.

Our standard reference equipment includes REF Phono 10, REF Phono 3 Phono Preamplifiers, REF6 Line Stage Preamplifier, REF CD9 Player, Sonus faber Aida speakers (soon to be updated to the new Il Cremonese speakers), Immedia turntable, Tri Planar tonearm with a Lyra Etna cartridge. You may notice tape on the floor which marks various speaker positions for quick and easy swap outs. Our primary listening chair, which is first row, center, is also taped for perfect positioning in alignment with the speakers. For our listening pleasure, the room is stocked with over 200 vinyl and 300 CDs.

We showed ours, now, you show yours.

