Wharfedale Denton Returns



Wharfedale, one of Britain's most famous loudspeaker brands, celebrates its 80th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, one of Wharfedale's best-loved speakers from decades past is returning in enhanced, limited edition form.

Introduced in 1967, the Denton exemplified Wharfedale's twin edicts of quality and value, balancing fine craftsmanship, natural sound quality and affordability inside a compact loudspeaker that was bought in its millions right across the globe. Successive Denton designs ran until the late 1970s, at which point the famous Denton name was confined to loudspeaker history... until now!

Re-imagined by legendary loudspeaker designer Peter Comeau, the Denton 80th Aniversary Edition remains true to

its illustrious namesake whilst making the most of modern materials and manufacturing techniques to deliver a speaker that is fully equipped for the 21st Century.

The Denton 80th Anniversary Edition is a two-way speaker in the classic bookshelf tradition, beautifully hand veneered in mahogany by Wharfedale's cabinet makers with an inset front baffle and traditional tungsten grey cloth grille. Underneath the traditional exterior, however, the Denton is bang up to date and utilises a mixture of traditional and advanced technology. The bass unit features Wharfedale's innovative woven Kevlar cone mounted on a rigid diecast chassis, this combination delivering a rich, detailed bass/midrange output with superb dynamic performance. High frequencies are handled by a woven textile soft dome tweeter with a high-flux ferrite magnet, engineered for smooth, detailed HF extension.

These drive units are united by a highly researched crossover that is near inaudible to the listener, resulting in a coherent, seamless musical output that is both thrilling and natural in its rendition of any source material.

The original Denton was well known for its warm, rich and natural sounding character and the 80th Anniversary Edition retains that character but imbues it with an open, detailed performance that will entice you to explore your whole music collection.

"I?ve always had tremendous admiration for the original Denton – it's one of the reasons I became a loudspeaker designer," said Peter Comeau, director of acoustic design at Wharfedale's parent company IAG. "Reviving this famous speaker and remodelling it for modern-day music lovers has given me enormous pleasure. In voicing the new Denton I had in mind the original, which sounded musical but with a pleasing touch of warmth. The ferrite magnet tweeter gives a cleaner, smoother treble than Neodymium designs."

Finished in a deep, rich mahogany wood veneer with a recommended retail price of £499.95 per pair, this very special loudspeaker is available from July in strictly limited quantity – a cornerstone of British hi-fi history, recreated for a new generation to treasure.