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Exceptional Value



Magnepan 1.6 Speakers

MSRP: \$1,695 per pair

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I began my journey down the path to high-end audio 30 years ago with a pair of Magnepan's, and they have only gotten better. I can't think of a speaker that will get you closer to the big-bucks sound while offering a bigger soundstage or transparency than the Magnepan 1.6's.

They have a doggedly loyal following and rightly so. They are still made by hand in Minnesota. The big flat panel will be something your wife will love or hate, but no one will argue with the big, walk-through sound that these speakers offer. The only caveat is that they need *lots* of power to strut their stuff. But there are plenty of great vintage solid-state amplifiers for sale these days, and some of the newer Class D amplifiers would work well with the 1.6s.

