

Hi-Fi Racks Ltd

Grand Stand equipment rack



WHATEVER YOUR VIEWS on the sonic benefits of an audio equipment rack, there is no arguing when it comes to pleasing appearance and build quality. Both of these attributes are to be found with Leicestershire-based Hi-Fi Racks' products. The company produces a unique and stylish range of audio equipment supports that can be adapted to suit your own requirements. All the products are individually handmade using high-quality solid hardwoods, rather than veneered MDF.

Manufactured from solid oak, the Grand Stand is available in a number of standard configurations that should cover most requirements. However, should something special be desired, the manufacturer can also build bespoke racks to your spec. This will be delivered well packaged straight to

your door via a courier. Inside, you will find everything you require to assemble the support, which should take around 15 minutes.

Wood you believe it?

The main structure is held together with threaded rods, making it very sturdy, while the shelves are decoupled from the main structure with spikes. Each vertical support is made from a single piece of oak and the shelves are manufactured from oak planks that have been bonded with the grain 'concave to convex' to make it very rigid and to give it excellent acoustic properties. Being solid wood, the rack is very heavy and sturdy, which is essential to eliminate resonances and dampen out any vibrations.

In use, the solid wood shelves perform as well as they look, neither

ringing nor vibrating. Listening to Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italien*, the bass kettle drum that resonates through the military march segments is super tight and each impact of the drum punches you in the stomach. This high-quality solid hardwood rack represents excellent value and is recommended for its performance and looks. **NR**

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