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The 10 Best Designs of the Year

Bang and Olufsen BeoSound 5

When it comes to media servers, they have to offer two things your computer doesn't: a great interface and a great look. The BeoSound 5 delivers both, handily.

Whether it's sitting on a coffee table, on a stand or even on the wall, the 10-inch screen and aluminum scroll wheel instantly draw the eye. The "laser pointer" and speedily spinning album art keep it.

Selecting the music turns out to be almost as fun as listening to it. Full review [here](#).



Waterfall Audio Niagara

Audiophiles often say they want their equipment to be transparent.

Waterfall takes this to a literal level with an entire line of speakers actually made of glass.

It's so rare to see a speaker design that is so different, so eye catching. Photos don't do them justice.

They are elegant and beautiful, and you haven't even heard them yet. Writeup [here](#).

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Glass All FULL

Converting precious analog records For nearly a decade, Waterfall Audio has applied extensive R&D to its Krystaline glass loudspeakers in pursuit of natural, distortion free sound. With the introduction of Niagara to the product line, this French company raises the bar again. The stunning tower of diamond glass is infinitely more than eye candy. Its high density eliminates vibrations that cause sound distortions, and the patented acoustic dampening tube technology muffles energy at its source. Every Niagara is made by hand.

The glass horn undergoes more than 10 hours of machining; some elements are made from pure Napa leather and stitched by an upholsterer; and certain mechanical parts are machined from a solid aluminum block. For consumers who are looking for original works of art that deliver the highest in "high-end" performance, Niagara is the answer. For more information visit www.waterfallaudio.com.

