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Paradigm Shift A2 Powered Loudspeaker

\$279-\$329/each

More than just a serious loudspeaker, the cleverly named Shift A2 is a winning example of forward thinking. Compact, internally powered, equipped with DSP bass-management, and packed with enough back-panel inputs to connect to almost any source, this is what entry-level high end is all about. Its everyman appeal bridges generations of music lovers, and it just so happens to sound great in the bargain. It won't be for the worshipful, but the Shift A2 is my GE choice not only for its combination of sound and value but also for the welcome mat it extends to nascent high-enders who may have felt they couldn't afford the entrance fee. (224)