

seem like a lot. True, it is a fair sum, but that price lines up pretty well with competition from perhaps more familiar names such as Klipsch, Paradigm, Velodyne and Definitive Technology. Interestingly, though, the Dynamo 1000w has a shorter list of features than similarly priced models from competitors: no passive radiators, customizable EQ, or remote control included here. No, MartinLogan seems to have decided to keep it simple. And that is just fine, so long as the sub can offer performance commensurate with its price point.

For us, in order for a \$1K subwoofer to earn its keep, it must do more than shake our home's foundation, set off car alarms across the street or generally aggravate neighboring residents (though it must certainly do those things). It must also sound musical. Bass notes must have tone and definition. And the sub should be so quick it can start and stop on a dime. Does the Dynamo



Though we had already had a good experience using the included wireless transmitter during a previous review, we went ahead and incorporated it into this round of testing. We returned to some of our music tracks, played them with the sub wired to our receiver, then again using wireless transmission. We noted no perceivable loss of fidelity or any latency.

Forced to tender a gripe, we would say that this subwoofer isn't capable of the sort of gut-scrambling, ultra-deep bass that can be had from more expensive, often ported subwoofers. But, if the trade-off is higher musicality, we'll take that any day.

Conclusion

The MartinLogan Dynamo 1000w is a top-notch performer in nearly every regard, but we were especially pleased with its musicality. This is one of those few subwoofers that can nimbly navigate the divide between the nuanced music performance and explosive movie tracks and successfully meet the demands for both. Additionally, its ability to maintain its integrity at both low and high output levels makes it a suitable option for those with small and large rooms alike.

While we have no reservations with lauding praise on the MartinLogan Dynamo 1000w, we can't help but wish performance of its kind could be had for a little less cash. Until that day comes, however, we think it is worth saving up in order to integrate a sub of this sort into your system. It

can take any system and transform it from good to great, or great to spectacular.

Highs

- Exceptionally musical
- Tight, fast and deep bass response
- Capable of above-average SPLs
- Wireless capability included
- Convertible from down-firing to forward-firing

Lows

- Expensive
 - Not as gut wrenching as some more expensive, ported options
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