

## McIntosh Scales Down Flagship Speaker

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McIntosh announces an “equally impressive but more accessibly sized” version of the flagship XRT2.1K loudspeaker-- the XRT1.1K, a speaker standing 35cm shorter and 75kg lighter than the XRT2.1K.



The XRT1.1K features nano-carbon drivers and a four-way ported arrangement. In total it carries 70 drive units in a line-array configuration, with 4 bass drivers, 2 low-frequency mid-range drivers, 24 upper-frequency mid-range drivers and 40 tweeters. The bass and low-frequency drivers come directly from the XRT2.1K, and are housed in an own dedicated cabinet beneath the line array. The design handles up to 1200W of power, 800W less than the XRT2.1K.

McIntosh says the drivers yield a wide, well-stereo imaged soundfield, with a crossover network featuring capacitors and inductors with low loss and high current capacity to ensure an even frequency response over the entire audible range. The inductors used in each section of the network promise high linearity, even at high power, while self-resetting high current PTC-type fuses provide extra driver protection.

All the above mentioned components come inside a striking bass cabinet finished with 7 layers of high-gloss piano black paint with touches of brushed and black aluminium. Meanwhile the line array has a black centre section and silver trim. The steel spiders suspending the array are capped with magnetic covers, and black-knit speaker grilles attach via magnetic fasteners. Gold-plated Solid Cinch binding posts prevent speaker cables from coming loose, and separate pairs of binding posts are available the for mid/high, low and subwoofer frequencies to allow tri-amping or tri-wiring.

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Supporting the tower is a machined aluminium and glass base plate with 4 adjustable feet and a McIntosh logo one can illuminate with the addition of a McIntosh amplifier or preamp.

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