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Stax

SR-009S earspeakers with SRM-T8000 energiser

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This duet of Stax products represents the current pinnacle of performance from the brand, and to many might be the best in personal audio replay. For years, Stax Earspeakers and Energisers were the only electrostatic headphone/amplifier system available, and they still represent the most valuable player in that sector of personal audio. For good reason, too; the SR-009S Earspeaker improves on the SR-009 flagship with a new ultra-thin diaphragm, improved stators and a redesigned body shell. Meanwhile the matching SRM-T8000 flagship Energiser swaps from FET-input and valve output in previous top Energisers to a pair of 6922 valves in the input and a solid-state output stage.

In our tests, Chris Martens suggested that, "the SR-009S not only offers greater resolution and focus than the SR-009, but also allows those qualities of resolution and focus to extend all the way down through the upper, mid, and lower bass regions." Chris also identified "greater transient agility and increased levels of dynamic expression" and "superior bass performance to the SR-009, both in terms of resolution and dynamic wallop." As to the T8000? Well, according to Alan Sircom that's simply, "the best energiser Stax has ever made, and if resolution and imaging are your audio 'triggers', then this is also the best energiser you can get for a Stax." In short, if you want the best in resolution and sheer detail, the combination is hard to beat! +

