

# soundbites

## TRACK AUDIO SPIKES

As any serious audiophile knows, the devil's in the detail. Take a high end hi-fi system and plonk it down on the floor and a well fettled £500 system will outperform it by a country mile. And so the process begins – the right supports, the right cables, the right accessories. In the third category resides this package of spikes from Track Audio; quite possibly the best quality I have ever seen. It's true that 'spikes are spikes are spikes', and that the standard set supplied with your equipment rack or speaker stands will do the job well enough. But if you're a perfectionist, and want absolutely every part of your system and its set-up to be right, then you might want to consider these. Put simply, they fit very tightly into the threads, giving a secure, resonance-

free link between the speaker stands and the ground – never a bad thing!

Track Audio have used “high end” computer modelling and ultra-high precision machining from “the highest grade” stainless steel ensuring super-fine tolerances. They're an ISO9001 registered company, with careful attention paid to the sourcing of materials, precision of manufacture and traceability of all parts and processes.

The quality is superlative, and they locked tight into my Custom Design speaker stands, offering a very subtle improvement in sound. I could just about discern an improvement in focus, and fractionally tighter bass -

definitely worthwhile, if not profound. Still, the beautiful jewellery-like quality of these spikes is what will appeal to many; they're little pieces of perfection and that can't be bad. **DP**

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