2024 Summer Issue (June 2024) HiFi Bible – Editor's Notes New Products:

Audio Note AN-E-Ltd Dynamic Speakers

"Let me start by saying that the Audio Note AN-E-Ltd is the best-sounding two-way dynamic speaker I have ever tried... The sound quality of Audio Note's exciter speaker is not only better than any new speaker of the same grade and price point today, its charm and melodiousness of the music it plays are simply unmatched by any so-called high-end, premium-priced speakers using traditional permanent magnet or powder magnet design units on the market today."

"Personally, I think Audio Note has achieved this because Peter Qvortrup, its founder and designer, is one of the leading hi-fi aficionados with the highest sound-tuning skills today. …I can confirm that the exciter speaker I tried recently is the culmination of Peter Qvortrup's many years of experience, another earth-shattering work that follows the million-dollar M10 pre-amplifier that shook the audio industry and has been an evergreen best-seller for a long time. Excitation speakers are an old technology with a history of nearly a hundred years. In the past, there were individual speaker manufacturers who also knew the technology was good and adopted it to the design of their speakers. Yet so far, only Audio Note has truly used dynamic speakers to achieve the moving effect of 'once you hear, you can't go back'. …It turns out the AN-E speakers that were 'impossible to improve' has made new progress."

"The exciter speaker requires an external DC power supply, which costs more to manufacture. This also means an extra step in turning on the power switch, which is not in line with the hi-fi public's general consumer philosophy. Yet from another perspective, the exciter design that requires a DC power supply, it is in line with High-End audio's principle of 'do whatever it takes for a beautiful sound'! ··· Audio Note's exciter speaker is a product that Peter has been honing for ten years, and has the potential to become a new, era-defining classic on the speaker market."

"After I unboxed the Audio Note speakers at home, the 1-inch round tweeter and 8-inch bass did not appear to be anything unusual, but the piano wood paint on the outer cover of the speaker was so exquisite that I didn't dare to touch it casually."

"First, I played saxaphone recordings to test the AN-E-Ltd. Then something extraordinary happened. When playing different timeless classic jazz records, the

texture and thickness of sounds emanating from the Audio Note exciter speakers were exactly the same as those coming from real saxophones and trumpets, … I was sure that this was the best-sounding version of AN-E ever produced by the manufacturer. Then I played AN-E's usual specialty - vocals and classical music. I discovered that AN-E exciter speakers have reached the highest possible level of sound fidelity when it comes to male and female vocals, and the sound is even more alluring and powerful than Wamm's."

"Audio Note's AN-E-Ltd exciter speakers are the most beautiful breakthrough product in the high-end audio market in recent years. For audiophiles who are interested in pursuing an even more elevated level of playback, you have found it."

- Y K Chan