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Peer Product Review

Sonance's Mariner Outdoor Speakers



“Any outdoor environment that wants great sound will benefit from a Mariner”

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How long have you been a dealer for the manufacturer of this product?

Custom Theater and Audio has been a Sonance dealer since we opened our doors 10 years ago.

How do you rate the product line's design?

The design has always been great, but when they re-designed the Mariner line this year, they made some terrific improvements. First is a new mounting system that greatly simplifies the installation. If you've ever stood on top of a ladder trying to balance a speaker, mount and drill, then you will really love this mounting system. Plus, the speaker connections are now in front in an enclosed area, making for easier and more protected connections.

For what types of installations is this product most suited

Being just outside of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, we work on a lot of oceanfront houses, so corrosion is a real concern. We deal with a lot of humidity, and the salt air will just devour anything that is left outside. In the 10 years that we've been in business, and the hundreds of pairs of Mariners that we've installed, I think we've had to replace less than five pairs. Sonance always stands behind them with their warranty. Any

outdoor environment that wants great sound will benefit from a Mariner. We'll often use a couple of pairs to blanket a backyard for terrific sound. And with the variety of positions that you can achieve with the mounting hardware, and the quality of the sound, they even work great as surround speakers.

Describe the feature set of the product line.

On top of a great and flexible mounting system, you get a variety of driver sizes to cover a range of performance and budget needs. The main feature of the line is a speaker that looks good, sounds great, and will hold up in wet environments. The largest speaker, the Mariner 82, features an eight-inch driver and 91 dB sensitivity to really fill a large area with great sound. But even the “baby,” the Mariner 51, is a real performer. For areas where a single speaker will suffice, they make two models that use single-stereo technology to play both left and right channels.

What features would you like to see changed or added to this product in the future?

Since the redesign, I really can't think of any changes that need to be made. They made a great product practically perfect in every way. I liked them enough to put a pair in my house!

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- Come equipped with Sonance's FastMount mounting system, with brackets that can be mounted flush against a wall, horizontally across a corner, or on a pole; no tools required
- Incorporated with Protected Access Connection Terminal System (PACT), which offers protection to the terminal connections from moisture and debris
- The flagship model, Mariner 82, has a full eight-inch woofer for increased bass response
- Mariner models 63, 62, and 61 offer larger woofers, at 6.5 inches, than their predecessors
- All speakers in the line, except the 61 and 51, use one-inch tweeters; models 61 and 51 utilize a 3/4-inch tweeter
- New to the line are two “Single Stereo” speakers, models 62SS and 52SS, each of which utilize two one-inch polyurethane dome tweeters
- All speakers in the line employ a rectangular-shaped, sealed polypropylene enclosure, with perforated aluminum from grilles and are available in black and white
- Visit www.sonance.com

