

A Quick Guide to Outdoor Speakers

Just about every well-known speaker brand offers at least one outdoor model, and many have several. For this guide, we asked a sampling of companies to submit information on a few of their outdoor speakers. Due to space limitations, we were able to list only one or two models per company. In the case of many familiar brands, this constitutes their entire outdoor lineup, while for others, like outdoor-speaker specialists Rockustics and StereoStone, it's just a tiny sampling. For a broader view of the options, we encourage you to contact the manufacturers directly or visit their Web sites to see what else they've got going on outside.

MANUFACTURER	Model	Price*	Tweeter	Woofer	Frequency response	Sensitivity (dB)	Impedance (ohms)	Dimensions (WxHxD, inches)	Weight (pounds)	Enclosure material	Additional features/notes
B&W www.bwspeakers.com 978-664-2870	WM 6	\$250 each	1-inch metal	6½-inch fiberglass	62 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	88	8	8¾ x 11¾ x 9¾	8	black or white polypropylene	Waterproof; ported; Nautilus tweeter
	WM 4	\$200 each	1-inch metal	5-inch fiberglass	72 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	87	8	6¾ x 9 x 7¾	5	black or white polypropylene	As above
Bose www.bose.com 800-444-2673	Free Space 51	\$449 a pair	—	4½-inch polymer	**	**	**	14¼ x 12½ diameter	12	green polypropylene	Water-resistant; ported; mounts in ground
	Model 251	\$398 a pair	dual 2½-inch polymer	5½-inch	**	**	**	5¾ x 13½ x 8	10	black or white polypropylene	Water-resistant; ported
Boston Acoustics www.bostonacoustics.com 978-538-5000	Grand Voyager	\$350 each	1-inch Kortec	7-inch copolymer	59 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	90	8	9¾ x 14½ x 8¾	12	white or black polypropylene	Water-resistant
	Voyager Pro	\$200 each	1-inch Kortec	5¼-inch copolymer	70 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	8¼ x 11¼ x 7	8	white or black polypropylene	As above
Definitive Technology www.definitivetech.com 410-363-7148	AW100	\$399 a pair	1-inch aluminum	5¼-inch polymer	68 Hz – 21 kHz ±3 dB	90	8	6 x 10 x 5¾	7	white or black PolyStone	Waterproof; paintable; sealed; gold-plated multiway binding posts
Energy www.energy-speakers.com 416-321-1800	Tempest	\$300 a pair	½-inch soft	5¼-inch polypropylene	65 Hz – 22 kHz ±3 dB	88	8	7½ x 9¾ x 6¾	6¾	white or black polypropylene	Water-resistant; paintable; sealed; indoor/outdoor EQ switch
Infinity www.infinitysystems.com 800-553-3332	Outrigger	\$329 a pair	1-inch Polycell	5¼-inch polypropylene	60 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	86	8	8 x 10 x 7	8¼	off-white polypropylene	Water-resistant; paintable; sealed
	Outrigger Jr.	\$229 a pair	½-inch Polycell	4-inch polypropylene	80 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	86	8	6½ x 8¼ x 7	4¾	off-white polypropylene	As above
JBL www.jbl.com 800-336-4525	Studio S36AWII	\$549 a pair	1-inch titanium	6-inch WeatherPlas; 4-inch midrange	60 Hz – 20 kHz –3 dB	90	8	14½ x 10¼ x 5	11	off-white; molded cabinet	Water-resistant; sealed; magnetically shielded; gold-plated multiway binding posts
	Northridge N26AWIII	\$299 a pair	¾-inch titanium	6-inch WeatherPlas	55 Hz – 20 kHz –3 dB	88	8	10¾ x 14½ x 7¾	8¾	off-white; molded cabinet	Water-resistant; gold-plated multiway binding posts; ported; optional mounting brackets (\$60 a pair)
Klipsch www.klipsch.com 317-860-8737	SA-3	\$699 a pair	1-inch titanium	8-inch graphite composite	55 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	94	8	11 x 16 x 10	15	black or white plastic	Water-resistant; ported; paintable; gold-plated terminals
	SA-1	\$429 a pair	1-inch polymer	5¼-inch graphite comp.	65 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	92	8	7¾ x 11½ x 7¾	8	black or white plastic	As above
LA Rocker www.owi-inc.com 310-515-1900	Boulder Rock	\$2,000 each	1-inch polypropylene	12-inch; 3-inch midrange	35 Hz – 25 kHz ±3 dB	93	8	42 x 23 x 21	200	granite-colored cement	Resembles a rock. Water-resistant; ported
	Landscape	\$350 each	1-inch polypropylene	6½-inch	65 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	88	8	17 x 14 x 17½	15	polyethylene	Water-resistant; sealed
Madison Fielding www.planterspeakers.com 914-939-8500	Flagstone	\$1,500 each	1-inch textile	10-inch; 4-inch midrange	35 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	18½ x 23 x 18½	50	gray fiberglass	Flower planter. Waterproof; paintable; sealed
	Terra Cotta 6.17	\$499 each	1-inch silk	6-inch polypropylene	48 Hz – 15 kHz ±3 dB	89	4	26 x 17 diameter	22	terra polyethylene	Flower planter. Waterproof; sealed
Mirage www.miragespeakers.com 416-321-1800	Oasis	\$300 a pair	½-inch	5¼-inch polymer	65 Hz – 21 kHz	88	8	7 x 10 x 5¾	6½	white or black polymer	Water-resistant; paintable; sealed; indoor/outdoor EQ switch
Monster www.monstercable.com 415-840-2000	InvisiSound AIS 30	\$120 a pair	1-inch Mylar	4-inch woofer; 4-inch midrange	125 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	86	8	4½ x 7½ x 5	3¼	white or black plastic	Water-resistant; paintable; sealed
N.E.A.R. www.nearspeakers.com 201-934-8500	R8	\$1,716 a pair	1½-inch titanium	8-inch metal	50 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	90	8	23 x 16 x 15	64	granite or sandstone polymer	Resembles a rock. Waterproof; sealed
	A6	\$572 a pair	1-inch titanium	6½-inch metal	65 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	7½ x 13½ x 7¾	11	black, white, or green polypropylene	Waterproof; paintable; sealed

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NHT www.nhthifi.com 800-648-9993	OutdoorOne	\$200 each	1-inch metal	6½-inch polypropylene	57 Hz – 21 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	7½ x 11¾ x 7½	8	white polypropylene	Water-resistant; paintable; sealed
Niles www.nilesaudio.com 800-289-4434	OS25	\$650 a pair	1-inch Teteron	6½-inch polypropylene	55 Hz – 21 kHz ±3 dB	91	4	9⅞ x 13 x 9	22⅞	white or black polypropylene	Water-resistant; paintable; sealed; gold-plated binding posts
	OS10	\$400 a pair	1-inch ElastoDynamic	5¼-inch polypropylene	75 Hz – 21 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	8⅜ x 11 x 7½	14¼	white or black polypropylene	As above
Paradigm www.paradigm.com 905-632-0180	Stylus 350	\$550 a pair	1-inch titanium	6½-inch polypropylene	46 Hz – 20 kHz ±2 dB	90	8	8⅞ x 12¾ x 8⅞	9½	white or black PolyGlass	Water-resistant; sealed; magnetically shielded; gold-plated binding posts
	Stylus 150	\$350 a pair	¾-inch titanium	5-inch polypropylene	50 Hz – 20 kHz ±2 dB	89	8	7 x 9½ x 7	6	white or black PolyGlass	As above
Parasound www.parasound.com 415-397-7100	Outsiders S	\$250 a pair	1-inch aluminum	4½-inch Kevlar	58 Hz – 22 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	5½ x 8⅞ x 5¼	6	white polypropylene	Water-resistant; paintable; sealed; gold-plated push terminals
Phase Technology www.phasetech.com 800-874-7076	ATS-1	\$220 a pair	1-inch	4-inch polypropylene	80 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	90	4	9½ x 6 x 6⅞	5¼	white or black ABS	Water-resistant; paintable; sealed; magnetically shielded
Pinnacle www.pinnaclespeakers.com 800-346-2863	Atlantis 06	\$399 a pair	1-inch metal	6½-inch polypropylene	65 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	8½ x 12 x 7⅞	7	white plastic	Waterproof; sealed
	AC 300	\$159 a pair	½-inch polyamide	4-inch polypropylene	100 Hz – 16 kHz ±3 dB	87	8	4½ x 7¼ x 4⅞	4	white aluminum	Water-resistant; sealed
Polk Audio www.polkaudio.com 800-377-7655	Atrium 55	\$370 a pair	¾-inch metal/fabric	5¼-inch polymer	60 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	90	8	7½ x 10¾ x 9⅞	8	white or black polypropylene	Waterproof; paintable; sealed; gold-plated multiway binding posts
	Atrium 45	\$240 a pair	¾-inch metal/fabric	4½-inch polymer	75 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	6¼ x 9½ x 7⅞	6	white or black polypropylene	As above
RBH www.rbhsound.com 800-543-2205	AWS-6	\$350 a pair	1-inch Mylar	6½-inch polygraphite	60 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	87	8	7¾ x 12¾ x 7½	8	white or black ABS	Waterproof; paintable; enclosure
Rockustics www.rockusticsinc.com 303-371-0208	Rocky Jr.	\$1,000 a pair	1-inch polypropylene	6½-inch polypropylene	69 Hz – 19 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	20 x 16 x 10½	34	gray, brown, or sandstone composite	Resembles a rock. Waterproof; sealed; custom finishes available
	EurEave-á 4.2	\$500 a pair	1-inch titanium	dual 4-inch	65 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	7 x 12¼ x 8½	9½	white or black ABS	Waterproof; paintable; ported; magnetically shielded
Russound www.russound.com 603-659-5170	OB-6.1	\$399 a pair	1-inch titanium/Mylar	6-inch polypropylene	55 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	90	8	11⅞ x 8½ x 7½	7	white or black composite	Water-resistant; paintable; ported
	OB-4.1	\$199 a pair	½-inch titanium/Mylar	4-inch polypropylene	80 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	87	8	8⅞ x 6¾ x 5⅞	4¾	white or black composite	As above
Sonance www.sonance.com 800-582-7777	Planter Speaker	\$425 each	dual ⅞-inch polycarbonate	6½-inch polypropylene	50 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	17½ x 20 diameter	23	terracotta composite	Flower planter. Water-resistant; sealed
	Mariner H ₂ O	\$300 each	1-inch cloth	dual 5¼-inch polypropylene	55 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	90	8	7½ x 21 x 7¼	17	white or black	Water-resistant; paintable; sealed; magnetically shielded
SpeakerCraft www.speakercraft.com 800-448-0976	WS750	\$599 a pair	1-inch silk	dual 5¼-inch polypropylene	50 Hz – 20 kHz ±2 dB	90	4	18½ x 6¾ x 5¾	**	black or white	Waterproof
	WS720	\$399 a pair	1-inch silk	5¼-inch polypropylene	70 Hz – 20 kHz ±2 dB	90	8	11½ x 7¼ x 5¼	**	black or white	As above
StereoStone www.stereostone.com 800-350-7866	Cinema Rock	\$700 each	1-inch titanium	8-inch polypropylene	48 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	93	8	19 x 12 x 17	35	gray or brown resin	Resembles a rock. Waterproof; paintable; ported
	Classic Stone	\$230 to \$360 each	½-inch polypropylene	6½-inch polypropylene	55 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	89	8	19 x 12 x 10	19	resin in six colors	Resembles a rock. Waterproof; sealed; custom finishes available; paintable
Tannoy www.tannoy.com 519-745-1158	i8 AW	\$562 a pair	—	8-inch with integral tweeter	65 Hz – 20 kHz ±3 dB	91	8	15⅞ x 11 x 10¼	18¾	gray or white polyethylene	Waterproof; paintable; ported
	i5 AW	\$226 a pair	—	5-inch with integral tweeter	80 Hz – 22 kHz ±3 dB	90	6	8⅞ x 6⅞ x 6⅞	4½	gray or white polyethylene	As above

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