

• RAW POWER

You sexy thing!

Fazon F5 speakers up the hi-fi porn ante.

WHATEVER LOUDSPEAKERS YOU own now, hurl them into the sea. If you're able to lift them, that is. The sleek and sexy DALI Fazon F5 loudspeaker, standing proud at just under a metre tall, is all and everything you need speaker-wise in your living room.

The Danes have furnished the world with many beautiful things: Helena Christensen; the film *Drive*; hardcore, often scary rock; Lego; Carlsberg... But none of these are as cool as DALI (Danish Audiophile Loudspeaker Industries) loudspeakers, and the Fazon F5 is our pick of the bunch.

First let's get the tech out of the way. Pop the hood and you'll find an oversized dome tweeter marrying perfectly with two five-inch woofers to help make even the most subtle details of your favourite tracks stand up and sing, handling everything from high-resolution recordings to internet radio with aplomb.

A lot of responsibility for the articulate, clear sound lies with the solid, svelte and stylish cabinets. Their rigid aluminium body and curved shape with no parallel sides means, in hi-fi speak, "minimised reflections and prevention of standing waves arising". The rest of us don't really need to worry about that, for us it just means this 13.9kg loudspeaker looks and sounds sexy as hell.

Whether you choose a glossy black, white or striking red finish; whether you choose to remove the black cover from its magnets or leave it in place; whether you stand it on its head and sit it on the sofa... it'll still look great and shout perfect sound at you until it's time for bed.

£2,700-2,900, www.fazonf5.com

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DENMARK ROCKS It's got more than just Lego, you know. Denmark, home of the Fazon F5, Lego and, er... a lot of Danish people might not be a major feature on the rock'n'roll world map, but nor is it a complete desert. And while you're probably not up to speed on Danish rockers such as Carpark North, Saybia and The Floor Is Made Of Lava, the more hip older jazz-rocker might have a Burnin Red Ivanhoe album in their collection, and Classic Rock readers will surely at least be aware of Danes like D-A-D, Mike Tramp and King Diamond. Every rock fan on the planet, though, will know of Denmark's mouthy No.1 rock export: Mr Lars Ulrich (pictured) of Metallica

The Fazon F5: Danish speakers that bring home the audio bacon.

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