

Aavik Acoustics I-880

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he Aavik I-880 integrated amplifier is a unique and innovative product that combines the expertise of engineer Michael Børresen and designer Flemming Rasmussen. Unlike other Aavik amplifiers, the I-880 stands out with its flamboyant appearance and unconventional construction. The amplifier is large and bristles with copper and titanium accents. The use of copper not only adds to the aesthetic appeal but also improves the mounting of output transistors, resulting in lower output impedance and reduced inductance.

Class A

The I-880 features a non-switching resonant mode power supply. It maintains a constant bias to ensure it stays in Class A up to 200W into 8 ohms, while minimising power consumption. It also features a light-dependent resistor (LDR) attenuator for switchless volume control and improved low-level performance.

In our test, we found the sound quality of the I-880 combined the transparency and realism of tube amplifiers with the power and control of solid-state designs. It offers a detailed and coherent presentation, with a wide soundstage and precise imaging. The amplifier handles different musical genres very well and reveals subtle details in recordings. The low noise and distortion levels contribute to a clearer and more realistic listening experience.

While the Aavik Acoustics I-880 comes at a high price, its use of premium materials and advanced technology justifies the cost. Highpower Class A was an impractical goal until now, due to power consumption and heat output. The Aavik I-880 resolves those concerns, and makes an amplifier that not only looks and sounds great, but is also a technological masterpiece.

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