

Earthquake Sound iQuake IQ-52B iPod Dock



Introduction

I imagine even Steve Jobs didn't realize the amount of success that his iPod would enjoy. Not only have tens of millions of them been sold, there is an entire world of accessories out there being marketed by other companies.

One of these accessories is the iPod Dock. In some cases this just means a junction box that you place your iPod into, and the box connects to your stereo system. In other cases, there is a complete sound system, with amplifier and speakers, and the iPod slot is mounted directly into the system. The new Earthquake Sound iQuake IQ-52B (the B is for black, and there is an IQ-52W which is white), falls into the latter category.

Over the past year or so, there has been an explosion of the docks that are complete audio systems. I surveyed more than a dozen, and they range in price from about \$200 to \$600. Obviously, in this price range you can't expect huge sound . . . or can't you? Most of the ones I surveyed had one or more problems, typically very poor bass response. Secondly, the

feature set is limited because its primary function is to connect your iPod and play your MP3s using speakers instead of earphones.

The iQuake seems to be almost in a category by itself as you will see.

Specifications:

- Design: Table Top iPod Dock with Amplified Speakers
- Drivers: One 1" Silk Dome Tweeter, One 5" Carbon Fiber Woofer (in each speaker)
- Power: 100 Watts per Channel
- Input Impedance: 10 kOhms
- Inputs: iPod Universal Dock, Stereo Pair RCA Analog, 1/8" Stereo Analog Phone Jack (Aux), Connector for Wireless Module for Transmission of Music from your PC to the iQuake
- Outputs: Subwoofer RCA, USB (for connection to your PC for sync with the iPod), S-Video (for playing iPod video)
- Dimensions: 10" H x 6.5" W x 8" D (Each Speaker)
- Weight: 22 Pounds
- MSRP: \$475 USA

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