

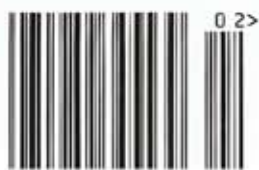
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**THE YEAR'S BEST-DESIGNED
PRODUCTS** > By Scott Wasser
and B.A. Hoffman

TO VIEW AND BE VIEWED The only view that really matters to most television manufacturers is the one that appears on their displays, but that approach isn't acceptable at Bang & Olufsen. The Danish manufacturer has always given form and function equal weight, and the B&O BeoVision 7 is a perfect example. This 40-inch, 1080p LCD TV features an integrated DVD player, auto-adjusting picture, and styling that makes it as pleasing to view when it is off as when it is on.

AN ITALIAN MASTERPIECE Given Italy's history as a producer of great creative works, it comes as little surprise that the ClaraVox Dogma speaker is described by its Italian manufacturer as "an object of art." Yet ClaraVox insists that Dogma has the technical proficiency to match its aesthetic appeal, thanks to a focus on audio spaciousness, refinement of timbre, and accurate reproduction of both voices and instruments. With only 99 pairs to be sold, Dogma is a rare masterpiece indeed.

THE ALLURE OF ALUMINUM The KEF Muon loudspeaker exudes a liquidity that reflects designer Ross Lovegrove's fascination with natural forms. The speaker cabinet is created by molding malleable sheets of heated aluminum and in a process similar to vacuum-forming. But the incorporation of KEF's trademark Uni-Q speaker array and rear-firing bass drivers indicate that the limited-edition (only 100 pair will be sold) Muon is more than merely an exercise in industrial design.

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