

Meridian F80



£1495

AN ALL-IN-ONE NEEDS to be special to justify that price, which seems steep until you hear the F80 playing your favourite music.

Team it up with Meridian's i80 universal iPod dock (costing an extra £200) and you've got the full – and very sexy – package. In one simple hook-up to the F80, you'll have immediate control of your iPod library through the Meridian's remote or front panel. Track details are relayed via the F80's OLED display.

The F80 impresses with bags of detail, strong dynamics and big bass – though if we're being picky,

that low-end could be tauter. An 80w output means there's enough volume for a neighbour-baiting party, even in a pretty large room.

Radio is just as capable: the signals are clear and refined – the result of a tuner section that's as good (if not better) than most from standalone units. Even AM is fine. In all, the F80 is a smart and beautifully designed unit. The price looks high, but after a test you'll find the F80's worth it.

VERDICT

Meridian's tried something different – and succeed impressively. A great buy

