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Small is beautiful – at just 160mm wide, the 686 may be the most compact speaker in the new 600 Series, but don't underestimate its power and precision. That's thanks to its new Decoupled Double Dome tweeter, improved Kevlar® driver and front-facing Flowport™.

An ideal bookshelf or wall-mounted speaker, the 686 is designed to fit into any space and still sound perfect. Its main 5-inch driver features a 25mm voice coil which makes for a higher sensitivity speaker with bass more suited for placement near a wall. A front-firing Flowport, dimpled like a golf ball around the aperture for smoothly regulated airflow, delivers superior bass response without the risk of rattle. And its placement ensures the speaker cabinet can be slimmer than before.

The 686 even features a built-in bracket for easy wall mounting, but this small, versatile and precise speaker sounds great anywhere.

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Technical features Decoupled Double Dome aluminium tweeter with Nautilus™

tube loading

Kevlar® brand fibre cone bass/midrange

Flowport™

Description 2-way vented-box system

Drive units 1x ø25mm (1 in) aluminium dome high-frequency

1x ø130mm (5 in) woven Kevlar® cone bass/midrange

Frequency range -6dB at 54Hz and 50kHz

Frequency response 62Hz - 22kHz ±3dB on reference axis

Dispersion Within 2dB of reference response

Horizontal: over 60° arc Vertical: over 10° arc

Sensitivity 85dB spl (2.83V, 1m)

Harmonic distortion 2nd and 3rd harmonics (90dB, 1m)

<1% 110Hz - 22kHz <0.5% 180Hz - 20kHz

Nominal impedance 8Ω (minimum 5.2Ω)

Crossover frequency 4kHz

Recommended amplifier power

25W - 100W into 8Ω on unclipped programme

Max. recommended cable impedance

 0.1Ω

Dimensions Height: 315mm (12.4 in)

Width: 160mm (6.3 in)

Depth: 229mm (9.0 in) cabinet, grille and terminals

233mm (9.2 in) cabinet, grille and wall bracket

Net Weight 4.6kg (10.1 lb)

Finishes Cabinet: Grille:

Black Ash Black White Light Grey