

# M8PRE/M8500s



**ABOVE:** M8500s has two sets of speaker binding posts for bi-wiring and XLR and RCA loop-through sockets for easy bi-amping. 12V trig in/out sockets are also provided

As is the hallmark of value, the sum is often greater than the parts. The M8PRE/M8500s offers a great deal of flexibility for the money *and* it will drive the heck out of even the most demanding loudspeaker loads. It sounded ultra-refined with pretty much everything I threw at it, and with hi-res recordings its delivery of lifelike timbre, texture and dynamics was thrilling.

Enthusiasts looking to build a truly high-end system on a sensible budget should look no further. ⏻

## HI-FI NEWS VERDICT

At £8500 this M8 combo is not inexpensive, but it is very keenly-priced given its technical performance and outstanding sound. It certainly challenges many amplifiers costing many times its price, due to a carefully managed cost-of-parts budget including less-than-elaborate casework, combined with Far-Eastern manufacturing. The result is a versatile package offering superb performance and value.

Sound Quality: 86%

