

High-value headphone**MrSpeakers ÆON Flow/ÆON Flow Open**

MrSpeakers ÆON is said to use most of the technologies and to offer much of the performance of the bigger ETHER headphones at the much more domestically-chummy cost of just £799.99, which goes some way to explain MrSpeakers' marketing tag-line for the model: "No Compromise Sound & Comfort; Affordable Price" The closed-back planar magnetic ÆON Flow has recently been joined by the open-backed ÆON Flow Open (review pending).

In his review of the ÆON Flow, *Hi-Fi+* Publisher Chris Martens said, "Perhaps the first thing that captures the listeners' ears about the ÆON is its articulate, transparent, and emotionally communicative midrange and upper midrange response. In those regions, the ÆON frankly does not sound like any sub-£800 headphone I have yet heard; instead, it sounds as if it really should be carrying a four-figure price tag." He concluded that, "The MrSpeakers ÆON takes listeners very far up the ladder of high-end headphone performance and does so for a tick under £800. More importantly, it's an affordable transducer that honours the music in all the ways that matter most. For this reason and many more, I encourage you to place the ÆON on your 'must audition' list."

Flow reviewed in Issue 147. Flow Open review pending

