

Goldmedal Electricals launches entertainment system 'I-Dock Music Player'

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BLUETOOTH SPEAKER GUIDE



FINGERS BROWNIE

Doesn't cost less than a fancy brunch and some nibbles on a budget airline, there's a lot to love about Fingers' mini 5W cube Brownie, with its four-hour battery and compact design. It will fit in any bag easily and is extremely portable. **₹1175 / fingers.co.in**



BEOPLAY P6

Designer style comes at a price, but this peak-billed aluminum and leather model from Bang & Olufsen's Beoplay stable hides three speakers and three amps, and has a ridiculous 215W peak power, an app that allows you to tweak EQ settings, and a 16-hour battery life. **₹35,000 / amazon.in**



GOLDMEDAL I-DOCK

Too much portability already? The I-Dock is a player that sits in a regular switched and allows you to dock your IT things to it. Equipped with an in-built stereo amplifier, it enables direct speaker connection to your existing Hi-Fi setup. Innovative? Yes. **₹600 / goldmedalindia.com**



TIVOLI ANDIAMO

Italian for 'let's go', this pared-back pack of a speaker is made using aluminum and leather, and has a 25W 20W full-range driver plus a 3W passive radiator, delivering a fresh, full-bodied sound for up to 20 hours. Place it on a solid surface for best results. **₹21,144 / amazon.in**



ESSENTIAL EXTRA

Don't settle for inferior sound quality — this cool-looking DAC handles USB and Bluetooth, making the most of Tidal HiFi, Spotify Premium and MQA, so everything just sounds better. **₹35,999 / headphones.com.in**

LOEWE KLANG M1

Price: ₹40,639 / techlite.in

We generally associate high-end German brand Loewe with extremely stylish, extremely expensive TVs, but the Klang M1 is a Bluetooth speaker with a far more attainable price tag. It's built like a sleeky compact camera, with a plate with leather top and a precision-milled steel casing (choose from silver, graphite grey or rose gold) with elegant buttons to match. It's also beautifully simple to use, with instant pairing and the ability to skip tracks. There's also a 3.5mm input for the wired-a-phones and a built-in mic allows for hands-free calling. And if you find someone else with their own M1, you can pair them in stereo mode. Onboard controls might seem a bit needless with smartphone streaming, but given the amount of time you'll be craving this lump of design joy, it makes perfect sense — and easy to crackle it is, thanks to some remarkably compact dimensions. That's because the entire thing is smaller than an iPhone XS in height, and just the right size of chunky to fit in a back pocket without the rounded edges distracting.

misshaping your trousers. At 325g, it's also remarkably lightweight — perhaps not so much as it's rival the BOA P2, but you won't be suffering any repetitive strain injuries from picking it up. Loewe's website even shows a Klang M1 hanging off a bike's handlebars, and while this might seem a wee bit ridiculous, it's also entirely achievable. Aside from the smart looks, superb build quality and 17-hour battery, the Klang M1's two 8W drivers offer a nicely balanced sound that's more like a traditional radio than a pop listener, according to Mike, "although it does feel constrained, which isn't surprising given the diminutive size." You'll not find a better-looking, more desirable, more Instagram-worthy travel speaker, just don't expect it to disturb the couple in the hotel suite next door.

KEY SPECS

- 16W output
- 12hr battery
- 3.5mm, microUSB
- Stereo pairing

STUFF SAYS Consider it a luxury personal speaker for travel and you won't be disappointed ★★★★★

DENON SOBT ENVAYA POCKET

₹13,753 / amazon.in

Sub-₹15k Bluetooth speakers used to be dangerous territory, but they're no longer cheap efforts with all the sonic impact of a fly crashing into your bathroom window. Denon's Envaya

Pocket can carry a tune in style — and, speaking of bathrooms, it'll also survive a splash. An IP67 rating means the speaker is dust-resistant and waterproof — able to spend up to 30 minutes in shallow water.

Audio quality is superb for the price, and it's built with high-quality app Bluetooth. Oh, and if you pair it with an iPhone 11 Pro or 11R, there's also an option to use the SOBT with the 50BT's 13W boost output.

