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WIRELESS SPEAKERS

Un-wired for stereo sound

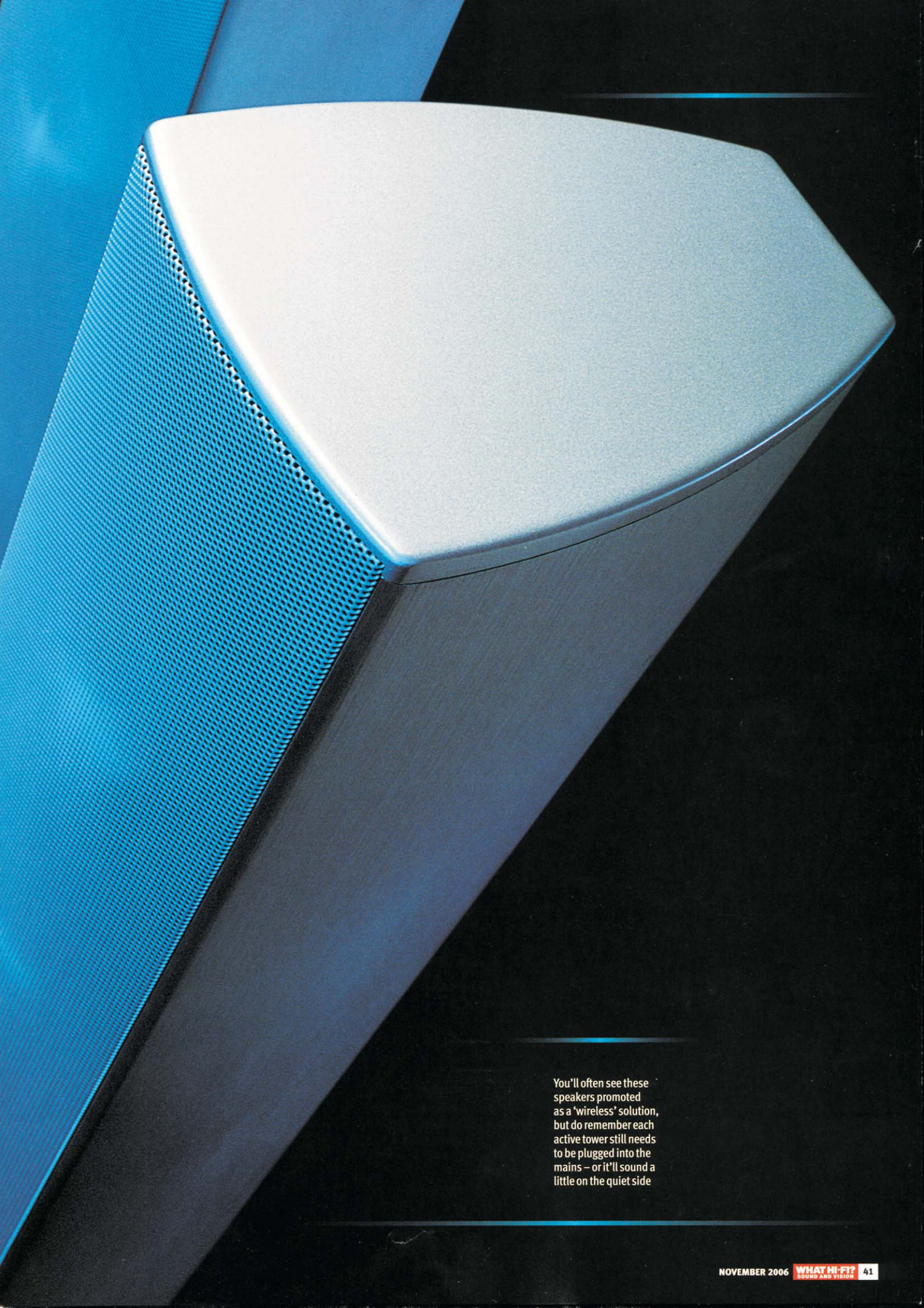
Hi-fi's Holy Grail – audiophile speakers minus wires – is one step closer, thanks to Canton's clever new towers

THE IDEAL SCENARIO is music minus speakers and cables, but while we wait for invisible monitors, German manufacturer Canton is promising audiophile sound, minus the wires. Its CD3500 floorstanders ditch the speaker cable in favour of wireless operation, so all you need is a couple of mains leads to plug in each brushed-aluminium silver speaker. Wireless ability is, of course, not new – but the promise of hi-fi quality sound delivery is a rarer thing.

Available in three guises – the £1000 passive, £1500 active and £2000 active/wireless – the highest-priced option brings powered speakers, plus a 'transceiver', which takes the signal from your amplifier and magically wings it over to the CD3500 towers. Perfect for all you minimalist loft-living types, and sure to find favour with cable-phobes the world over...



The £2000-per-pair CD3500 active-wireless package includes this 2.4GHz wireless Audio-Lan transceiver, which hooks to your hi-fi amplifier using standard phono cables and sends music wirelessly to the Canton towers, over ranges up to 25m.



You'll often see these speakers promoted as a 'wireless' solution, but do remember each active tower still needs to be plugged into the mains – or it'll sound a little on the quiet side