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ROCKPORT ROCKS UP ON AUSSIE SHORES

American high-end loudspeaker brand, Rockport Technologies, has found a new home Down Under thanks to Absolute Hi End, which has taken on distribution duties. The company, based in Rockport, Maine, is known for its meticulous and highly-engineered approach to loudspeaker design and now Australian audiophiles have a much easier path to owning a pair of their very own.

Rockport Technologies was founded by Andrew Payor in 1984, with the brand initially going by the name of Payor Acoustics Inc. Its first product was a compact, satellite/subwoofer loudspeaker system, and even in those early days, Payor's focus was on minimising resonance and maximising structural rigidity.

Today, Rockport Technologies manufactures all of its loudspeakers in-house in the United States. Unlike many other speaker manufacturers that rely on off-the-shelf components, Rockport develops its own proprietary drive units, including custom woofer, midrange drivers and tweeters, each engineered specifically for its intended purpose. These drivers are designed to work in concert with the company's enclosures, rather than being adapted to them.

On the subject of enclosures, Rockport's designs use highly rigid, low-resonance composite cabinets. These are constructed from a complex, multi-layered composite material rather than traditional MDF or aluminium and are designed to be acoustically inert and to reduce cabinet-induced colouration. The highly rigid nature of the enclosures allows the drive units to operate with greater precision, improving transient response, resolution and low-level detail as a result. Rockport also places great emphasis on mechanical grounding, crossover design and precise driver integration, with each speaker hand-assembled and extensively measured and tested before it leaves the factory.

According to the company, its focus on "precision engineering, and meticulous craftsmanship" allows its speakers to "deliver extraordinary musical realism and performance" and it adds that they're inherently tonally neutral, which aids with easier selection of matching equipment.

The current range reflects this ethos, from the flagship Lyra (\$365,500), through the Orion (\$265,000) and Lynx (\$139,800), to the more compact Atria II (\$68,000).

For more information, contact Absolute Hi End on 0488 777 999 or at www.absolutehiend.com



Rockport
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ABSOLUTE FIDELITY. ENGINEERED WITHOUT COMPROMISE.

Rockport Technologies Lynx & Orion represent the pinnacle of modern loudspeaker design, delivering uncompromising musical realism through relentless engineering precision. Drawing directly from Rockport's flagship innovations, both models are housed in ultra-rigid, resonance-free enclosures engineered to eliminate coloration and reveal music in its purest form.



ORION

The Orion elevates performance further, commanding larger rooms with greater scale, authority, and effortless dynamics. Its larger driver array and advanced composite enclosure create a soundstage of astonishing depth, power, and transparency.

LYNX

The Lynx brings flagship performance into a more refined footprint, combining carbon-fiber bass and midrange drivers with a waveguide-loaded beryllium tweeter to deliver exceptional clarity, dynamic range, and deep, articulate bass. Elegant yet powerful, it offers breathtaking realism in real-world living spaces.

**Together, Lynx and Orion embody Rockport's singular philosophy:
absolute fidelity, engineered without compromise.**