



BASS PLAYER

sound room

12" Singles
We Test Ten 1x12 Speaker Cabinets
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Aguilar GS112

List price: \$529

Score 1 2 3 4 5

Construction: ██████████

Components: ██████████

Portability: ██████████

Sound: ██████████

Value: ██████████



The low-profile GS112 has an unusual shape—it has the deepest enclosure of these ten cabinets, and it's also the shortest. Two ducted ports reside below the compression tweeter. The rear-mounted jack panel offers a pair of q" jacks, one Speakon jack, and a tweeter attenuator. Aguilar mounts one spring-loaded handle to the cabinet's side, opposite the woofer. The GS112 is



easy to carry thanks to its moderate 39-pound weight and soft, rubber-coated handle.

The GS112 sounds very deep. Low-note fundamentals sound full and fat with a barbecue sauce-like thickness that extends into the upper midrange. The G-string sounds especially thick, which adds body to the dead spots found on many Fender J-Basses. Slappers will dig how the tweeter adds tasteful bite to the Aguilar's relaxed and open midrange character. Fingerstyle players will appreciate its low-mid fullness, and upright players will enjoy its smooth, full-bodied richness. The GS112 impressed us with its chameleon-like ability to complement the sound of a wide range of basses. If you think big and fat is where it's at, check out the GS112.

The Aguilar GS112 is equipped with one spring-loaded handle.

Conclusions

"...After much discussion and hot debate, the votes were cast, and the Aguilar GS112 edged out the pack by a nose. Most testers found the Aguilar's compelling depth and thickness irresistible. The versatile and well-rounded GS112 performed admirably in a variety of settings and appealed to a diverse range of players. Thanks to its big tone and universal appeal, the Aguilar GS112 earns our Top Tone award."

MANUFACTURER	Aguilar GS112 www.aguilaramp.com 800-304-1875
MADE IN	U.S.A.
PRICE	\$529
WARRANTY	Three years
WOOFER	Custom cast-frame Eminence w/56-oz magnet
TWEETER	P. Audio compression driver
IMPEDANCE RATING	8W
POWER	300 watts RMS
SENSITIVITY RESPONSE	102dB
FREQUENCY	42Hz-16kHz
REAR PANEL	One Speakon jack, two q" jacks, tweeter attenuator
DIMENSIONS	14" x 19" x 18"
PORT TYPE	Two front ducts
CABINET	Carpet-covered y" Philippine mahogany ply
WEIGHT	39 lbs
COMMENTS	"Smooth." "Balanced and clear, without sounding too hi-fi."



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