



HIGH-END HEADPHONE OF THE YEAR

Focal Stellia

Sitting at the apex of its current model lineup, the Stellia represents Focal's current thinking on what makes a superlative premium, closed-enclosure, over-ear headphone. It all comes down to three words - luxury, comfort and sound.

The Stellia has a single, 1.6" (40mm) full-range driver that uses Focal's M-shape surround and the same materials, pure Beryllium, as Focal's flagship open-enclosure Utopia headphone. It also employs the same yoke/headband system as the Utopias.

In our test, Steven Stone felt that, "It's hard to fault the Stellia's sonics. Unlike most closed-enclosure headphones, through the Stellia the soundstage does not have any sense of being 'closed in' or limited by the enclosure." He added that, "Low level information and overall definition through the Stellia ranks with the best I've heard" and concluded by saying, "the Focal Stellia rank as a top-tier closed-enclosure headphone that delivers on all its promises." +

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