

Ok guys, here is a lil review on Zed's Duece.
This amp is rated for 200x2 and 800x1.

The amp is pretty much the exact chasis as the Draconia.
I'm sure you guys are pretty familiar with the build and design by now lol.

I opened up this one and took some internal shots. I think the chips labeled bbopa are the Burr Brown opamps.

here are some pics:

<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/duece1.jpg>
<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/duece2.jpg>
<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/duece3.jpg>
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<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/ohmreading.jpg>
<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/resistors.jpg>

Ok so here are some #'s
Zed Duece 200x2

32.69 x 2 (267.2watts x 2 0.98%thd)
75.7A 12.65v (55.8% efficient)

54.6v x 1 (828watts x 1)
(1.98%thd 3.6ohm load)

50.30v (702.8 watts x 1)
(0.157% thd 3.6ohm load)

Sorry didn't get a chance to take an Amp reading or voltage reading...but it was over 116A for a sec and then my circuit tripped. I may try again tomorrow.

So, this amp shows that it can produce the #'s. Haven't listened to it yet, so I'll probably update this thread later on.

Nice work, What is the shipped price on these? Man beside those mounting feet, this look is actually not too bad in my book. Thats a good amount of power. I wonder how they sound, throw it in the car and let us know!

<p>stangme01 Ultimate Member ★★★★★ Registered: Aug 2003 Posts: 2586</p>	<p>damn man i cannot wait to use some new Zed stuff. Need to get that 6-channel going!!!!!! 🎧</p>
<p>dingaling Ultimate Member</p>	<p>I got my hands on a Draconia 4x70 amp lately.</p>



Registered: Oct 2000
Posts: 6009

This amp is very well build, solid construction, lots of metal. I don't like how the mounting feet protrude out, i acutally scratched my self off one of the edges, see pic drac4.jpg. The side panel and cable terminals remind me of the esx terminals. The xover and gain controls are similar, but are pretty easy to make sense of.

Here are some #'s:
Zed Draconia 70x4

20.07x2 (100.7watts x 2)
28.2A 13.3v (53.7% efficient)

20.08x4 (100.8watts x 4)
Sorry forgot to take current reading.

30.14x2 2.8ohm loads (324.4watts x 2)
112.8A 11.67V (49.3% efficient)

This amp seems pretty regulated, power output was very consistant and the heat sink is very adequate for its power rating.

Here are some pics of the amp and of the testing.

<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/drac1.jpg>
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<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/drac4.jpg>
<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/drac2chnmax.jpg>
<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/drac4chnmax.jpg>
<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/dracsheet.jpg>
<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/dracmac.jpg>

oh and by request, here is what the feet covers look like on
<http://mobilesq.com/images/zed/dracfeet.jpg>

This unit had the BB opamp option.
Sound?

This amp sounds very linear, great top end at low and high output. I ran it bridged powering my maggies, and the top end paired with my ribbons was quite extended. Bass was solid and punchy. My maggies aren't low end champs, so I can't comment on the ultra low extension, but I don't see why that would be an issue anyways.

[Edited by dingaling on 03-29-2005 at 04:39 AM]

nametaken

Member



Registered: Nov 2004
Posts: 84

nice, the zed amps look very 80s early 90's


johny_gudhel

Junior Member

Registered: Sep 2003

Thanks for the review.
Been a big fan of Zed's old amps.
But damn, this one tops them in ugliness (sorry, imo)


Posts: 49

What's with the feet? Makes the amp looks like space ship, lol.


[Musicboy and Hulk](#)

dual700
Ultimate Member
★★★★★★

Registered: Jul 2001
Posts: 4312


What? No printed "golf terms" like the old Hifonics, Steve? 

Caporegima Dual700, Socal Golden Ear Mafia.

polywog
Junior Member

Registered: Jan 2005
Posts: 19

re: draconia

WOW LOOKs Great also like the mcintosh amp wanna sell it ? anyways im waiting for my draconia and 2 miniliths will post pics and ratings soon . also id like to thank Mr Zed a.k.a Stephan for workin on all my old rodeks ... WahOooOo Thanx for ALL the pics . You Rule Sincerely Junior Member Polywog a.k.a The Saint O:-) 

3.5max6spd
Senior Member
★★★★


Registered: Aug 2004
Posts: 979

nice review....the amps are putting out above rated power and thats what counts people, esp for the price of admission- I'm not fan of the look, nor the blue lettering (black would've suited the overall look better)

2k2 Nissan Maxima SE

Shark
Ultimate Member
★★★★★★

Registered: Apr 2002
Posts: 2691

great review, thanks man!
looks well built & solid performers 




<http://www.sounddomain.com/id/shark911> 03 F-150 FX4 Eclipse-AC-DLS-CDT-Adire-XM

newtitan
Ultimate Member
★★★★★★

Registered: Apr 2004
Posts: 1690

Im want to run these soooo bad!!!! (since I liked the esx so much)

but after all the cosmetic responses over here on ECA (me included) and SD youd think that the design could be tweaked just a tad

but I digress   

I mean these Zed threads always inspire like 300 post and 1000 views its like free market research

but then again I digress

I bet these amps are niiiice on the detail and power output, but this what I dont get and it still trips me out is that car audio is VERY cosmetic, you dont spend 1k on amps to have them be unattractive

I soooo dig the heavy heatsink and bulky size and NO internals FANS!!!!, but blue/black and silver?? thats a bit odd--lol

almost like the old hifonice thor designs

Id bet a ton that this design will be "classic" and "old school sexy" in like 5 yrs,

and trome got all the black ones (you lucky SOB 😊)

Hey Ding so hows it sound in comparison to the RF power amps?/

I found it a little suprising that the efficiency on the small 4 ch was on only 49% from your test and my RF was 39%

the RF I had (soooo sad to see if go now--lol) was almost twice the power-especially at 2 ohm bridged?? are the zeds considerably less current hogs??

and Hey Ding I know you have 500 amps ---lol

why not a/b the zed 4 ch with the tru 4.65 and the c7 4 ch a and a zapco 2.5x now that would be interesting 😊

Zapjay

Ultimate Member



Registered: Nov 2001
Posts: 1345

I actually like the looks of the amp. Remind me of older amps of a different era. Price on them is tough to beat apparently. I emailed Stephen today, and he was quick with a polite response. Gonna pick up one of the two channel 75x2's hopefully in a couple of weeks with the burr brown upgrade and see how it stacks up against my C2K-3.0X. Could be interesting....

Clarion DRZ9255 / RS Audio Pro 165 / More to come...

5sky11n3

Senior Member



Registered: Jan 2004
Posts: 573

Hahaha..... you guys owned Stephen!!! BTW, I just got off the phone with Stephen awhile ago. I just placed an order for The Deuce. Amp will be here next week.... heheheeh 🤖

If I like it.... I will be selling my Audison soon... and then wait for Zed Audio 6-ch. It's coming soon..... weeeeeeeee

Stephen is a very nice guy to talk to....

[Edited by 5sky11n3 on 03-30-2005 at 12:18 AM]

g3robert

Member



Registered: Jun 2004
Posts: 132

Re: Review
quote:

Originally posted by OldOneEye

Everyone has bias (including reviews online). Heck, there is bias in one of the reviews here (they mentioned price which has very little correlation with how something sounds... bose is pricey as hell) If the bias shows through is another story. Most people have some sort of bread that can be buttered if you know what I mean.

Haha, don't get your panties in a twist. 🤖

Of course the hard thing is that you don't know who is giving the review. I haven't built a system since 92, so I've been researching and reading reviews for the past year to get a clue as to what's what. And it is hard to weed through the muck and hype.

As far as my comment on the price, it became a secondary surprise to realize the amp that sounded best to me happened to be less than half the price of the other. As I stated in the review, I wasn't really expecting to hear much of a difference, but I did.

Bottom line, I spend a lot of time sitting in traffic and was looking for a great sounding system to enjoy. Now I have that.

I hope that makes sense.

Thanks

Alpine 9815, Zed Audio Draconia, Oz Audio ME 180CS, Image Dynamics 12" IDQ.

nametaken

Member



Registered: Nov 2004
Posts: 84

Re: Re: Review Draconia
quote:

Originally posted by TheHammer

quote:

Originally posted by STEPHEN M

We have a few things to consider:

Heatsink colour

Top decal colour

Top decal silkscreen or engrave (Expensive beware and this simply elevates the price of the amp)

Front/rear panel colour.

Front/rear panel silkscreen colour

The "new"legs will be right angle extrusions that will bolt to the front and rear panels in place of the corner parts.

All whom have purchased amps seem to get used to this different look. I did not want to follow the crowd cosmetically. Remember the old chrome McIntosh tube amps, uglee but a classic. Same with those brown Marantz 8B and 9s I have some, not the prettiest but classic.

Stephen Mantz



Now thats service!! Taking care of the customers after the fact.

I'd like to see:

Any combination of darker greys and blacks.

[for example](#)

Gun metal (a darker metallic grey) would be popular aswell.. Start thinking Tuxedos and limosines .. no blue ruffles or wide lapels.

Really, I don't think they are that bad now except maybe the feet, and perhaps the blue lettering.

	<p>The Hammer</p> <hr/> <p>mmmm, gunmetal. that would look nice, and having the name in blue was kind of weird. Like maybe if u had the amp in a gunmetal color and a silver for the name fo the amp.</p>
<p>polywog Junior Member</p> <p>Registered: Jan 2005 Posts: 19</p>	<p>re" ZED AMPS LQQKS</p> <p>HEy Im Happy with the LQQKS for Me its not about how pretty He makes the Amps LQQk its how does it sound ? well it Sounds beyond awsome so as far as Im concerned Zed Amps Rule ! Tankz from THa St O-D 🇸🇮 Dont HAte Da Playa hate Da Game</p>
<p>mawst95 Senior Member</p> <p>★★★★</p> <p>Registered: Dec 2003 Posts: 807</p>	<p>Anyone else out there feel like each time they look at these amps they look better and better?</p> <p>I thought they looked ugly as hell at first...well no, let me rephrase. They totally weren't my style. However they are growing on me. I'm sort of a fan of minimalist design, clean lines, etc, but its Stephen's baby so he can do what he wants 🇸🇮</p>
<p>dingaling Ultimate Member</p> <p>★★★★★★</p> <p>Registered: Oct 2000 Posts: 6009</p>	<p>honestly, using these amps in person, they ain't bad at all...</p> <p>i just wish the mounting feet won't stick up higher than the amp itself and scratch things... like my arm...ouch...</p> <p><u>"Don Dingaling, Eastside ECA Golden Ear Mafia"</u> AIM- SQ4Ding ICQ- 20126503 Mobilesg</p>
<p>📅 03-30-2005 12:17 AM Profile Email Edit Quote IP: Logged</p>	
<p>newtitan Ultimate Member</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>Registered: Apr 2004 Posts: 1690</p>	<p>wow Ding coming from you thats a glaring recommendation 🇸🇮</p> <p>they are growing on me too--lol</p> <p>I may get a deuce here soon and burr brown it to do some a/b testing of my own</p>
<p>r0ng Senior Member</p> <p>★★★★</p> <p>Registered: May 2004 Posts: 722</p>	<p>x2, they're still not the prettiest of amps, but i do agree. They look better and better each time i look at them. I'm seriously contemplating buying one... what's wrong with me? lol</p> <p>and stephen's a cool person, i like to buy from cool ppl. 🇸🇮</p> <hr/> <p>System Diagram</p>
<p>stangme01 Ultimate Member</p> <p>★★★★★★</p>	<p>nice amp! Also has 24db/oct crossovers. So you could run an active front stage easily with this and run his sub amp on the subs and not need any sort of external crossovers. Only need T/a and EQ.</p>

Registered: Aug 2003 Posts: 2586	
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