# Blok Stax 2G

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Blok's Stax 2G is the ideal platform to enjoy a lifetime of sensational performance from your Hi-Fi. Its uniquely British, elegantly modernist aesthetic contains within it smartly applied acoustic science, coupled with unrivalled modular flexibility.





# Introducing Blok Stax 2G, advanced Hi-Fi furniture.

# The perfect platform to perform from.

Blok's Stax 2G provides a uniquely elegant solution for those seeking the highest levels of high-fidelity performance from electronics and turntables. It boasts a proudly modernist visual aesthetic, this highly refined exterior concealing smart acoustic technologies, which are expertly woven into its sleek, contemporary design.

Blok's famous attention to detail is prevalent in each and every aspect of Stax 2G, with intuitive, uncomplicated assembly, hidden secure fixings and smart isolation. A choice of utterly contemporary finishes allows Stax 2G to integrate seamlessly into any interior space, and there is even room for LP storage.

Stax 2G is the perfect partner for the very best high-fidelity components

# A platform for acoustic excellence.

The all-new Stax 2G high-fidelity furniture provides the ideal platform for your system to both perform and look its best in any interior space. The unique Blok aesthetic perfectly complements any electronics, thanks to its clean unobtrusive lines, high-quality laminated ash plywood and black glass shelves, perfectly matched with satin white, gloss black and walnut supports. These elements look elegant, but more importantly they provide exceptional strength and have excellent acoustic properties, while the variable shelf height and three- and four-shelf collections allow complete flexibility.

No matter what equipment is placed on Stax 2G, and whatever finish is selected, its underlying quality and attention to detail offers un-rivalled levels of support and helps drive your system towards the Holy Grail of truly exceptional high-fidelity performance.

Listen Again.



# Product Design Director's Statement

"We approached attention to detail on Stax 2G's distinctively modernist visual aesthetic without apology or pretence. Because these are the qualities that make Blok so visually striking and special, the smallest details are the focus of the closest attention, maintaining the elegantly simple design language.

The designs feature clever engineering elements, subtly built-in to ensure the acoustic properties offered are among the very best available in this segment.

Designed and engineered at our headquarters in Rayleigh Essex, UK, Stax 2G reinvigorates the modernist appeal of Stax in a manner that's completely sympathetic to the original design. It ensures that we retain what makes Stax so unique and important, both as a vital tool for driving high-fidelity performance, and as beautiful furniture."



Charles Minett - Product Design Director

# Technical Director's Statement

"With Stax 2G we've built in smart ways to deliver shelf isolation and acoustic properties within the design. This maximises the performance properties of the shelves and how they integrate as a complete acoustic system.

We've invested time on developing the shelf supports, and ensured they can be filled with inert acoustic material for greater damping. This adds significant additional weight to the overall design and allows the weight to sit more firmly on the rubber isolation pads.

The isolation pads have grooves designed into them, which then locate over the secure bolts on the shelf below. This not only allows excellent isolation, reducing vibration between components but means the shelves can only ever be placed in exactly the right position.

Stax 2G ensures that whatever system that graces its shelves, those components perform at their very optimum."



Michael Hedges - Technical Director

# Transparent Design Philosophy

Stax 2G Hi-Fi furniture is a product of Monitor Audio's Transparent Design Philosophy

We believe the ultimate loudspeaker and the acoustic performance of any accompanying stands, furniture or high-fidelity accessories, are all capable of working in harmony with the high-fidelity speakers and electronics that they partner, in the pursuit of producing sound as laid down by the artist so accurately that it becomes transparent. The physical design should be sympathetic to this in any environment and work in harmony with the desire for transparency.

The all-new Stax 2G is built upon an R&D philosophy of maintaining a balance between design and technology. One is never allowed to overpower the other and both play a vital role in delivering on our promise of musical neutrality and acoustic transparency. The physical designs need to sit comfortably within their environment. They are a beautiful statement, but one where perfectly balanced design neutrality means they will blend in for a lifetime of use.

Every Monitor Audio Group product is the result of intense collaboration, drawing on decades of experience within the design team and ensuring that all the elements of performance, technology and design work in harmony.

Stax 2G is the physical manifestation of this approach.



Stax 2G

Range Overview

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# Introduction

Stax 2G brings modernist design sensibilities to the world of high-fidelity furniture. It delivers smartly expressed acoustic details, engineered into a clean and appealingly simple product aesthetic designed to stand the test of time in any interior.

Stax 2G is configurable in multiple shelf heights and is available in a curated selection of contemporary shelf and support finishes. Whatever equipment graces its shelves, a Stax 2G high-fidelity rack offers sleek, modernist aesthetics and acoustic superiority that ensures it provides your carefully selected electronics and turntable the best possible platform to perform from.

### Innovative architecture built-in

Acoustically mass-fillable shelf supports

One of the ways that Blok's Stax 2G is unique is the way its physical structure can be mass-loaded with acoustically inert material. This not only adds additional weight to anchor the shelves to each other, but it means the shelves become less susceptible to vibrations, providing excellent acoustic properties and improved isolation of the equipment.

3 Veneered Plywood

The ash veneered plywood shelves are formed of multiple thin layers of wood veneer, glued, heated and pressed together with their grains running in alternate directions to form an extremely strong, lightweight shelf that has sustainability at its core – literally. The shelves exhibit excellent acoustic absorption properties and can withstand very heavy loads.

5 Finishes

Stax 2G's unique visual identity is enhanced with the introduction of three contemporary finishes: black glass with high-gloss black supports, natural ash plywood with satin white supports and a subtle black ash plywood with natural walnut supports. This refreshing use of modern finishes ensures that Stax 2G allows customers a degree of flexibility when matching not only what gets positioned on the unit, but also the environment it sits within.

2 Isolation pads

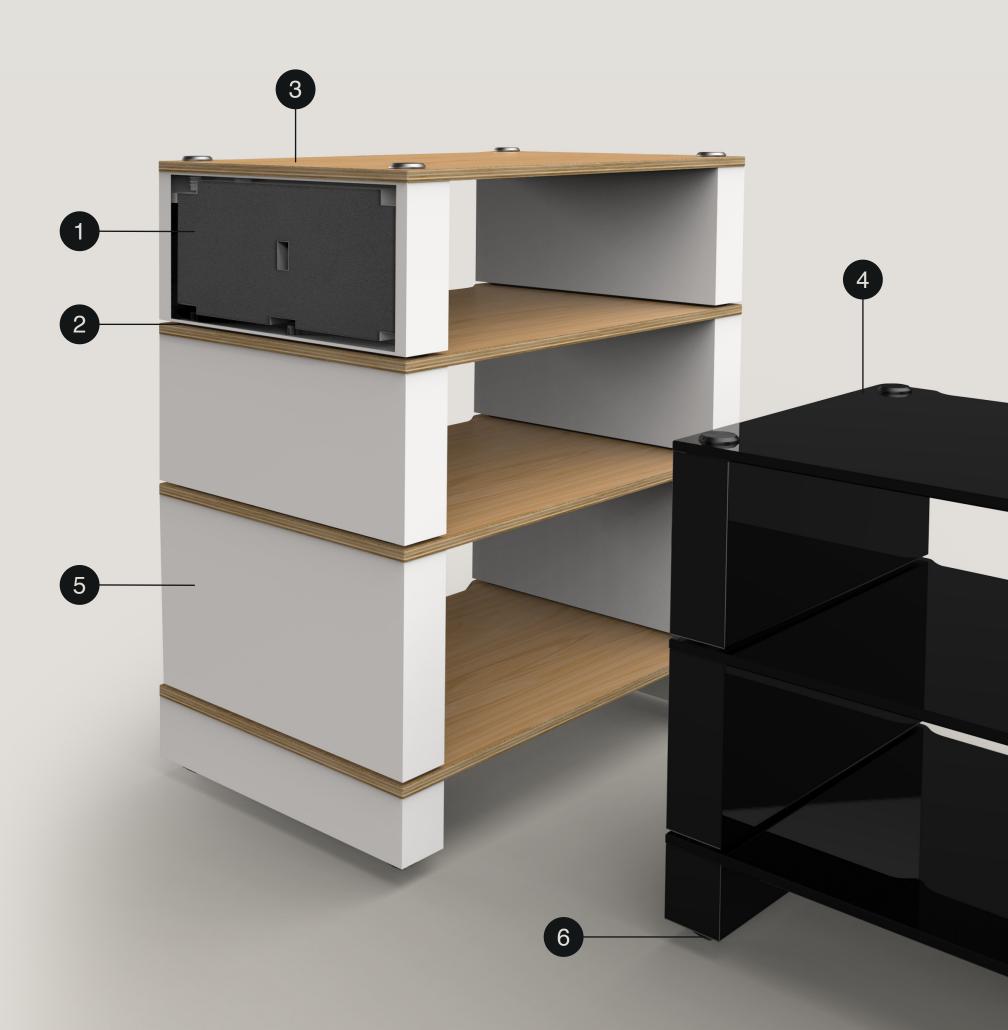
Designed into the bottom of the Stax 2G shelf supports are isolation feet. These not only provide a vital layer of absorption, reducing resonances between shelves, but they also include useful location mouldings so that when placing shelves on top of each other, they will 'self-locate' onto the shelf beneath and form a solid, unmovable connection. This ensures that the whole system work as one.

4 Thick, tempered glass

Extremely strong with acoustically positive properties thanks to a 10mm shelf thickness, the black glazed glass shelves provide a further contemporary finish option to the Stax 2G range. And just like the plywood versions, they can carry extremely heavy loads comfortably.

6 Adjustable foot design

Stax 2G utilises a bespoke foot design that facilitates quick and easy height adjustment. It also allows users to select spikes or rubber feet, depending on the surface upon which it is placed. The intuitive foot design ensures that Stax 2G can be levelled exactly, delivering a perfectly flat base for the high-fidelity equipment placed on it.



# Acoustic Blok supports

#### Acoustic performance built into the heart of the design

Rubber bungs are cleverly concealed within the design of the supports that carry the weight of the shelves and the equipment that sits on them. These small, flush-fitting bungs can be removed to allow the supports to be mass-loaded with inert acoustic material. The supports house various volumes for acoustically inert material, between one and five litres.

This subtle design detail delivers a significant acoustic benefit. It allows the supports to become heavier, for greater structural rigidity of the entire Stax 2G unit, and also greatly reduces the vibration and resonances that might occur within a serious high-fidelity music system.



# Isolation pads

#### Scientifically selected to reduce resonances and increase isolation

Silicone isolation pads are integrated between each shelf and into the base of the support. The density of these pads has been scientifically specified to a particular shore hardness by Monitor Audio Group's acoustic engineers and tested over many, many iterations. These carefully selected silicone isolation pads ensure that shelf absorption works at its most optimum, reducing resonances and vibration being carried through the shelves, so that all you'll hear is the high-fidelity sound of your system components.



## Shelf material

#### Visually superior, structurally strong

Stax 2G is available with a choice of two types of shelves. Customers can choose between a sleek tempered glass shelf, which is finished in black, or a modern plywood shelf, which is available in a choice of natural or black ash veneers.

Each of the shelves has been chosen for their load strength and inherently positive, acoustic properties, along with their physical design aesthetics – so that whatever electronics or source equipment is placed on them, they'll remain completely rigid.



Key Features

# Adjustable foot design

#### Intuitive levelling adjustment

Achieving a perfectly level base is vitally important for high-fidelity furniture. That's why Blok's engineers have incorporated four cleverly designed feet into Stax 2G's design. These can be adjusted easily using the supplied bespoke adjustment tool.

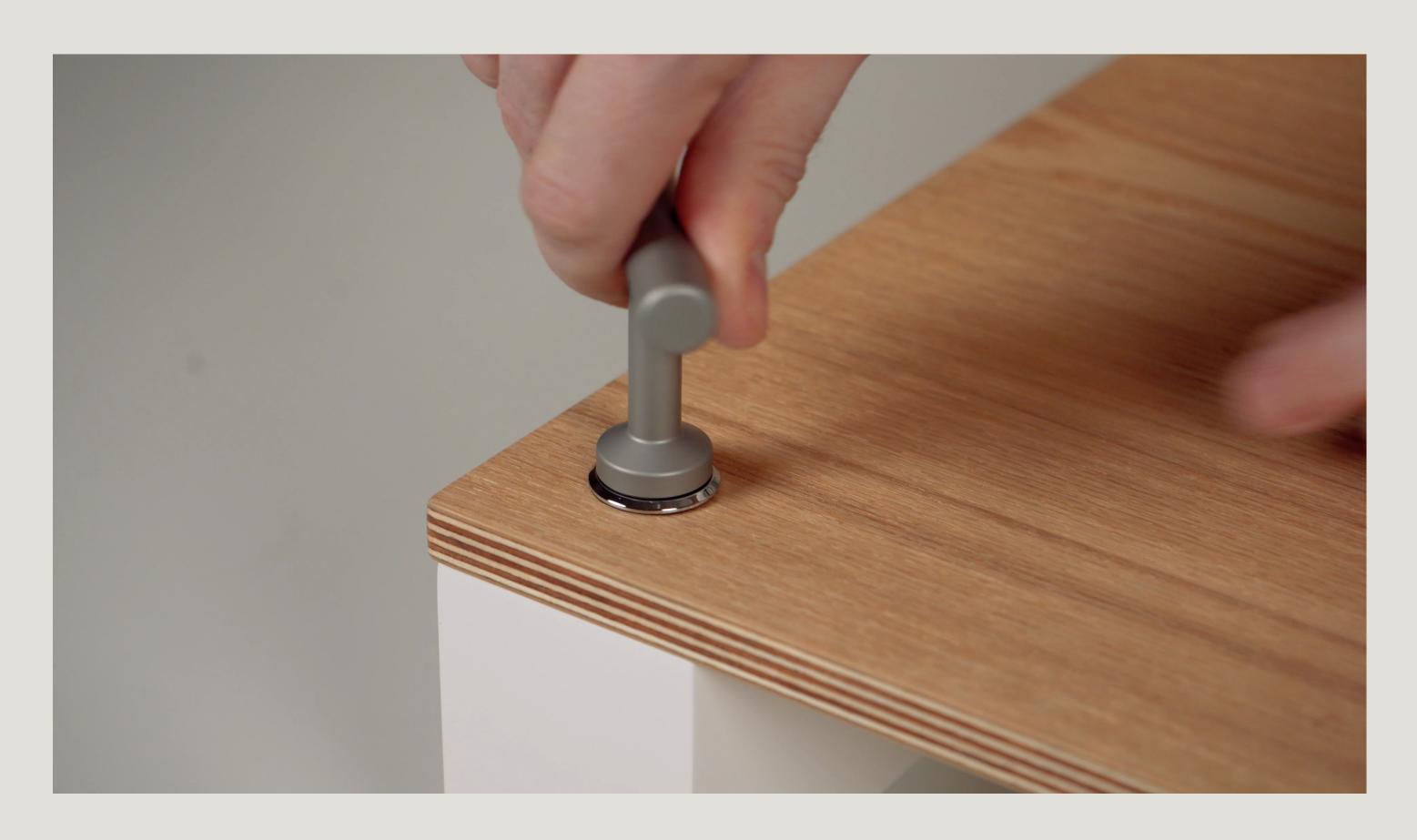
Once the Stax 2G hi-fi rack has been fully-built and placed in its final position, the intuitive adjustment tool can be positioned over the foot assembly and rotated to increase or decrease the height of the foot. This allows the user to adjust, quickly, easily and with the minimum of effort, Stax 2G so that the entire rack can be made perfectly level.

The foot assembly also features spikes and cleverly integrated rubber feet, so that the user can select the most appropriate foot for the flooring they have at home.



# Design is in the details |

Beautifully considered, intuitive to use. Every element considered.



# Finishes

Image shown: Natural Ash Plywood shelf / Satin White



# Finishes

Image shown: Black Ash Plywood shelf / Natural Walnut



# Finishes

Image shown: Stax 2G in Black Glass shelf / High Gloss Black



# Stax 2G Collections

Acoustically considered modernist Hi-Fi furniture with performance built in, available in two specially curated collections



#### Price:

Stax 2G 3 Shelf Collection: £000.00 | \$000.00 | €000.00 per unit (1 x Shelf Base, 2 x Shelf 170) Stax 2G 4 Shelf Collection: £000.00 | \$000.00 | €000.00 per unit (1 x Shelf Base, 2 x Shelf 170, 1 x Shelf 220)

Availability: June 2024

#### Finishes:

Black Glass shelf / High Gloss Black Natural Ash Plywood shelf / Satin White Black Ash Plywood shelf / Natural Walnut

Stax 2G 4 Shelf Collection

## Stax 2G

#### Individually available to purchase, to grow with your Hi-Fi system.

Stax 2G epitomises Blok's modernist design aesthetic. Sharp clean lines, advanced acoustic performance principles built in, and a carefully curated, high-quality selection of elegant finishes befitting modern furniture. With numerous shelf heights available, Stax 2G builds in total flexibility for both the high-fidelity music system you have now, and the system you build over time; as your system grows, Stax 2G can grow with it.

#### Features at a glance:

- Multiple height modular shelf 'system' for total system build flexibility
- Acoustically mass-fillable supports for greater acoustic performance
- Thick dense-rubber isolation feet with moulded location points
- Tempered glass shelves
- Sustainable multi-layered plywood shelves
- Integrated invisible assembly points for a totally clean aesthetic
- Intuitive and highly adjustable foot design to achieve the perfect level
- Two shelf system 'collections' available for ease of purchase

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Finishes:

Black Glass shelf / High Gloss Black Natural Ash Plywood shelf / Satin White Black Ash Plywood shelf / Natural Walnut

Availability: June 2024





# Blok Stax 2G embodies a uniquely modernist design approach to create highly versatile, high-fidelity furniture that exudes the quality befitting of superior modern design.

Stax 2G features precisely selected modular shelf heights, designed to grow over time with the user's high-fidelity music system.

Stax 2G provides the ideal platform for any component to perform at its best. Integrated acoustic properties are built in and the choice of multiple contemporary finishes allow integration into any interior.

Stax 2G is designed and engineered in Rayleigh Essex, UK in adherence to Monitor Audio Group's Transparent Design Philosophy.



# Features and Benefits

Features	Advantages	Benefits		
Mass-fillable shelf supports	Adds significant mass to the individual shelf supports	Helps prevent vibrational effects and reduces resonances		
Ash plywood shelf	The thin multi-directional layers of wood veneer provide a stronger, more rigid shelf without the need to increase the physical thickness	Shelf loading weights are high without the shelf suffering form fatigue and sagging over time. The multiple layers of plywood also have inherently positive acoustic properties		
Tempered black glass shelf	Extremely strong and easy to clean and look after	High levels of strength with no fatigue or sagging over time		
Isolation pads	The silicone has been specified to a particular hardness to ensure shelf vibration is heavily reduced and managed effectively. The use of this material also allows it to be integrated discreetly within the support design itself	Excellent vibration absorption and isolation between shelves		
Adjustable feet	The intuitive foot design enables straightforward adjustment once the base shelf and all other shelves are constructed and positioned into the desired location	Ensures that the entire Stax 2G hi-fi rack can be easily adjusted and that the rack is perfectly flat and level for high-fidelity equipment playback		

# Specifications















	Shelf Base	Shelf 120	Shelf 170	Shelf 220	Shelf LP	3 Shelf Collection	4 Shelf Collection
Dimensions (H x W x D) – Glass	106.5 x 602 x 402 mm	132.65 x 602 x 402 mm	182.65 x 602 x 402 mm	232.65 x 602 x 402 mm	362.65 x 602 x 402 mm	466.5 x 602 x 402 mm	696.5 x 602 x 402 mm
Height dims Incl. fixing bolts, caps and feet	4 <sup>3/16</sup> x 23 <sup>11/16</sup> x 15 <sup>13/16</sup> "	5 <sup>1/4</sup> x 23 <sup>11/16</sup> x 15 <sup>13/16</sup> "	7 <sup>3/16</sup> x 23 <sup>11/16</sup> x 15 <sup>13/16</sup> "	9 <sup>3/16</sup> x 23 <sup>11/16</sup> x 15 <sup>13/16</sup> "	14 <sup>1/4</sup> x 23 <sup>11/16</sup> x 15 <sup>13/16</sup> "	18 <sup>3/8</sup> x 23 <sup>11/16</sup> x 15 <sup>13/16</sup> "	27 <sup>7/16</sup> x 23 <sup>11/16</sup> x 15 <sup>13/16</sup> "
Dimensions (H x W x D) – Plywood	109.3 x 602 x 402 mm	135.45 x 602 x 402 mm	185.45 x 602 x 402 mm	235.45 x 602 x 402 mm	365.45 x 602 x 402 mm	474.9 x 602 x 402 mm	707.7 x 602 x 402 mm 27 <sup>7/8</sup> x 23 <sup>11/16</sup> x 15 <sup>13/16</sup> "
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Shelf Thickness – Ash / Black Ash Plywood	12.8 mm	12.8 mm					
	1/2"	<sub>1/2"</sub>	1/2"	<sub>1/2"</sub>	<sub>1/2"</sub>	1/2"	1/2"
Shelf Thickness - Tempered Black Glass	10 mm	10 mm					
	3/8″	3/8″	3/8″	3/8″	3/8″	3/8″	3/8″
Usable Shelf Height	n/a	120 mm 4 <sup>3/4</sup> "	170 mm 6 <sup>11/16</sup> "	220 mm 8 <sup>11/16</sup> "	350 mm 13 <sup>3/4</sup> "	n/a	n/a
Product Weight - Glass/HG Black	7.9 kg	8.3 kg	8.9 kg	9.4 kg	11.2 kg	25.6 kg	35.0 kg
	17 lb 7 oz	18 lb 5 oz	19 lb 10 oz	20 lb 12 oz	25 lb 11 oz	56 lb 7 oz	77 lb 3 oz
Product Weight – Black Ash/Natural Walnut	4.3 kg	4.6 kg	5.2 kg	5.8 kg	7.5 kg	14.6 kg	20.3 kg
	9 lb 8 oz	10 lb 2 oz	11 lb 7 oz	12 lb 13 oz	16 lb 9 oz	32 lb 3 oz	44 lb 12 oz
Product Weight – Natural Ash/Satin White	4.2 kg	4.6 kg	5.3 kg	6.0 kg	7.8 kg	14.9 kg	20.9 kg
	9 lb 4 oz	10 lb 2 oz	11 lb 11 oz	13 lb 4 oz	17 lb 3 oz	32 lb 14 oz	46 lb 1 oz
Max load capacity - Glass	40 kg	40 kg per shelf	40 kg per shelf				
	88 lb 3 oz	88 lb 3 oz per shelf	88 lb 3 oz per shelf				
Max load capacity - Wood	40 kg	40 kg per shelf	40 kg per shelf				
	88 lb 3 oz	88 lb 3 oz per shelf	88 lb 3 oz per shelf				
Block Internal Capacity per shelf support	0.70 L 23.6 U.S fl oz.	1.39 L 47 U.S fl oz.	2.19 L 74 U.S fl oz.	2.99 L 101.1 U.S fl oz.	5.05 L 170.7 U.S fl oz.	n/a	n/a

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