

# Ashdown Acoustic Radiator 1 **£425**

**Brit baby turns up the heat**

## **ASHDOWN'S ACOUSTIC RADIATOR**

1, the smaller of two Ashdown models, has a distinctive vertical array of controls that may be difficult to see when the amp is on the floor, but as it's so small, sticking it on a lightweight stand or a chair eliminates this problem. Putting out 100 watts, the Acoustic Radiator 1 features an 8-inch speaker with a pair of tweeters sticking out the middle of it.

This is a two-channel amp with one channel intended for your instrument and the other for mic or line sources. Both channels have input gain and treble and bass EQ, but the instrument channel is further endowed with a phase switch and another switch that brings in a smiley EQ curve with less mid range accompanied by bass and treble boosts.

There's also a notch filter with adjustable frequency for suppressing any feedback and a reverb level knob with switches to choose between four combinations – hall and plate reverbs with long and short reverb times. A master output knob sets the overall volume and reverb. Rear panel facilities include a balanced XLR DI output for recording use, or for connection to a PA system, an FX loop and a line/link output.

Soundwise, the Ashdown does the business, providing a very clean and full sound for a small amp. If you're looking for quality tone, compact portability and ruggedness at a reasonable price, this is probably the one for you. **WG**



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### **AT A GLANCE**

#### **Ashdown Acoustic Rad. 1**

- **Price:** £425
- **Origin:** UK
- **Power output:** 100W
- **Speakers:** 8" speaker w/ dual concentric tweeters
- **Effects:** Reverb
- **Dimensions:** 284 x 364 x 175 mm
- **Weight:** 5.9kg
- **Contact:** Ashdown 01376 572872
- **Web:** [www.ashdownmusic.com](http://www.ashdownmusic.com)

- **FOR** Beautiful sound, rugged design
- **AGAINST** Controls hard to see if amp's on floor

**PERFORMANCE 8**

**VALUE 8**



**Hot little number for acoustic gigs**

**WhatGuitar? SAYS...**

**"Compact portable amp that will stand up to road wear."**