

# MERIDIAN POWER AMP COMBINES CLARITY, QUALITY AND POWER

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Meridian Audio has unveiled the latest addition to its range of power amplifiers, the 857 Reference Two-Channel Amplifier. Tremendously powerful and with a new, flexible design, the 857 Hi-Res Audio Power Amplifier leads the way in amplifier design for high performance applications.

Combining Meridian's pioneering Hi-Res Audio technology and an advanced, flexible design, the 857 Power Amplifier has been developed based on extensive market and industry research. Bridgeable to >1.5kW, the 857 delivers 500W per channel into 4 Ohms to offer users phenomenal power delivery to drive passive speakers in a wide range of applications, from dedicated home cinemas to large media rooms.

"We are delighted to unveil the Meridian 857. It sets a new benchmark for power, clarity and flexibility and can be used in any existing audio solution," says Rayner Sheridan, Director of Marketing at Meridian Audio. "Implementing Meridian 'Superbal' and hi-res audio technology, the 857 raises the bar in terms of audio quality, design and specification on today's CI market. Also, thanks to our complimentary Design and Specification Service, this amp can be specified for multiple applications as the perfect companion to any passive loudspeakers."

Meridian's 857 is designed with high quality components and a robust construction to provide an unparalleled level of sound clarity, transparency and ultra-low distortion across the audible range. As a result, the 857 ensures an equally impressive performance for those loud, bombastic scenes of a movie, as well as the quieter, nuanced moments.

Meridian 'Superbal' technology converts unbalanced inputs to balanced inputs before they enter the amplifier. These inputs are then transformed into a 1-100Hz frequency response +/- 2DB, translating the sound quality to perfect hi-res audio sound. Despite the tremendous power behind the 857 amplifier, it possesses an incredibly low noise floor and has been specifically designed to work with any audio product, so that dealers can include Meridian Hi Res-enabling technology with their client's preferred brand of loudspeaker.

For the ultimate ease in specification and installation, Meridian has designed the 857 power amp to function in thermally hostile environments, in either a dedicated rack-mount or free-standing variant.

For more information on Meridian Audio's power amplifiers and products, please visit [www.meridian-audio.com](http://www.meridian-audio.com).

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**ABOUT MERIDIAN AUDIO**

Meridian Audio, based in Cambridgeshire, UK, was founded in 1977 by two music lovers: psychoacoustics expert Bob Stuart and design engineer Allen Boothroyd. With almost 40 years of innovation and development of consumer home entertainment systems offering exceptional performance, Meridian Audio is recognised as a world leader in high-quality audio and video reproduction. Meridian developed the world's first audiophile CD player, digital surround controller and digital loudspeaker; and the MLP lossless packing system included in Blu-ray Disc. The company's award-winning optical disc players, DSP loudspeakers, video systems, streaming and personal audio products are unique in the industry, maintaining a super-quality digital signal from the studio to the home, using advanced digital signal processing to deliver natural sound and crystal-sharp images.

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