Meridian Adds 251 Powered Zone Controller

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The Meridian Audio 200 Series gets an addition-- the 251, a compact powered zone controller with two channels of on-board amplification ideal for high-resolution audio, including Master Quality Authenticated (MQA).



The 251 can act as an integrated amplifier, delivering two 100W channels for two passive loudspeakers or a soundbar for media room projects. It can be deployed to run a 2.1 system with a separate subwoofer, using the unit's pair of analog outputs, or as a hub for distributed audio applications from a single zone to whole-house distribution using the digital and analog inputs.

The powered zone controller can also act as the endpoint for the Meridian Sooloos music management platform, as well as Roon support. The unit carries digital signal processing (DSP) technologies, including upsampling and apodising filters, jitter reduction and lip synching to further enhance the audio experience and eliminate signal timing and alignment issues. Control options include IP and IR, a native iPad network control app and Meridian Sooloos.

Meridian says the 251 is quick and simple to set up. As a 1U, half-rack width unit it is easily installed behind a TV or within an AV rack. An optional rack mount kit or VESA mounting bracket is available, while a web-based setup page makes easy, repeatable and quick configuration.

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