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- Also allows smartphones to be charged
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- Very good workmanship
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## The product

Audiovox has entered the profitable business sector of mobile wireless speakers with its extremely compact Twiek6 Bluetooth series. The speakers in this series are available in three different colours and cost €99 each. An elegant black model arrived in our editorial office, which instantly started to win over our staff with its attractive Plexiglas packaging. And when you have opened the packaging, which can be reused without any problems, you won't only be left marvelling at the very compact, exquisitely processed Bluetooth speaker, but also the accessories that are included. As the Twiek6 is recharged via a USB connection on your PC, and because you can charge your smartphone directly from the side of the Twiek6 (max. 1A), a USB-to-micro-USB cable is supplied. Virtually all popular Android smartphones can therefore be fully charged by using the supplied cable. Because Apple has, as usual, done its "own thing" with its Lightning Connector, iPhone users will need to invest in their own adapter cable.

The Twiek unit itself not only has an unusual name, but also appears to be of a quality that is unusually high for around €100. The lightly rubberised, extremely robust housing is a pleasure to handle. Anyone playing with the small buttons for accepting a call (the Twiek unit can also be used as a hands-free device), controlling the volume and Bluetooth pairing will be sure to appreciate their precise pressure point.

Coupling is made extremely simple. Bluetooth data transfer will naturally need to be enabled on your smartphone and you will also need to make sure that your smartphone is visible. Then press the pairing button on the side (which is marked with a dot) for several seconds until the speaker emits a double beep to signal that it is ready for pairing. In addition, 4 power LEDs will also illuminate. The speaker will appear under its name, i.e. "Twiek6", on your smartphone's screen.

The power LEDs are otherwise used to indicate the status of the integrated, high-performance battery. When used at medium volume it will last for up to 18 hours(!). This will

naturally be lower when listening at high volume and when charging a smartphone at the same time. 4 LEDs correspond to a 100% charge, three LEDs to a 75% charge, 2 LEDs to a 50% charge and 1 LED to a 25% charge. When the battery has been plugged in it will indicate when it is fully charged by the charging LED turning green.

The transmission of Bluetooth signals is very stable, even when you step away from the speaker. According to the manufacturer the ideal conditions are created up to a distance of 10 metres. The DSP programme used by the integrated stereo digital amplifier ensures optimum use of its power reserves at all times, thereby guaranteeing impeccable sound quality. Two broadband chassis are located at the front of the speaker, while a passive radiator can be found at the rear to enhance efficiency.

## Sound

Als mobiler "Einsatzleiter" dürfte der Audiovox The Bluetooth speaker from Audiovox is a delight to carry around. When we subjected it to "Gentleman", which is the second song from the chart-topping South Korean, Psy, the sound was extremely clear and vivid. A dreary, lame, superficial sound can definitely not be attributed to the Twiek6 - both vocals and instrumental segments are reproduced exquisitely. The small speaker cannot hide its extremely compact dimensions when playing R.I.O.'s summer hit "Ready Or Not", however, the pleasing reproduction is once again worthy of praise.

The entire rhythm is also reproduced surprisingly well. Even when the Twiek6 is positioned some distance from the listener the sound effect is still remarkable. Incidentally, this can also be said of the degree of spatiality generated - the speaker once again scores very highly in this regard. We continue our test with "Sonnentanz" by Klangkarussell. Minor acoustic effects can also be identified here and the structure of the song is extremely clear. The bass range is understandably lacking in terms of depth, however, the level of spatiality is excellent once again. The Twiek6 generates hardly any distortion even when operated at higher volumes (the maximum possible levels are therefore not that low).

Not every listener will be a fan of current club

tunes; some may need a trip back to the 80s to get that summer feeling with a "Walk in the Park" by the Nick Straker Band. The hit record sounds clear and dynamic through the Bluetooth speaker. The intelligibility of the male vocals is impeccable. And when the Pet Shop Boys hit "Always On Your Mind" streams from the speaker, the flair of the 80s seems within reach of our picnic blanket. Dynamics, spatiality and vocal reproduction reveal that the Audiovox engineers have really taken the time to cleanly coordinate the small Bluetooth speaker. Jungle feelings and memories of the school party come flooding back when the "Tarzan Boy" by Baltimora starts swinging from branch to branch. The Twiek6 accompanies these movements musically with serenity and clarity. The small Bluetooth speaker also ensures that minor musical nuances are brought to light.

To ensure you are understood clearly when using the Twiek6 as a hands-free device, you shouldn't position yourself too far from the speaker. Vocal reproduction is somewhat dull, yet easy to understand from a distance of up to 2 metres from the unit. Pleasingly there is very little hissing or background noise.

## Conclusion

We thought the Twiek6 from Audiovox was excellent from the very outset: the cleanly packaged, well-equipped small Bluetooth speaker sounds clear and even generates a certain element of spatiality. It goes about its work in a very reliable manner and also exhibits excellent workmanship. It has left the competition standing in many aspects.