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The Twiek 6 is Audiovox's new Bluetooth loudspeaker that is not only able to communicate perfectly with smartphones and tablets et al but that also comes with several other features. AV-Magazin took a closer look at the little gem.

These days it's almost impossible to do without mobile music. In the age of smartphones and tablet PCs, people are able to have their music collection with them at all times and listen to it wherever they want – on the road, at home, in the garden and on the patio. But it's not so long ago that listening to music was a solitary activity because the headphones that you used to need cut you off from the world around you. Today, however, small loudspeakers are available that source their signals wirelessly from mobile devices.

So we searched for a reasonably priced all-round solution that could do more than just play music and we found what we were looking for in a loudspeaker by Audiovox. The new Twiek 6 is a nice little stereo loudspeaker that's available in the three trend colours of white, black and blue. Sized just 15 cm x 6.3 cm x 4 cm and weighing only 250 grams, it can be easily carried around to become your permanent companion when you're on the road. So it's good that the loudspeaker comes with a transport bag that's large enough to fit all the required accessories.

Small, handy and powerful

The Audiovox Twiek 6 communicates using Bluetooth and is therefore compatible with almost all smartphones and tablet PCs. It may also be connected to Bluetooth-capable PCs and so is also able to do its work when you're tied to your desk. The integrated rechargeable battery needs to be charged using the included charging cable before the loudspeaker can be taken into operation for the first time. It doesn't come with a

separate mains adapter – so it sources its power from the mobile phone's USB mains plug or the PC's USB port. And it doesn't take long for the control lamp that indicates the charge to switch from red to green to tell you that the Twiek 6 is now absolutely ready to do its thing.

Smartphones or tablet PCs can be connected by pressing the top button on the left for two seconds – Audiovox acknowledges this with an acoustic signal – all you then have to do is to activate the Bluetooth connection on the required mobile phone/tablet PC/PC – and you're done. Start your music app – choose your song and enjoy. Thanks to the Bluetooth range of 10 metres, you can leave your phone in the living room and take the little loudspeaker out into the garden. In our test, the Twiek 6 outdoors reached a range of a little more than the specified 10 metres but the range may drop a little indoors depending on the type of building you're in. The AUX input and the included jack cable may be used with MP3 players that don't have Bluetooth. Connecting the jack will then cause the speaker to automatically drop the wireless connection.

The Twiek 6 features two 40 mm broadband loudspeakers capable of perfectly reproducing any type of music. Whether it's canned music or tunes from the radio and the corresponding app – the Twiek 6 sounds balanced, homogeneous and relaxed even when you listen to it over extended periods. The integrated DSP control in conjunction with the digital stereo amplifier make sure that the power reserves are used in the best way possible. Because, in spite of the limited case size, it's even able to do music really loud. It doesn't even let you down in the bass range because the broadband chassis are supported by a 40 x 70 mm rear-mounted passive radiator which further amplifies the lower frequency ranges when the Twiek 6 is placed in front of a wall. Of course, it can't hold its own against a fully grown speaker but then it doesn't have to.

And there's more

There's nothing more annoying than a mobile loudspeaker running out of juice on the patio on a summer's evening. Audiovox is fully aware of this and has equipped the Twiek 6 with a high-performance rechargeable battery. In our test, it played music at room volume for almost 18 hours – and even longer although admittedly at a very low volume – this is just great. The four small LEDs provide up-to-date information about the charge thus giving users the opportunity to start recharging in time.

The energy reserves are also useful to people who use their phones a lot. Because if your smartphone should start to run low while you're on the road, you can just connect it to the Audiovox's USB port and your mobile phone will start recharging and you can get back on the phone again. Which, of course, will reduce the Twiek 6's battery time.

But talking about "talking on the phone", the loudspeaker even has a hands-free system on board. So if a call comes in while you're listening to music, you can take it by pressing the appropriate button on the loudspeaker. An integrated microphone gives you absolute freedom to talk on the phone. And the Bluetooth loudspeaker will automatically switch back to music when you hang up.

But we've kept the best till the last: the Audiovox Twiek 6 costs just 99.00 euros – what more could you wish for?

Clear text

Small, light and powerful: this is what characterises the Audiovox Twiek 6. Besides the for a mini loudspeaker very good quality of sound, its comes with a gigantic battery time and so gives users lots of freedom. This great overall package is rounded off by the fact that you can even charge your phone with the Twiek 6 and also use it as a hands-free system. Not forgetting, of course, the reasonable price.