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Crystal Cable CSI (Cube System Integrated) amplifier, €12,000 (ex. VAT)

Crystal showed a prototype version of its CSI (Cube System Integrated) integrated amplifier at last year's CES event and most of us assumed the final production version would be quite similar, but not so. Instead, designer Edwin Rijnveld went back to the drawing board to create an all-new CSI amp that is differently dimensioned, comes with a very cool looking and fun-to-use remote control, and the puts out a very substantial 200 Wpc at 8 Ohms, 400 Wpc at 4 Ohms, and 800 Wpc at 2 Ohms. The CSI is intended as the logical companion to Crystal's Minissimo and Minissimo Diamond speakers, although we think it might sound great in other systems as well. Interestingly, the entire amplifier is internally configured as a cooling 'chimney' of sorts, which perhaps explains how it is able to deliver so much power into low impedance loads.

