Headphones - Wharfedale Isodynamic headphones

Object: Headphones

Place of origin: Bradford (manufactured)

Date: 1972

Artist/Maker: Rank Radio Industrial Design Unit (designers)
Rank Radio International Ltd. (manufacturers)

Materials and Techniques: ABS plastic moulded shell and stainless steel headband.

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Public access description

The Yorkshire company Wharfedale has been a leading innovator in loudspeaker technology since the early 1930s.

The Wharfedale Isodynamic headphones were seen as a breakthrough both technologically, offering high-quality sound reproduction at a lower price. They used a new principle to produce high fidelity sound of a quality previously only possible with headphones at least twice and even four times as expensive.

The Design Journal suggests that the key to Wharfedale's success is the intelligent used of two new materials, a unique very thin polyimide film and a new magnetic material bonded with a synthetic rubber.

Descriptive line
Wharfedale Isodynamic headphones, designed by the Rank Radio Industrial Design Unit and manufactured by Rank Radio International Ltd.

Physical description
Wharfedale Isodynamic headphones, ABS plastic moulded shell and stainless steel headband.

Dimensions
Height: 130 mm, Width: 230 mm, Depth: 260 mm

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