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Orca Trainer Takes First Place at Aggieland Sound-Off

Nick Wingate Tops Sound Quality Tournament With Black Hole-Laden Chevy Pickup

CAMARILLO, CALIF., June 21, 2018 (MEDIAWIRE) – Nick Wingate, mobile electronics industry veteran and national trainer for Orca Design and Manufacturing, competed in and won the Sound Quality Tournament of the sixth annual SQOLOGY Aggieland sound-off competition, held June 9-10 at Mobile Toys Inc., a retail store in College Station, Texas. Wingate received a score of 216.95, edging out fellow competitor and longtime friend Steve Head, who scored 216.45.

Wingate's 2014 Chevy truck served as canvas for the winning build of Orca-represented lines, which included Illusion Audio C3Cx and Focal 165F drivers run by the Mosconi Gladen Zero 4 amplifier. A single Raven 12 XL subwoofer anchored the system, powered by a matching Gladen Zero 3. Sony's RSX-GS9 Digital Media receiver and the Mosconi Gladen DSP 8to12 Areospace signal processor provided precisely-tuned audio.

To eliminate resonance issues, more than 400 pounds of sound-deadening material was used throughout the truck. Each door holds 22 units of Black Hole Tile as well as Black Hole Foil and Focal BAM. Supporting baffles and speaker mounts were constructed of various materials including medium-density fiberboard (MDF), sheet lead and fiberglass resin. Wingate posted a detailed account of the build process on his Facebook page.

A sound quality competitor for more than 25 years, Wingate uses experience from his builds as well as those of competitors to craft his training regimen for Orca retailers.

"It's an especially proud moment for me as well as the Orca family," said Wingate. "All year I train retailers and professional technicians on how to optimize sound quality with some of the best-sounding mobile audio brands available. To put it all together in a winning sound quality vehicle is a successful, real-life application of the principles and standards we teach."

About Orca Design and Manufacturing

Based in Southern California for more than 30 years, Orca is a multi-faceted supplier of premium audio brands and components. Orca is the sole U.S. importer and distributor for Focal mobile audio and Gladen-Mosconi. With in-house design, engineering and manufacturing capabilities, Orca also produces quality products including Blackhole damping materials, Raven pure ribbon tweeters for pro audio applications, and Illusion Audio reference car speakers and subwoofers. For more information, visit our website at orcadesign.com.

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