In 2005, Meridian Audio began collaborating with Ferrari S.p.A. to create a range of products that would reflect the unique qualities of both companies.

Both Meridian and Ferrari have a long history of delivering peerless performance – and elegant design. In addition, Meridian has drawn from Ferrari’s world-leading reputation in the field of materials and composites technology, while Meridian’s expertise in digital audio innovation is second-to-none.

This partnership has resulted in the Meridian F80: a compelling blend of intelligence, ingenuity and integrity. The Meridian F80 is the first in a new range of Meridian products that redefines the concept of high performance, transportable home entertainment systems.

The Meridian F80 proudly bears the famous Ferrari Cavallino Rampante and the distinctive Meridian ‘M’. Both symbolise style, elegance and astounding performance.

Look, and listen: we’re sure you’ll agree.
Inside the F80 is a powerful DSP engine, based on Meridian’s unique and world-renowned digital loudspeakers.

First impressions that last a lifetime.

You can instantly see that the Meridian F80 is different. Its smooth lines, sculptured curves and deep gloss lacquered finish all tell you that this is something special. Picking it up with the built-in handle immediately reinforces this perception – it feels solid, finely crafted and powerful. You can sense the quality – even before you turn it on.

Inside the elegant cabinet lies the most advanced transportable entertainment system ever made. To design the Meridian F80, engineers with an award-winning pedigree in audio, electronics and radio were set a clear challenge: to apply their knowledge and expertise to a compact and unique design, and to create a system that offers astonishing performance.

“At the gentle touch of a button the Meridian F80 springs to life like a pedigree sports car.”

The display is clear and distinctive, and the control buttons are labelled according to context, always giving you access to the functions you need. Volume is adjusted with a simple control knob that also mutes the system with just a press.

Small size. Big sound. Hugely versatile.

Don’t let the small size deceive you – the Meridian F80’s sound is big and immediately engaging. From the bedroom to the boardroom, in the kitchen or the conservatory, its unique digital active loudspeaker technology fills any room with clear, captivating sound.

The Meridian F80 is a multi-talented performer, at home wherever you plug it in. With dual-function alarm, it’s the perfect bedside companion and can wake you in the morning with gentle chimes or a preset radio station. Equally, it can fill a large living room party with superb quality CD sound or, when connected to a TV or other display, play your DVDs.

Use it in the study as a music system or as a high performance computer speaker. Hook up your Airport Express® digitally. Connect your iPod® and enjoy your stored music library. Catch the news on your local FM, AM or DAB Digital radio station as you lunch in the kitchen. Take it to your holiday retreat and enjoy complete home entertainment away from home.

Under the hood.

Inside that smooth, sculptured cabinet is a powerful, 80 watt, 2.1 stereo system with an integral subwoofer for truly impressive bass. But why and how does it sound so impressive?

At the core of the Meridian F80 is a high-integrity digital sound system, based on powerful digital signal processing (DSP) technology. This electronic heart is surrounded by a sturdy, well-damped cabinet in which each driver has its own compartment. Innovative low-resonance, high mass composite materials developed in conjunction with Ferrari ensure that this cabinet offers excellent dynamic integrity – whatever the volume level, it does not resonate or interfere with the sound quality.

Inside, the left and right stereo drivers are special full-range designs – developed by Meridian and custom made for specifically for this new range of products – with powerful neodymium magnets, die cast chassis,
Choose from five vibrant official Ferrari colours to suit your style.

Argento Nurburgring
Giallo Originale
Rosso Corsa
Bianco Avus
Nero

high-temperature voice-coils and carefully-designed cones fashioned from magnesium and aluminium alloy. The subwoofer is a special long-throw design with a unique long voice-coil that maximises output and linearity. The circuitry driving this unique system employs the highest quality, ‘audiophile’ components chosen specifically for their contribution to the overall sound quality. The crossover – the system that feeds the left, right and bass loudspeakers with the correct sounds – is a special DSP design: a concept invented by Meridian. It sounds clear and full, at both high and low volume – whether the Meridian F80 is filling a room or sitting right next to you.

With stereo widening and loudness controls, coupled with Meridian’s powerful active techniques that deliver tight bass, it’s easy to get a great sound at any volume level.

Active equalisation ensures that the F80 always sounds its best. Sound controls include an innovative ‘tilt’ function that increases bass while decreasing treble, or vice-versa, so the sound is always correctly balanced. There are also built-in location compensation controls that adjust performance if the F80 has been placed, for example, in a corner or on a shelf, ensuring that the F80 sounds its best in any room position.

On the rear panel are all the connections you’ll need. For example, we know you’ll enjoy the powerful on-board loudspeaker system, but there may be times when you want to connect a standard set of headphones for personal listening. Plugging the headphones in automatically mutes the loudspeakers – or not, if you prefer.

Digital optical input and output are also provided, along with three separate external analogue inputs. One is a mini-DIN connector that allows the connection of a standard iPod dock, while the others are standard 3.5mm stereo jack sockets that can be used to connect, for example, a personal stereo, PVR, computer or set-top box.

Rediscover radio.

The Meridian F80’s radio module delivers very high-quality DAB, FM and AM reception thanks to a sensitive receiver that can pick up even the lowest signal levels. Its built-in internal antenna is ideal for enjoying local stations, and wire and telescopic antennae are also provided. In addition, two external antennae can be connected simultaneously and assigned to the bands of your choice, to offer the best reception in your location. FM reception includes an advanced DSP-based automatic channel blending system that minimises reception noise even at low signal strengths – there is no need for a stereo/mono switch. RDS/RDBS data confirms the station you are tuned to and presets can be stored at the touch of a button with their station name automatically saved, if available (or the frequency if not).

On AM, the F80 offers superb performance at both MF and LF. DAB adds the sophistication and ease of use of Digital Radio, allowing available stations to be surveyed and chosen at the touch of a button.

Music or movies – choose your disc.

Meridian has a reputation for the quality of its Compact Disc and DVD players, which have won numerous awards all round the world. With the Meridian F80, we have distilled this expertise into a compact but durable slot-loading disc drive that will deliver high performance over many years of sustained use. In addition to standard ‘Red Book’ CDs, the F80 will play CD-ROMs containing MP3 or Windows Media files, DualDiscs and PhotoCD discs. It also plays DVD-Video discs, delivering superb picture quality via its S-Video output. Home cinema never looked so compact, or so elegant.

Regardless of application, the Meridian F80 is neat, complete and everything you need.”
The F80: 0–100dB in one second.

Visit www.thef80.com for more details.

F80 Outline Specifications

- 80W 2.1 digital DSP-based stereo system with integral sub-woofer
- LF/MF (AM) and FM stereo reception
- Band III DAB Digital Radio
- Built-in antenna for local stations
- Two assignable antenna sockets
- Selection of antenna accessories available
- 3.5mm digital optical/analogue headphone out
- 3.5mm aux analogue input (Aux 1)
- 3.5mm digital optical input (Aux 2)
- iPod mini-DIN input (Aux 3) (iPod docking cable available separately)
- CD/DVD drive accepts CD-DA, CD-R/RW, MP3, WMA, DualDisc, DVD-V and DVD±R/RW
- S-Video and composite outputs PAL/NTSC
- Weight: 6.5kg (14.3 lbs)
- Dimensions: w408 x h230 x d185mm (16 x 9 x 7¼ ins)