



Aerocool Dead Silence Red Edition Cube Case

A case that's the equivalent of Imperial Leather for the PC

DETAILS

- Price: £65 via Falcon Computers
- Manufacturer: Aerocool
- Website: goo.gl/p135eF
- Required Spec: Micro-ATX, Mini-ITX motherboard, ATX PSU

Aerocool is a company that has gone from strength to strength over these past few years. Its initial foray into extreme PC cases, the Aerocool X-Predator X1 was a reasonably good case despite it looking a little blocky these days (and, ironically, suffering from poor cooling).

More recently it's updated its product range, moving on to the far superior looking and performing, Dead Silence models. This Red Edition Cube, a Micro-ATX case that bears the Dead Silence name, has many alluring features – not just for the discerning PC cooling enthusiast, but also for those who fancy having their hardware

fitted into a case with a little more style than one is usually accustomed to.

For starters, the finish is an extraordinary leather coated front and top panels (it does come in other colours), with smooth black matt side panels and optional acrylic windows available. The leather exterior offers a far more pleasant look to the case, while also keeping it generally scratch proof and adding (in some small way) to the noise filtering.

The front comes equipped with a single 5.25" drive bay with a single 3.5" bay beneath. Both of these share leathery finish to their fascias and can easily be popped out of the case mounts with the usual clips on either side. To either side of the leather front panel there are a pair of indented sections that provide ventilation access to the large 200mm/500rpm fan attached the interior front of the case, drawing the air through and over the internal components to be dealt with the rear internally mounted 120mm exhaust fan.

The top of the case has a lot going on. There's a large central panel that can be removed in

favour of an included meshed cover for greater airflow, which underneath would sit a set of optional fans. The central panel is easily removed with a sliding latch, and a new panel can be popped into place in a matter of seconds should you ever need to. Along the edges of the top central panel are the power, reset, headphone and mic ports, and on the opposite side are four USB ports (2x USB 2.0 and 2x USB 3.0). It's worth noting as well that the indented ventilation section also runs along the top of the case, as it did on the front panel.

Everything inside the case is rubberised to reduce vibrations and noise levels. The motherboard would lie horizontally across a raised section for maximum airflow, allowing space for a 190mm CPU cooler and full-sized graphics card. The PSU is fitted at the very bottom of the case, with the exhaust fan aiming down through an included dust filter and out through the raised and curved bottom of the chassis.

The drive bays are tool-less, with rubber mounts, while

cables can be passed through a series of slots designed to keep everything tidy and to improve the internal airflow. The slots are really well machined, with rounded edges and not a sharp edge in sight; good for cables and fingers! The rear houses a pair of rubber encased holes for an optional water cooling setup. Below this is a shielded, single PCI bracket that will keep everything in its place.

The Aerocool Dead Silence Red Edition Cube is a neat, stylish, and very functional case. There's plenty of room inside for all manner of PC builder, while still being great to look at.

mm David Hayward

Excellent quality, and superb design make this a case worth buying

