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### **MartinLogan Unveils Variable Aperture System (VAS): The High-Performance Solution for Minimalist Architectural Audio**

#### **Full-Range Audio. Minimalist Footprint.**

**LAWRENCE, KANSAS (May 20th, 2026)** — MartinLogan debuts the Variable Aperture System (VAS), a refined architectural audio collection designed to disappear into luxury interiors. By matching the footprint of high-end 3-inch, 3.5-inch, or 4-inch recessed lighting, VAS allows designers and integrators to deliver full-range sound without the visual clutter of traditional large-format ceiling speakers or subwoofers. Both the VAS Speaker and VAS Subwoofer will carry an MSRP of **\$1,499.99 USD** and will be available starting June 2026.

#### **Solving the "Design vs. Performance" Dilemma**

Traditionally, small diameter in-ceiling speakers have been a compromise of physics: small openings meant small drivers that lacked the warmth and authority of larger, traditional models without adding a dedicated subwoofer to the mix. The MartinLogan VAS breaks this cycle. By utilizing a high-volume, concealed enclosure that sits entirely behind the ceiling surface, we've moved the heavy lifting out of sight. The result is a system that generates the bass of a much larger speaker, but delivers it through a precision-engineered aperture that is virtually indistinguishable from a designer LED downlight. You no longer have to choose between a room that looks beautiful and a room that sounds breathtaking.

#### **Stealthy Bass in Every Space**

"Imagine having a subwoofer at every single speaker location in the ceiling, that is exactly what the Variable Aperture System delivers," said **Andrew Lindsey, Product Manager at MartinLogan**. "With VAS, our mission was to provide clear sound that envelops the listeners, while respecting the design intent and layout of the ceiling. By using an optimized 2" high-output, wide-bandwidth aluminum driver in combination with dual 5.5-inch woofers in a balanced, force-canceling configuration, we've effectively hidden the sound of a much larger speaker and subwoofer within a visual footprint no larger than a standard light fixture."

#### **The "Last-Inch" Integration Edge**

Ensuring unparalleled adaptability for every project, the Variable Aperture System incorporates an innovative **Adjustable Port Offset** feature. This engineering breakthrough empowers designers, particularly during the specification phase, but also for integrators while on-site, to relocate the aperture to the left, right, or center of the housing as required by visual or structural demands. This flexibility, combined with the wide range of the adjustable mounting brackets, provides a high degree of adjustment to achieve the alignment needed for a perfect finish.

*Truth in Sound*

“For the custom integration community, VAS is about removing the friction between the design phase and the final walk-through,” said **Allan Tarrant, Senior Vice President at MartinLogan**. “We wanted to make the system easier to spec and order by providing the onsite agility that modern builds demand. The **Adjustable Port Offset** feature gives designers the flexibility to place ceiling features where they want them, while giving installers the adjustability they need to execute that vision. In the field, you can encounter obstructions that conflict with the plan. VAS provides 'last-inch' precision, allowing the integrator to shift the port offset and maintain perfect symmetry without the need to re-engineer the layout or delay the project with reorders.”

### **Simplified Inventory, Maximum Flexibility**

To streamline the specification process, MartinLogan has consolidated 38 distinct visual combinations into just a few primary SKUs. The VAS Speaker includes both round and square trim options in three different styles (**Seamless/Mud-in, Minimal, and Wide**) and the included grilles support both flush mounting or extended mounting to achieve a total of 12 looks per aperture size. Integrators simply choose the desired grille size (3-inch, 3.5-inch, or 4-inch), and the kit provides the rest. The VAS Subwoofer is available with the same options as the VAS Speaker, plus an additional two Vent Style options, allowing the Subwoofer to blend into the design even without being inline with the speakers.

“Our goal with VAS was to develop a high-performance system that respects the aesthetics of modern architecture while making the dealer's life easier,” said Andrew Lindsey. “We’ve focused on the technical challenges of delivering big sound through a tiny opening, while also prioritizing design and installation flexibility. With VAS, the integrator has everything they need to achieve a variety of discrete looks while also delivering a premium audio experience.”

### **Optimized for MartinLogan’s Power Ecosystem**

The Variable Aperture System is optimized for the MartinLogan power ecosystem. Custom DSP presets for **MP500 V2** and **MDA Series** amplifiers provide tailored performance and enhanced protection. For maximum rack efficiency, a single MP500 V2 amplifier can drive up to four VAS Speakers or two VAS Subwoofers.

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### **Variable Aperture System Product Overview:**

**Variable Aperture Speaker** – *The full-range solution for the minimalist home.*

- **Small Size, Big Sound:** To create an airy, effortless soundstage, VAS uses a specialized 2-inch high-output, wide-bandwidth aluminum driver. By dedicating this precision driver to critical midrange and high frequencies, it delivers vocal realism and a sense of scale unexpected for its size.
- **Vibration-Free Performance:** Low frequencies are handled by dual, balanced 5.5-inch woofers in a force-canceling configuration, ensuring energy is directed into the room as pure sound rather than structural vibration.

**Variable Aperture Subwoofer** – *The same visual DNA, optimized for high-impact bass.*

- **Dedicated Bass Engineering:** This model removes the midrange/high-frequency driver to focus entirely on low-end authority. The dual 5.5-inch drivers feature increased power handling and specialized voice coils, transforming the unit into a high-excursion bass engine.
  - **Perfect Symmetry:** Because the subwoofer uses the exact same aperture options as the speaker, users can bolster the low end of any room while maintaining a perfectly balanced ceiling plan.
  - **Hidden Bass:** The optional Vent Style Trim allows the VAS Subwoofer to be disguised as an air vent, making it easy to add performance to a VAS Speaker layout or any other in-ceiling installation.
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## Availability

The MartinLogan Variable Aperture System (VAS) is scheduled to begin shipping in **June 2026** at **\$1,499.99 USD** per unit and will be available at authorized MartinLogan retailers and custom integrators. For more information, please visit [www.martinlogan.com](http://www.martinlogan.com).

## High-Resolution Visuals Available

To support your coverage, a comprehensive gallery of high-resolution product photography, lifestyle imagery, and brand assets is now available for editorial use.

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## About MartinLogan:

Since 1983, MartinLogan has crafted visionary audio products for the home. From their iconic electrostatic towers to their award-winning architectural series, MartinLogan is dedicated to providing the ultimate listening experience for those who demand technical sophistication and aesthetic elegance.

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