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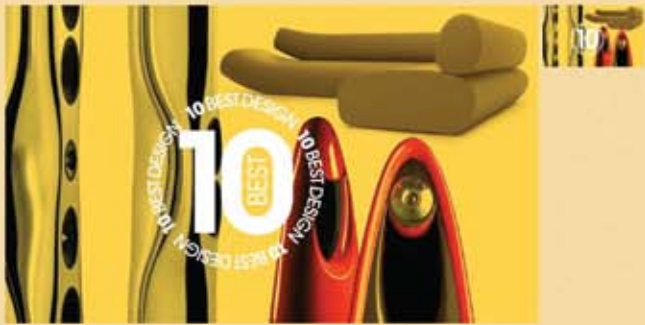
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Our editors and art staff pick the year's best-designed products.

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(with contributions by B.A. Hoffman)

The Zeppelin Soars
An initial assessment of **Bowers & Wilkins' Zeppelin** is that it is a blatant cry for attention in a world seemingly filled with iPod docks. But closer examination reveals that simply is not the case. Its shape is the result of B&W's engineering efforts to deliver uncompromised sound from the unit's two tweeters, two midrange drivers, and single 5-inch

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A style staple

The **Empire Plasma Wall Unit** is the little black dress for the media room. Created by renown fashion designer Nicole Miller—whose furniture pieces are all named after New York landmarks—the Empire is bathed in straight-grain chocolate canaletto wood and is accessorized with glass shelving. Better yet, this sensible yet stylish entertainment unit shows off your best assets (your prized flat-screen TV), and hides the rest (boxy audiovisual components). The stainless-steel swivel pole adds sizzle to TV viewing.

Black Magic

The **BDI Arches Noir** is design and performance magic. Consider its glass cabinetry fronts—the smoke-and-mirrors act subtly conceals gear, but is remote-friendly. Hate having to mount your TV at a manufacturer-chosen height? Your wish is BDI's command: The mounting brackets are adjustable. Even better, all cables vanish into thin air, thanks to the unit's steel mounting tubes.

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