



# TANGLEWOOD

## T6 Acoustic Combo

Plop it on a chair, stick it on a pole: this compact 60W combo will sort out your acoustic sound at a real bargain price. Review by **Jerry Uwins**

**T**anglewood has occasionally offered budget acoustic amps in the past - like the retro-style EA15 and EA30 - but the new T6 combo is the brand's first serious entry into the market. Ah, we hear you murmur, it looks rather like an AER; and yes, with its compact,

The main instrument channel has three-band EQ (each +/-10dB), high/low gain switching and a clip LED, plus a Contour switch for enhancing the highs. The Line/Mic channel, with a combined jack/XLR input and gain switch, offers two-band EQ with the same cut/boost and its own clip

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black-speckle enclosure, top-arrayed control panel and black-foam grille cover, the design has obviously been visually influenced by the German amp maker. However, given its simple carry handle rather than AER's recessed PA type and the distinctive 'T' etched into the foam front, there's no attempt at passing-off. Consider it a tribute.

Rated at 60W RMS, the twin-channel T6 drives an 8" speaker plus separate square-flange tweeter, and the underside of the cab handily includes a 35mm recessed socket for pole mounting. With clear white lettering against a black background, the smoothly damped controls are both straightforward and versatile.

LED. There's no phantom powering for condenser microphones - a slight shame, but an outboard power supply would get around this.

The Master section features four preset digital FX - hall and plate reverbs, chorus/room and a delay - variable for level and pannable between the two channels. The latter rotary can be used for a similar purpose with external effects hooked in via the FX send and return, and there's a rear-panel footswitch socket for FX on/off switching. Other connectors hereabouts comprise Phones, Tuner, Line and DI Outs, a twin-phono Aux In and a useful mini-jack input for an MP3 player.

### Sounds

The amp delivers in spades on all fronts. It's quiet with no intrusive hiss or hum even at full bore; each EQ band is well tempered and smoothly responsive, with Contour adding sparkle not stridency; and there's bags of volume especially via the high-gain route. The sound quality is truly excellent: natural, clear and richly detailed. The effects are finely fettled too - particularly the hall reverb and the closely focused chorus/room - even if the solitary (medium-fast multi-repeat) delay is of only occasional relevance. That said, keep level low on this one and you can approximate a passable slapback-like echo.

### Verdict

Okay, so phantom powering would be a bonus, as would editable and/or more effects, but the T6's unforced, hi-fidelity performance outweighs all that. It's a great acoustic amp - and at under £400 it's an absolute steal. Tanglewood has hit the jackpot. 🎯

### FINAL SCORE

TANGLEWOOD T6 ACOUSTIC COMBO	
<b>Build Quality</b>	18/20
<b>Versatility</b>	17/20
<b>Sound</b>	20/20
<b>Value for money</b>	20/20
<b>Looks</b>	18/20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93%</b>

### FACTFILE

#### Tanglewood T6

**DESCRIPTION** Twin-channel 60W solid-state acoustic combo with 1x8" speaker plus tweeter. Made in China  
**PRICE** £399 including padded gig bag

**CONTROLS** Ch 1: Jack In, clip LED, Gain (with high/low switch), Bass, Middle, Treble, EQ Contour. Ch 2: Jack/XLR In (with line/mic switch), clip LED, Gain, Bass, Treble. Master: Volume, Effect Mode (1-4), Pan and Level. Rear panel: Phones, Tuner, Line and DI Outs, FX loop, Footswitch, Aux and MP3 Ins

**DIMENSIONS** 346mm x 280mm x 346mm  
**WEIGHT** 11.0kg/24.2lb

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