



Salamander Designs Archetype Modular Shelving

Modular shelving units from Salamander Designs can be changed to accommodate varying component ensembles. Thanks to a system that employs hexagonal nuts on solid steel rods, shelf height is a matter of choice. Units can be placed side by side or atop one another and can be linked by special bridging shelves. Neoprene washers are sandwiched between metal ones to damp vibration, while mounting options include wheels, rubber feet, or heavy metal spikes (the last nearly a half pound each).

My 36-inch-high, five shelf, natural cherry Archetype 5.0 came with adequate illustrated instructions and both a level and a wrench; the only other tool required was a tape measure. The 90-minute assembly was simple but tedious, since I tired quickly of spinning



Salamander Archetype System

nuts down threaded rods to their appropriate height. Others may finish more quickly, depending on how critical they are about spacing.

I very much like the Archetypes appearance; its black-oxide gunbarrel-finish hardware contrasts strikingly with the warm

grain of the solid hardwood shelves. Prices for the five-shelf units range from \$249.95 to \$379.95. Two- and three-shelf units (20 and 28 inches, respectively) are available, and other finishes include classic oak, hazelnut, black lacquer, and a black lacquer/cherry combination.



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