

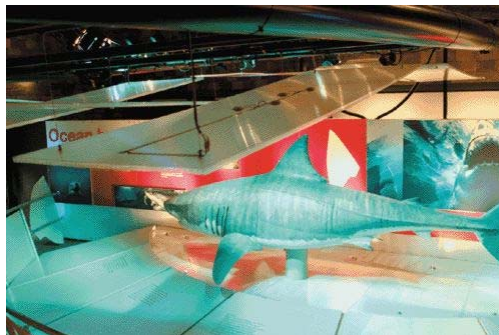


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## NXT technology devours the competition

**NXT, the developer of innovative flat panel speaker technologies, today announced another first for its SurfaceSound™ flat panel speaker technology with news of its inclusion in the new Predators exhibition at The Natural History Museum. Open to visitors until May 2002, this new family-oriented showcase features a range of audio-visual effects enhanced by the use of bespoke acoustic panels made by NXT licensee, Amina Technologies Ltd.**

*Predators'* visitors will learn about the dramatic struggle between the hunter and the hunted, using a series of interactive robotic models; a 5 metre long great white shark, 3 metre chameleon and a 2.5 metre Sydney funnel web spider. Using NXT's SurfaceSound™ technology, clear tri-wall polycarbonate flat panel speakers sited above the terrifying creatures provide the scarily realistic, surround-sound effects from each of the animal exhibits.



NXT's patented flat panel speaker technology represents a radical break from conventional loudspeaker designs by using thin, light and rigid panels driven by tiny exciter elements. Unlike conventional speakers, NXT SurfaceSound™ panels disperse sound evenly across their frequency range creating a "universal sweet spot" ensuring that wherever the listener stands, the audio experience is the same. Conventional speakers, on the other hand, project higher frequencies ö the frequencies at which human hearing is its most acute and voice often pitched ö in a narrow beam so that, unless the listener actually stands underneath the speaker, intelligibility is lost. This is the infamous "station announcer" effect. Ideal for commercial use in exhibitions such as this, the speakers also suffer less volume drop off over distance than conventional cone speakers.

David Pearson, Chief Executive of NXT, commented: "We have always been confident that our technology provided manufacturers with varied and flexible applications, and we are delighted that our technology is being showcased in such a high profile institution as The Natural History Museum. However, I don't think even we would have envisaged our designs being used to imitate poisonous spiders!"

### About NXT

NXT's business is the invention, patenting, licensing and marketing of enabling technologies in sound

and speech. NXT is setting a new world-standard in loudspeakers. It offers a superior alternative to existing technologies across most product sectors while creating new opportunities where conventional technology has been unable to deliver. NXT has developed industry-specific expertise and is focused on helping its licensees get product to market efficiently and cost effectively.

NXT now has over 230 licensees for its patented SurfaceSound™ flat panel loudspeaker technology. Licensees include Acer Computers, Armstrong, DaimlerChrysler, Ericsson, Fiat, General Motors, LG Electronics, Matsushita Communications, NEC, Philips, Siemens and TDK. The company, which is fully listed on the London Stock Exchange (symbol NTX), has Technology Centers in Cambridge and Malvern and operations in London, Tokyo, Hong Kong, California, Detroit, Stuttgart and Hamburg. For more information please refer to [www.nxtsound.com](http://www.nxtsound.com).

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