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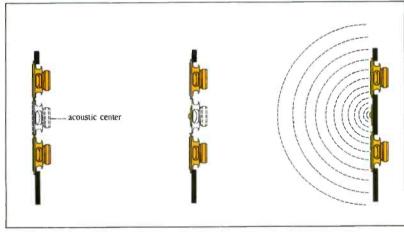
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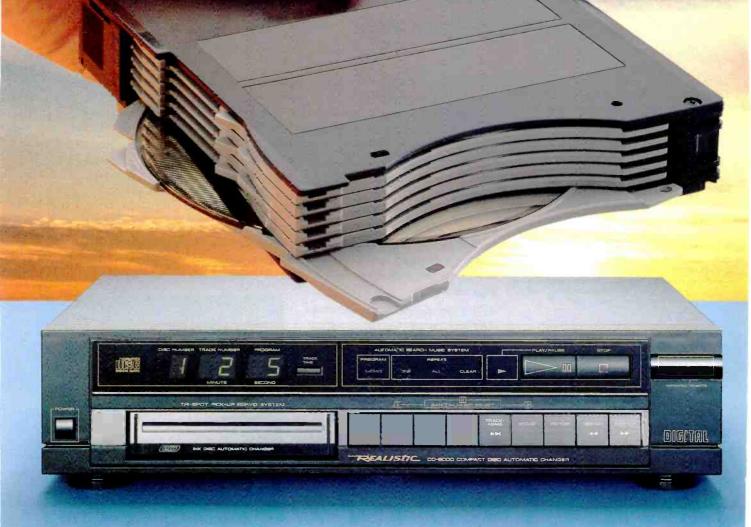


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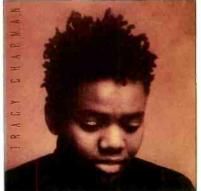
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#### CD Player Listening Tests

Ken C. Pohlmann's listening tests of six top CD players, reported in the December issue, was of great interest to me because I had performed similar testing for STEREO REVIEW nearly two years earlier. At first glance, it would appear that Mr. Pohlmann's listening panel could hear better than mine. They heard differences in twelve out of thirty comparisons using music. My group could only detect differences when unusual test signals were used.

Unfortunately, Mr. Pohlmann's listeners were most likely hearing the halfsecond music-synchronization error that he admitted was possible in his test. This has nothing to do with sound quality, only with which start button was pushed first. He states that he increased the ABX comparison system's mute time to one second to solve this problem. I believe that his listeners. all musically inclined, would be capable of keeping time during the one-second mute and that they would be either in time or out of time when the music reconnected. I believe that they could not prevent themselves from hearing this unconsciously. If that is true, the article's claim to have found audible differences between these CD players is unsubstantiated.

I tested the audibility of music-synchronization error by using digital signal delays and found it to be audible. I used a CD player feeding JBL 7922 signal delays, with the reference output (one millisecond delay) connected to the A input of the ABX comparator and the output with maximum delay (328 milliseconds) connected to the B input. This is like comparing two identical CD players with one leading the other by 327 milliseconds, or just under a third of a second. The comparator was adjusted for one second of mute time during signal switches. The delay taps were tested for delay and frequency-response accuracy and found to be exceptionally well matched.

I scored twelve correct identifications out of twenty trials, which is not statis-tically significant. When a musician friend of mine tried it, he scored sixteen correct out of sixteen. This is proof that a considerably smaller synchronization error than Mr. Pohlmann accepted can be audible. In my CD player tests two years ago, I used elaborate means to insure synchronization accurate to within 100 microseconds, which, in turn, allowed the minimum mute time and the highest resolution.

In my opinion, Mr. Pohlmann has not proved that the differences between two CD players are audible with music. DAVID L. CLARK

Farmington Hills, MI

A couple of points regarding the procedure used for the CD player comparisons in December:

First, the listening conditions were anything but typical. The listening room, in particular, was not normal, being anechoic in nature ("treated throughout with fiberglass baffles 1 foot thick"), and I would imagine that the speaker-to-listener distances were also quite close to reduce residual room effects further. While such "headphonelike" conditions do allow one to hear things that would not ordinarily be heard, even with a fine typical system/ room configuration, the results are potentially misleading to individuals shopping for a CD player to complement an average installation.

Second, the fade test on Track 20 of the CBS CD-1 test disc (a 500-Hz tone dropping from -60 to -120 dB) is certainly demanding, but-even though it was discounted in the face-off-the results are again misleading for a consumer-oriented comparison. For one thing, the test itself was skewed, since the amplifier gain was advanced substantially to make the test tone more audible as it fell. If the gain had been left at a normal level, the fade-away aberrations would have been far less audible but more significant.

HOWARD FERSTLER Tallahassee, FL

Ken C. Pohlmann replies: David Clark is absolutely correct about the importance of synchronizing sound sources. Taking a lead from his earlier tests, I was careful to eliminate timing differences as a variable in these tests by a series of measures: manual synchronization to within a half second, manipulation of the spindle-motor-drive circuit signals to achieve alignment, comparative monitoring of the right-channel signals through headphones to maintain an in-phase audio image, comparative monitoring of CD frame synchronization bytes at the EFM demodulator and the audio waveforms, halting of trials if drift was detected, and use of an extended mute time when switching. As stated in the printed report, our success at eliminating timing differences as a variable was independently validated in tests using two identical players.

Mr. Clark's assumption that all of the listeners were musically inclined is incorrect. Although some musicians (students and faculty) participated, the majority of the listeners were not musically trained. Well aware of the potential problem of rhythmic aptitude, I carefully monitored results from musicians and nonmusicians in the test; as a group, the musicians scored below the nonmusicians.

Regarding Howard Ferstler's criti-



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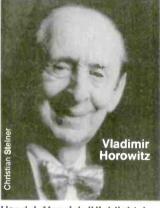
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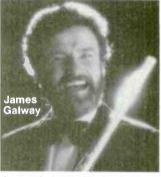
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cisms, the listening room was not intended to approximate a typical room; rather, the intent was to negate room effects and thus achieve a control. Low reverberation or "headphone-like" conditions are not necessarily without precedent—some people listen to CD players through headphones. Also, Mr. Ferstler is incorrect in assuming close speakerto-listener distances.

As for the use of Track 20 on the CBS test disc, the purpose was to ascertain whether audible differences exist under special conditions. Mr. Ferstler's implication that readers would be confused by this is not considerate of the readers' intelligence.

#### Tom Waits

Parke Puterbaugh's December "Best of the Month" review of Tom Waits's "Big Time" album is probably the most cogent and insightful critique I've ever read. It's entertaining and manages to put into words exactly what this reader feels but could never articulate. At a time when musical styles are clonish and derivative, Waits *is* a breath of fresh "bus fumes." Bravo, Mr. Puterbaugh!

RALPH MIRA Lake Park, FL

#### CD Stretch

In a December letter, Todd J. Janus lists a number of stereo CD's that are over seventy-four minutes long. I have one that is seventy-six minutes and fifty-seven seconds! It's Marta Deyanova's CD of the twenty-four Rachmaninoff preludes on Nimbus, and a lovely recording it is, too. I wonder if that's the current record for length.

> RAYMOND A. BISWANGER Slippery Rock, PA

In the fall of 1988 Angel released a recording of Johann Strauss's Eine Nacht in Venedig (One Night in Venice) in its mid-line Studio series, a mono recording dating from the Fifties with Elizabeth Schwarzkopf and Nicolai Gedda, Otto Ackermann conducting. Although the mono information is encoded on both stereo channels, unlike the double-length Rodolphe mono CD's, which use only one channel, the playing time is an astounding seventy-nine minutes.

#### The High End

As much as I love each issue of STER-EO REVIEW, I have really begun to appreciate Ralph Hodges's "The High End" column. With every column, Mr. Hodges seems to connect with some *emotional* facet of my interest in music and stereo equipment. Whether he's describing the nearly indescribable thrill of owning a pair of Paul Klipsch's speakers or reassuring me that having no "cocktail-party effect" ability doesn't mean I'm going deaf, Hodges always speaks to feelings I thought I experienced alone.

> DAVID REED LONG Boone, NC

#### Rattle's Sibelius

The Sibelius Symphony No. 4 is an austere masterwork that demands a terse, sharp edge, but in his December review of the new EMI/Angel recording, Richard Freed raves about the



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plodding, heavyhanded reading that Simon Rattle gives it. I suggest he listen to Vladimir Ashkenazy's cold-as-steel version on London.

NILES MONTEMORE Woodbury, NJ

#### Speaker Distortion

In the November issue's test report on the Polk Audio SDA-SRS 2.3 speaker system, Julian Hirsch said that its low level of bass distortion had been matched only by other Polk SDA speakers. That statement is contradicted by two earlier test reports. Lower measured distortion at very low frequencies was reported for both the Velodyne ULD-12 in March 1988 and the Allison IC20 in the May issue. This in no way diminishes the fine performance delivered by the Polk systems, but the record should be clarified.

ROY F. ALLISON President, Allison Acoustics Natick, MA

Another reader pointed out that the Klipsch Forté, tested for July 1986, also

had low-bass distortion as low as or lower than the Polk Audio system reported on in November. Our apologies.

#### Licensing Logic

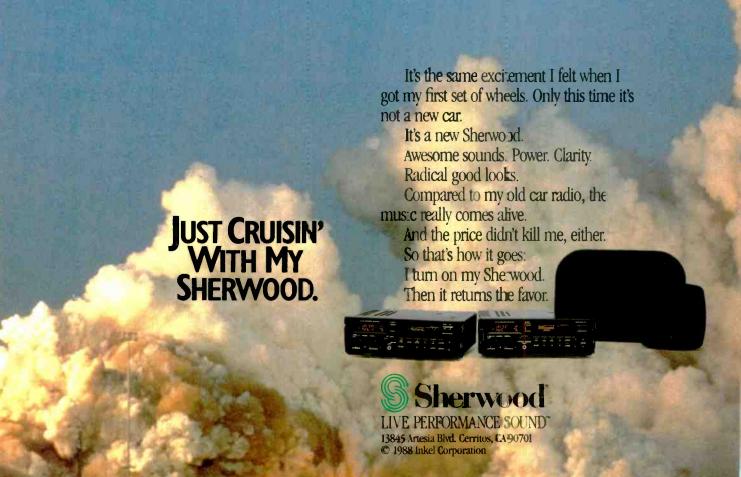
In November's "The High End," about home-movie sound, Ralph Hodges states that "Peter Scheiber, who first suggested matrixing to the audio industry in the early Seventies, has kept various patented schemes of logic en-Mr. hancement close to his bosom." Hodges appears to be saying that I initially used my surround-sound patents to block Shure Brothers' aim of bringing high-performance surround sound to the home viewer. The fact is, Shure brought their Home Theater Sound products to market on their own schedule, not mine, voluntarily taking a license under my relevant patents in the process. I am proud to have been granted basic patents in the field and proud that Dolby, Shure, and other prominent companies are using my patented technology under license.

Mr. Hodges's column notes that "both Shure and Dolby cut deals with Scheiber, and both went on their merry ways to implement audio logic circuitry." Two other prominent audio companies that "cut deals" with me to make "logic" surround processors are Aphex, which is building the processor circuitry for Proton's equipment, and Fosgate, which is alone in being licensed under my newest patent.

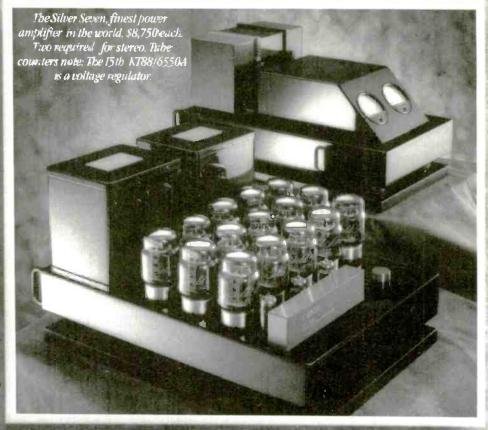
Dolby Labs is *sublicensing* other manufacturers, rather than manufacturing "logic" decoders itself. Dolby's license under my basic matrix/logic patents specifies use of "logic" separation enhancement with one surround channel, which is current practice.

Shure and Aphex are licensed under the same basic patents to manufacture "logic" decoders. Fosgate is also, but in addition it is the only company that is licensed under my new patent, No. 4,704,728, which covers stable, spatially "open" decoding using a simplified signal path with a minimal number of components. Moreover, I have worked with Fosgate directly on detailed circuit design for its surround products.

> PETER SCHEIBER Bloomington, IN



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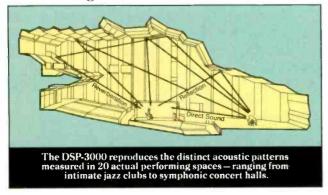
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#### Scotch

The 3M Company is making its Scotch brand digital audio tape (DAT) cassettes available in four lengths: 46, 60, 90, and 120 minutes. Prices: C-46, \$9; C-60, \$11; C-90, \$13; C-120, \$15. Scotch Magnetic Media Products, Dept. SR, 3M Center, St. Paul, MN 55144-1000.

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#### Sherwood

Sherwood's AM-7040 power amplifier, in the company's new 7000 Series, has a high-speed power-MOSFET output stage with high instantaneous current capacity, independent power transformers for each channel, and variable- and fixed-level inputs. Relays prevent transient-noise damage to loudspeakers. Output is rated as 200 watts per channel into 8 ohms from 20 to 20,000 Hz with no more than 0.025 percent distortion. Frequency response is rated as 1 to 25,000 Hz, signal-to-noise ratio as 125 dB, and intermodulation distortion as 0.015 percent. Price: \$949.95. Sherwood, Dept. SR, 13845 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90701-5095. *Circle 122 on reader service card* 

#### Ultimate Sound

Ultimate Sound's UBCPB 12-3 threeway car speaker system has a 12-inch woofer, a 5-inch midrange, and two Motorola piezoelectric tweeters in each cabinet. It can handle up to 200 watts of power with a frequency response rated as 25 to 30,000 Hz. Cabinets are finished in gray or black carpet. Price: \$399.95 a pair. Ultimate Sound, Dept. SR, 19330 East San Jose Ave., City of Industry, CA 91748. *Circle 123 on reader service card* 





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#### Sansui

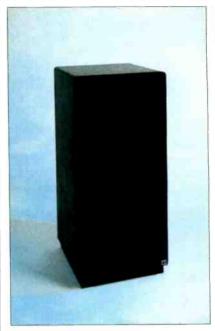
The D-X301i cassette deck from Sansui uses full-logic, dual-function controls, which allow it to have numerous features without a separate control for each one. Its features include Dolby B and Dolby C noise reduction, Dolby HX Pro headroom extension, twentyselection automatic music program search, bidirectional music scan, two repeat modes, bias fine tuning, and a switchable multiplex filter. Frequency response with Type II tape is rated as 30 to 20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB, signal-to-noise ratio as 75 dB using Dolby C, and wowand-flutter as 0.05 percent wrms. Sansui Electronics Corp., Dept. SR, 1250 Valley Brock Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ 07071. *Circle 124 on reader service card* 



#### Mitsubishi

A digital audio tape (DAT) player for the car, the Mitsubishi DT 10 has a DIN-style chassis and is equipped with an auxiliary radio/tape input switch that permits using it with an outboard car radio. A moisture-protection circuit prevents condensation buildup on the tape head, which is said to extend tape life and maximize performance. Dynamic range is rated as 85 dB, signal-tonoise ratio as 90 dB, and frequency response as 20 to 20,000 Hz. Features include high-speed music search, sequential program scan, program skip, automatic power off, and three repeat modes. Price: \$1,650. Mitsubishi Electric Sales America, Dept. SR, 800 Biermann Court, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056-2173.

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#### Nelson-Reed

The Nelson-Reed Model 1204/P acoustic-suspension active subwoofer is an upgrade of the Model 1204 subwoofer. Frequency response is rated as 16 to 62 Hz ± 3 dB. Sensitivity is rated as 93 dB sound-pressure level at 1 meter with a 1-watt input, and impedance is switchable between 2, 4, and 8 ohms. Dimensions are 39 x 18 x 18 inches. The cabinet finish is oiled oak, oiled walnut, or black lacquer. The Model 1204/P requires an external active crossover, the AC-1204, which can run one or more subwoofers. Nelson-Reed products carry a five-year warranty for normal home use. Prices: subwoofer, \$1,200; crossover, \$570. Nelson-Reed, Dept. SR, 15810 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95032.

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#### Citizen

The ASP 777 amplified speakers from Citizen are designed to accompany its CBM 777 portable CD player, but they will work with virtually any pocket-size stereo unit. Dimensions are approximately  $34 \times 434 \times 634$  inches. The builtin amplifier is rated for 1 watt per channel (2.5 watts maximum), and the speakers' frequency response is given as 100 to 20,000 Hz. Finish is black or white, and an AC adaptor is supplied. CBM America Corp., Dept. SR, 2999 Overland Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064. Circle 127 on reader service card





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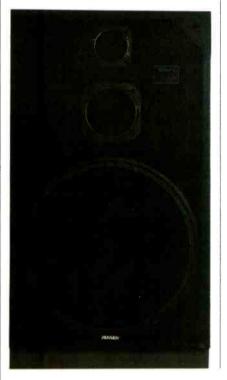
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The Compact Disc Cabinet from CWD holds forty CD's and comes with rubber feet for easy stacking. The handfinished wood cabinets are available in light, dark, or black oak or natural walnut. Dimensions are  $221/4 \times 91/2 \times 6$ inches. Price: light and dark oak, \$85; black oak and walnut, \$99. Custom Woodwork & Design, Dept. SR, 5200 W. 73rd St., Bedford Park, 1L 60638. *Circle 131 on reader service card* 



#### Museatex Audio

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#### BULLETIN

by Christie Barter and Rebecca Day

#### BRAND POWER

Sony is the third most familiar brand name in the developed world, according to San Francisco-based Landor Associates, an image consulting company. Sony finished behind Coca-Cola and I.B.M. in the survey of 9,000 consumers in the U.S., Japan, and Western Europe. Also making the list was Yamaha at No. 25. The report indicated that only forty firms have a presence in all three markets.

#### FUTURES: HDTV

Wide-screen HDTV (highdefinition television) sets offering dramatically improved picture quality and digital stereo sound could go on sale in the U.S. as early as 1993, according to a report by Robert R. Nathan Associates, Inc., a Washington, D.C., research group. The report predicts that HDTV sets will cost about \$2,500 initially and that within four years of their introduction 10 percent of all U.S. households will own one. But before HDTV sets can go on sale, twenty-three proposed systems must be evaluated by the FCC, which must adopt a standard by 1991. Commissioned by the Electronic Industries Association (EIA) as a product of its newly formed HDTV Information Center, the report also predicts that roughly the same number of workers will be employed in domestic TV manufacturing whether or not HDTV is introduced and that 92 percent of some 13 million sets projected to be sold here in the year 2003 will be made in the U.S., contributing \$6.2 billion to the American economy.

#### MUSIC NOTES

Atlantic Records has just concluded its fortieth-anniversary observances with two special boxed anthologies—"Classic Rock 1966-1988," including sides by thirty artists from AC/DC and Bad Company to Yes and the Young Rascals, and "Great Moments in Jazz," spanning thirty-two years and featuring such artists as Thelonious Monk, Ornette Coleman, the Modern Jazz Quartet, and Rahsaan Roland Kirk.... Virgin has opened a music "megastore" on the Champs-Elysées in Paris offering everything from CD's to computer screens.... The Pittsburgh Symphony has signed with Telarc for at least four new recordings to be conducted by Lorin Maazel.... Shelter Records, home label during the Seventies to such artists as Leon Russell, who co-founded the company, and Dwight Twilley, has been reactivated in a joint venture with Dunhill Compact Classics.

#### LASER SIX-SHOOTER

The first videodisc player from Philips, the CDV488, is also the first player anywhere to play six different types of discs: the new one-sided 8-inch video singles, CD's, CD-3's, 5-inch CD-v's, and 8and 12-inch videodiscs. Priced at \$1.300, it has separate chrominance and luminance (Y/C) outputs for connection to Super VHS terminals on high-resolution monitors as well as 16-bit, quadruple-oversampling digital filters and dual 16-bit digital-to-analog converters. The accompanying programmable remote control can operate up to ten components.

#### TECH NOTES

Speaker manufacturer New England Audio Resource, which has purchased dies and proprietary production machinery from Bozak, has announced that it can now repair or replace any Bozak products made in the past thirty-five years. Write to N.E.A.R., 1450 Hanover Ave., Meridan, CT 06450... Blaupunkt has introduced the New York, a car CD tuner that features Track Program Memory. The \$899 player can memorize a user's track-sequence preferences for up to eighteen discs. It has a four-digit security code and is also removable.... In-wall speaker manufacturer Sonance has been granted a patent for its mounting

brackets. The patent covers both a bracket designed for new construction and a retrofit bracket designed for already-built walls.... The British Parliament passed a new copyright law omitting a tax on blank tape that record companies had backed..... Watch manufacturer Seiko is expected to begin marketing this month a line of consumer audio products including CD players, portable cassette receivers, and pocket stereos under the SII/Seiko Instruments brand name.

#### BIG PLANS FOR MOZART

Commemoration on discs of the two hundredth anniversary of Mozart's death in 1791 will commence in August 1990 when Philips Classics releases the first in a series of 180 compact discs devoted to the popular composer's music. The CD's will be contained in a total of forty-five boxed sets, which will stretch, according to Philips, across some 8 feet of shelf space. And from January 1991 through August 1992, the eleven resident companies at New York's Lincoln Center will between them perform every one of Mozart's compositions-369 orchestral works, 21 operas, 97 chamber works, and 200-plus sonatas, vocal ensembles, songs, and other Dieces



#### AUDIO Q&A



#### Shared Speaker

I am planning a system that will include three speakers, although they will only be used two at a time. On some occasions, speaker A will handle the left channel and speaker B the right; at other times, speaker B will carry the left signal and speaker C the right. My amplifier has switching for two sets of speakers, and the simplest way to achieve what I want would be to connect speaker A to the left channel of the first set of outputs, speaker C to the right channel of the second, and speaker B to both the first right-channel output and the second left-channel one, but I am worried about causing damage if both speaker switches are accidentally depressed at the same time. How can I avoid that?

#### LOWELL JOHNSON New Brighton, MN

Your concerns are real because activating both speaker switches on your amplifier would connect both output stages together through speaker B, and this could well cause damage. Your safest bet would be to insert a singlepole double-throw (SPDT) switch in the line to speaker B, allowing it to be connected either to the right-channel terminals of the first set of amplifier outputs or to the left-channel terminals of the second set, but never to both. To change from one configuration to the other would require you to select the appropriate speaker switch on the amplifier and throw this extra switch.

Slightly more complex to wire, but simpler to operate, would be a setup using one set of amplifier outputs wired to the speakers through a four-pole double-throw switch. In the left position, say, section 1 of the switch would connect speaker A to the left channel and section 2 would connect speaker B to the right; in the other position, both those connections would be broken, and section 3 would connect speaker B to the left channel while section 4 would connect speaker C to the right. Depending on the switch you use, an intermediate everything-off position might be provided as well. Such switches are inexpensive and are available at any electronics parts store.

#### Crosstalk Cancellation

Since circuits like Carver's Sonic Holography widen the apparent sound stage by purely electrical means, would it be possible for a similar type of crosstalk cancellation to be encoded in recordings to provide the same listening experience without the need for a processor in the listening system?

> ERIC JONES Lamesa, TX

A No. Sonic Holography is one of several techniques that are designed to compensate for a flaw common to every stereo system. In a live performance, each sound originates from one point in space, and we are able to locate it by means of tiny variations in its arrival time at our ears. If there are no such interaural time differences, we hear the sound as directly in front of us, while slight variances place it on the side at which it arrived first. The greater the time difference, the farther from center stage the sound image will seem to be.

With a conventional stereo system, however, virtually every sound is reproduced to some degree by *both* speakers, and their outputs reach both ears at slightly different times. The directional clues are therefore confused, and proper imaging becomes difficult.

The way around this effect is to restore the proper time relationships by removing from each channel, through various sophisticated cancellation processes, material intended only for the opposite ear. For this to work, however, the processor must be adjustable to take into account the distance from speaker to speaker, the distance from each speaker to the listener, the angle formed by the listener and the speakers, and so forth. The size and furnishings of the room come into play to some extent as well.

There is no way that a record producer can predict where or how his product will be heard, and all systems and rooms are different, so adding the sort of signal processing you suggest at the recording stage would be next to impossible.

#### Subcode Output

My compact disc player has a "subcode" output. Can that be connected to a PCM adaptor for making digital-to-digital copies?

FIDEL SOTO San Sebastian, PR

When the original specification for the compact disc was developed by Philips and Sony, it provided for the future development of a system for retrieving additional information graphics, for instance—from a digital disc using an outboard decoder of some sort. In anticipation of this, many of the first compact disc machines provided a subcode output, even though nobody really knew what it would be used for. What it *couldn't* be used for was access to the audio signal on the disc. No subcode system was forthcoming, however, so now few players include the jack.

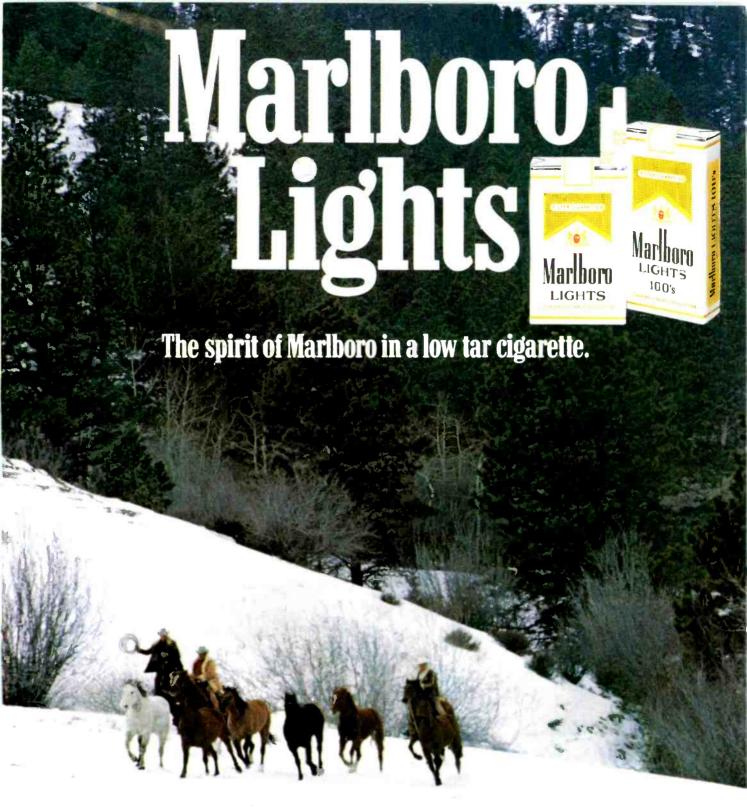
#### Audio/Video Inputs

I am interested in buying a receiver with more inputs than are usually provided. Do the video inputs of an audio/video receiver accept an RF signal from a TV antenna, a composite video signal, or simply the audio portion of a video signal? If just audio, can tape decks or CD players be connected to them instead?

> JAMES A. RUSSELL, JR. Dunbar, WV

A Increasingly, receiver manufacturers provide video switching for those users who have integrated audiovideo systems, and particularly those with more than one video component. These extra circuits allow dubbing from one VCR to another, for instance, or from a videodisc to tape. The routing of any of these signals to a video monitor can be done from the front panel of the receiver as well.

Such receivers handle only what is called "direct video," rather than RFmodulated TV signals, and simply provide a convenient way of hooking various video components together. As with patch cords between VCR's, audio and video are handled separately through separate inputs and outputs, although they are usually switched together. The audio inputs for the video portion of an A/V receiver are identical to the other line-level inputs, so they can be used for extra audio equipment if you have no need of the video facilities.



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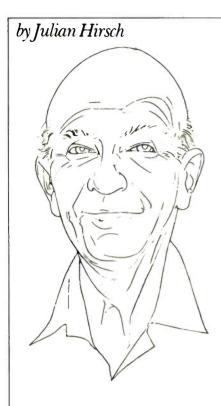
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#### **TECHNICAL TALK**



#### Wanted: Car Audio Standards!

CTUALLY, there is a standard covering performance measurements on automobile radios, amplifiers, and tape decks. Originally created in 1979 by an ad hoc committee of car audio manufacturers, it was adopted by the Electronic Industries Association as an Interim Standard in 1981. It is based on an earlier IHF (Institute of High Fidelity) standard for home audio products, modified to suit the special characteristics of car equipment. Although I know of no specific revisions of EIA IS-1 to include CD players, these can easily be derived from the current procedures used for measuring home CD players.

By comparison with more recent EIA standards, the interim car audio standard leaves much to be desired, but it is better than nothing, and I have no *serious* complaints about it. A more serious problem, as I see it, has little to do with measurement methods per se. It is more fundamental than that. In order to measure the performance of any audio product—whether a tuner, amplifier, receiver, tape deck, or CD player—it is necessary to connect it to a source of power and to supply suitable input signals and output loads where the output from the device can be measured. These requirements apply equally to car components and home components.

Virtually since the inception of component hi-fi, more than forty years ago, there has been a de facto standardization of the signal input and output connectors and the power input connectors. A power connector, of course, consists of a standard AC plug and cord, as required by electrical safety codes, that matches the corresponding outlets in the home, with some variations between countries.

Signal input connectors are even more universally standardized. The so-called RCA phono jack and plug, originally used in RCA's products for convenient connection between a record player and an amplifier. proved to be so effective and inexpensive that it has been adopted throughout the world. There are a few exceptions-many European products use DIN connectors, which have a multipin configuration that reduces the number of separate cables joining the components of a system. Adaptors are usually required when installing or testing such products in the United States.

Antenna input connectors on tuners and receivers are usually screwhead terminals that grip the ends of a 300-ohm antenna transmission line (or a lug attached to the wire). Sometimes there is a spring-loaded connector that grips a stripped wire end inserted into a hole. Similar connectors are sometimes used for

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Sansui RZ-7000 Receiver Yamaha NS-1 Speaker Marantz CDC-320 Compact Disc Changer Bose 10.2 Series II Speaker loudspeaker outputs. Frequently a 75-ohm coaxial antenna input is provided, perhaps in addition to a 300-ohm input, and for this an F-type connector is now universal.

Real problems can face an installer because car audio lacks the kind of interface standardization we have in home audio.

The general agreement among home audio manufacturers on how a hi-fi component should interface with others in a system, with its input source and output load, and with a commercial power source makes it easy to install components. even if they are from different manufacturers, or to test their performance in the laboratory. The situation with car audio components is totally different. I assume that an experienced car audio installer is familiar with the process and will have the necessary materials on hand, but real problems can face the hapless reviewer or nonprofessional installer whose work is not exclusively with mobile equipment because car audio almost totally lacks the kind of interface standardization we have in home audio.

A typical car stereo "head unit," consisting of a tuner, a cassette deck (or CD player), and a low-power amplifier, has a number of wires hanging from it, some fitted with small male or female clips and others with no terminating connector. There is likely to be a limited degree of color coding to identify the function of the wires, but the value of this is diminished by the seemingly endless variety of output configurations employed by different manufacturers.

It is usually safe to assume that a red (or orange) wire goes to a positive DC source and that a black wire is a ground connection (although there are usually several DC inputs required, for different functions in the system). There are also always a number of other leads whose functions are not so obvious. If installation instructions are provided (which may not be the case), it

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should be possible to connect the head unit to a power source and eventually get it operating. At best, however, there will be a cluttered mass of wires to contend with, and the required setup is likely to be different for each model tested.

Annoying as this is, it usually presents no insurmountable problems. Where real problems appear is in the case of a powerful external amplifier. In recent tests of a number of these amplifiers, rated for outputs from 150 to 600 watts or more, I was disturbed to find that no two of them used the same size or type of DC-input and speakeroutput connectors. Since the primary DC power had to be delivered through cables whose wire conductors were about 3/8 inch in diameter. making connections was not as simple as wrapping a wire around a screw and tightening it!

The largest amplifiers should have been supplied through large, heavy copper lugs soldered to the cable ends, but such lugs would have been much too large to fit the smaller connector strips of the others. In fact, almost any cable heavy enough to carry the huge currents drawn by the largest of these amplifiers would be too thick to be connected to any of the smaller ones. Conversely, any cable suitable for use with the lower-powered amplifiers in the test group could not have carried the 100 amperes or so required by the larger ones.

Naturally, a 200-watt amplifier and a 600-watt amplifier have very different power requirements. If both used the same connection design, however, such as insulated barrier strips or drilled metal blocks with set-screws to clamp the wire, differing only in size, it might be possible to adapt several sizes of lug or cable to fit different amplifiers. Most car amps (though not all) already have standard phono-jack signal input connectors, and it seems to me that no great compromise would be required on the part of any manufacturer to adapt its products to an industry standard, even if it were only a de facto one.

And while they are about it, how about requiring a *prominent* statement on or with each amplifier that has a bridged output, as most of the high-powered models do, warning that its outputs (and, if applicable, its inputs as well) must never be grounded?

It would take only a minute amount of applied common sense on the part of some (if not all) of the manufacturers of these products to shift the testing—and, no doubt, the installation—process from the Twilight Zone back to the real world where it belongs. With sensible standardization the frequency of "amplicide" in testing or using these products would be dramatically reduced.



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# SANSUI RZ-7000 RECEIVER

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ANSUI'S RZ-7000 receiver has several features not typical of its price range. There are preset memories for up to thirty FM and AM stations, a scan mode that samples each preset channel for 5 seconds before proceeding to the next one, and memories for up to four alphanumeric characters for each preset, so that the station's call letters or other identifying information can be displayed.

Instead of conventional tone controls, the RZ-7000 has a five-band graphic equalizer with center frequencies of 100, 330, 1,000, 8,300, and 10,000 Hz and a control range of  $\pm 10$  dB. Rocker switches for each band adjust the gain in 2-dB increments. Five other EQ buttons call up factory-set response curves and can also store and recall five user-selected responses. The graphic display also serves as a rudimentary realtime spectrum analyzer, showing the program level in each of its bands. Any EQ response can also be stored in a preset tuner memory so that a station requiring a specific equalization will automatically be heard with it.

There are input-selector buttons for the tuner, a CD player, a phono cartridge, an audio tape deck, and two VCR's or a VCR and a videodisc player. The rear apron of the RZ-7000 contains processor input and output jacks, normally joined by jumpers, for connecting an accessory such as an ambience enhancer, outboard equalizer, surroundsound device, or noise-reduction unit into the signal path. There are two AC outlets, one switched.

The front panel of the RZ-7000 also has a headphone jack, separate selector buttons for two sets of speakers, a loudness-compensation button, a balance control knob, and a large volume knob with a bright red LED pointer that is clearly visible at a distance. The receiver is furnished with a wireless remote control that can also operate certain compatible Sansui components such as a tape deck or CD player. The remote operates virtually all of the receiver's front-panel functions, including power switching and volume adjustment (the volume knob is turned by a small motor under the control of the remote).

The audio amplifier of the RZ-7000 is rated to deliver 70 watts per channel into 8-ohm loads from 20 to 20,000 Hz with no more than 0.02 percent total harmonic distortion. It can drive two pairs of speakers, whose combined minimum impedance should not be less than 4 ohms.

The Sansui RZ-7000 measures 17

inches wide, 131/4 inches deep, and 5 inches high, and it weighs 22 pounds. Price: \$600. Sansui, Dept. SR, 1250 Valley Brook Ave., Lyndhurst. NJ 07071.

#### Lab Tests

The top cover of the Sansui RZ-7000 became only moderately warm during our 1-hour preconditioning period and subsequent high-power operation. With both channels driving 8-ohm loads at 1,000 Hz, the output clipped at 100 watts per channel. The clipping power into 4 and 2 ohms was 132 and 163 watts, respectively. Dynamic power outputs were substantially higher, respectively 132, 210, and 280 watts into impedances of 8, 4, and 2 ohms.

The total harmonic distortion (THD) plus noise decreased steadily with increasing power output into 8

#### **FEATURES**

- Quartz-PLL digital-synthesis AM/FM tuner with thirty presets
- D Preset scan Memories for call letters of
- preset stations Direct station selection by frequency
- D Five-band graphic equalizer/
- spectrum analyzer Memories for factory-set equalization curves and five user-defined curves
- Able to store selected equalization curves with preset station frequencies
- □ Inputs for CD, phono, audio tape deck, two video sources

- □ Separate input/output jacks for
  - signal processor
- Loudness switch
- Outputs and switching for two pairs of speakers Headphone jack
- Audio mute
- □ Full-function remote control; can also operate other
- compatible Sansui components □ Volume knob motor-driven in
- remote operation □ Low-impedance-load amplifier
- capability □ Inputs for 75- and 300-ohm FM
- antennas
- Detachable, pivoting wire-loop AM antenna

#### LABORATORY MEASUREMENTS

- □ Tuner Section (all figures for FM only except frequency response; measurements in microvolts, or  $\mu V$ , referred to 300-ohm input)
- Usable sensitivity (mono): 16 dBf (3.5 µV)
- **50-dB quieting sensitivity:** mono, 17 dBf (4  $\mu$ V); stereo, 38 dBf (43.7 µV)
- Signal-to-noise ratio at 65 dBf: mono, 83 dB; stereo, 74 dB
- Harmonic distortion (THD + noise) at 65 dBf: mono, 0.23%; stereo, 0.2%
- Capture ratio at 65 dBf: 1.5 dB AM rejection at 65 dBf: 67 dB
- Image rejection: 38 dB
- Selectivity: alternate-channel, 67 dB; adjacent-channel, 4 dB
- Stereo threshold: 21 dBf ( $6.2 \mu V$ ) 19-kHz pilot carrier leakage:
  - -34 dB
- Hum: -77 dB
- Stereo channel separation at 100, 1,000, and 10,000 Hz: 36, 41, and 36 dB
- Frequency response: FM, 30 to 15,000 Hz + 1.5, -1 dB; AM, 60 to 2,500 Hz +0.8, -6 dB

- □ Amplifier Section
- 1,000-Hz output power at clipping: 100 watts into 8 ohms, 132 watts into 4 ohms, 163 watts into 2 ohms
- Clipping headroom (relative to rated output, 8 ohms): 1.55 dB
- Dynamic power output: 132 watts into 8 ohms, 210 watts into 4 ohms, 280 watts into 2 ohms
- Dynamic headroom (8 ohms): 2.75 dB
- Harmonic distortion (THD + noise) at 1,000 Hz into 8 ohms: 1% at 1 watt, 0.36% at 10 watts, 0.18% at 70 watts
- Maximum distortion (20 to 20,000 Hz into 8 ohms): 0.09% at 70 watts, 400 Hz
- Sensitivity (for a 1-watt output into 8 ohms): CD, 47 mV; phono, 0.5 mV
- A-weighted noise (referred to a 1-watt output): CD, -76.2 dB; phono -73.5 dB
- Phono-input overload: 130 to 136 mV, 20 to 20,000 Hz
- Phono-input impedance: 49,000 ohms in parallel with 160 pF
- RIAA equalization error: ±0.1 dB from 23 to 20,000 Hz Slew factor: greater than 25

ohms, from 1 percent at 1 watt to 0.16 percent at 100 watts. The 4ohm characteristic was similar, with the distortion falling from 1.5 percent at 1 watt to 0.16 percent at 200 watts. With a 2-ohm load (for which the amplifier is not rated) the distortion fell from 3.4 percent at 1 watt to a minimum of 1.6 percent in the 30- to 60-watt range, rising to just over 2 percent at 200 watts.

Frequency response was flat from 40 to 2,000 Hz, falling to -0.5 dB at 20 and 3,500 Hz and to -5.5 dB at 20,000 Hz, measured through the CD inputs with standard EIA reference gain settings. There was little change in the distortion readings with frequency; at 10 watts into 8 ohms the THD plus noise was between 0.04 and 0.07 percent from 20 to 20,000 Hz, and at 70 watts the readings were between 0.015 and 0.09 percent.

The RIAA phono-equalization error was  $\pm 0.1$  dB from 23 to 20,000 Hz. The equalizer response curves were essentially as rated in respect to their center frequencies and adjustment ranges. The loudness compensation boosted both low and high frequencies slightly at reduced volume settings, with a maximum effect of +7 dB below 100 Hz and +5 dB from 10,000 to 20,000 Hz.

The phono-input impedance was equivalent to a 49,000-ohm resistance in parallel with a 160-picofarad capacitance. The input overloaded at about 130 millivolts at all frequencies. The amplifier's sensitivity for a 1-watt reference output was 47 millivolts (mv) through the CD inputs and 0.5 mV through the phono input, with corresponding Aweighted signal-to-noise ratios of 76.2 and 73.5 dB.

We measured the FM tuner section's response at the tape output to eliminate any influence from the amplifier's frequency response. It was +1.5, -1 dB from 30 to 15,000 Hz. The channel separation was a maximum of 43 dB at 400 Hz and exceeded 30 dB from 40 to 15,000 Hz. The capture ratio of 1.5 dB and the AM rejection of 67 dB were both good, but the image rejection was marginal at 38 dB. Alternate-channel selectivity was quite good, 67 dB, but the less important adjacentchannel reading of 4 dB was so-so.

#### Comments

The power-amplifier section of the Sansui RZ-7000 was surprisingly rugged, especially for a receiver. It withstood our abuse, driving load impedances less than it was designed for, without ever shutting down or overheating, let alone blowing a fuse or suffering any damage. The preamplifier also acquitted itself well, although we cannot account for the greater than usual rolloff at 20,000 Hz. The phono-input overload level was at least adequate and was virtually constant across the audio band, unlike many preamps whose output "collapses" when overloaded at the high end.

The graphic equalizer can be considered as a rather elaborate and flexible tone control, since five bands are not sufficient for actually equalizing an irregular room response. It is, however, quite effective as a tone control, especially since several applicable response curves can be stored for instant recall. The "spectrum analyzer" display is essentially a cosmetic feature of the front panel.

We liked the preset character display, which is especially useful for associating a station's call letters with its frequency. Although this feature is not unique to the RZ-7000, it is exceedingly rare among current receivers and tuners. The remote control can be a little confusing, since most of its buttons are dedicated to other Sansui components and those unique to the receiver are not grouped in a single area. A little study of the manual, and some hands-on practice, should overcome any problems with it. We especially appreciated the audible beeps and blinking of the red LED pointer that accompanied remote adjustment of the volume-control knob. Other operations, such as changing the input source, are also signaled with a beep.

Since it is rarely necessary for every property of a receiver to be topnotch in any single installation, it is likely that most people would find the Sansui RZ-7000 to be completely satisfactory. We found it fun to use, and its sound quality was very listenable.

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## YAMAHA NS-1 SPEAKER

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ESPITE the growing number of large speakers that have entered the market in recent years, there seems to be a continuing effort by many companies to develop small though not necessarily inexpensive—speaker systems whose sound qualities are somewhat commensurate with their price.

The Yamaha NS-1 falls squarely into this category. Its dimensions of 15 inches high, 11<sup>1/4</sup> inches deep, and 8<sup>1/16</sup> inches wide certainly qualify it as a small speaker. The finish is closer to that of a larger, more costly speaker, however, and is clearly superior to that of most speakers of its size. The NS-1 is constructed of thick wood and finished on all sides in a glossy blond woodgrain reminiscent of a piano finish (apparently a plastic laminate). The small cabinet appears to be strongly reinforced internally, and rapping on any of its surfaces is like rapping on a concrete block. Most of the front is normally covered by a brown cloth grille retained by decorative brass posts that are visible when the grille is removed. AVID KELLEY

The NS-1 is a two-way system whose  $6^{1/4}$ -inch woofer operates in a sealed enclosure. The woofer cone is formed of polypropylene, slightly curved in a catenary shape, and it has a soft-rubber edge surround. At 2,500 Hz there is a crossover to the  $1^{3/15}$ -inch soft-dome tweeter. The tweeter is offset slightly to one side of the center line of the panel; although the two speakers are mirror images of each other, there is no indication of which channel each should carry. A continuously variable control on the rear of the cabinet adjusts the tweeter level from slightly above the indicated flat position to fully off.

The NS-1 has a nominal impedance of 6 ohms and a rated sensitivity of 86 dB sound-pressure level (SPL) at 1 meter with a 1-watt input. Its frequency response is specified as 60 to 30,000 Hz, and the recommended power input is 60 watts

In our listening tests, the Yamaha NS-1 speakers sounded very well balanced, not at all "thin," with a good sense of space around them that belied their small size.

(120 watts of peak music program). Each speaker weighs about 21 pounds. Price: \$1,000 a pair. Yamaha, Dept. SR, 6600 Orangethorpe Ave., Buena Park, CA 90620.

#### Lab Tests

The room response of the Yamaha NS-1 speakers (using the normal "flat" tweeter-level setting) sloped gently downward above 1,000 Hz, dropping about 5 dB by 20,000 Hz. From 1.000 to 100 Hz the average response was fairly level, but the curve was irregular because of room-boundary effects. The closemiked woofer output reached its maximum at 100 Hz, falling off at 12 dB per octave below that frequency and at 3 dB per octave above it. At the rated crossover frequency of 2,500 Hz, the woofer's output was at least 10 dB below its maximum level.

The maximum setting of the tweeter-level control increased the output by about 5 dB at all frequencies above 2,500 Hz. At its minimum setting, the speaker output rolled off at about 18 dB per octave above the crossover frequency. With the best match we could make between the woofer curve and the room curve, the NS-1's composite frequency response (using the maximum setting of the tweeter control) varied  $\pm 4 \text{ dB}$  from 60 to 20,000 Hz and appeared to be continuing beyond 20,000 Hz without signs of dropping off. The tweeter became highly directional above 7,000 Hz, with its output 45 degrees off-axis dropping by 18 dB or so at frequencies above 10,000 Hz. The group-delay variation was  $\pm 0.2$  millisec-ond from 2,500 to 20,000 Hz.

The system's minimum impedance was 5 ohms at 20 and 150 Hz; its maximum was 45 ohms at the woofer resonance of 77 Hz and 34 ohms at 1,700 Hz. The measured sensitivity, at 1 meter, was 87 dB SPL with an input of 2.83 volts of pink noise. The bass distortion with a constant input of 4 volts (equivalent to a 90-dB SPL) was less than 1.5 percent from 100 Hz down to 65 Hz, increasing to 4.4 percent at 50 Hz and 10 percent at 25 Hz. Pulse power tests produced a woofer rattle at 100 Hz with 70 watts into the speaker's 8-ohm impedance. At 1,000 and 10,000 Hz, the amplifier clipped before the speaker distorted, at output levels of 325 and 1,100 watts, respectively.

#### Comments

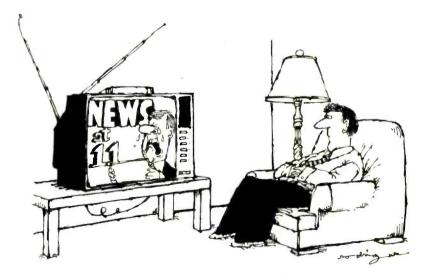
The instruction sheet accompanying the Yamaha NS-1 speakers provided only sketchy recommendations on their installation. We chose to mount them on stands about 26 inches high located about 2 feet in front of the room wall. The instructions indicated that the normal setting of the tweeter level control would give the flattest response; our measurements and ears indicated otherwise. We set the controls to maximum for our listening tests.

The NS-1's sounded very well balanced, with no obvious sign of the elevated upper-bass response that we measured. This is not an unusual occurrence, since the closemiked (anechoic) response of a woofer is far from what one may hear in a normal room. As a matter of fact, the speakers sounded excellent, with a good sense of space around them that belied their small size (although the effect was no doubt due in large measure to that size).

Of course, there was little lowbass content in the output, but except when playing music with appreciable energy in the lowest octaves, this limitation is not likely to be noticed. The speakers did not sound at all "thin." Indeed, we could find little to criticize in what we heard from the NS-1 speakers.

On the other hand, it is debatable whether their sound, good as it is, is worth the investment of \$1,000 a pair. Undoubtedly, for some people, it is. There are a number of fine speakers available in that price range, though most of them are much larger than the NS-1's. As always, listen for yourself.

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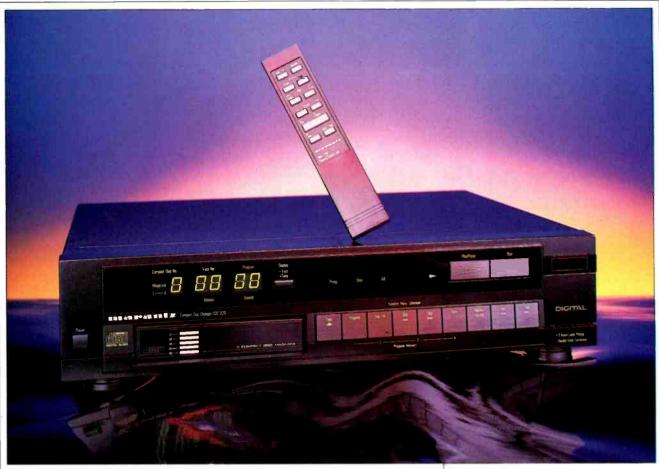
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## MARANTZ CDC-320 COMPACT DISC CHANGER

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HE Marantz CDC-320 CD changer uses the six-disc magazine that is rapidly becoming a standard among Japanese manufacturers. The magazine has six swing-out disc trays that protect the discs against damage from careless handling or curious fingers. It is loaded by pushing it into a slot in the front panel of the player, and a small window lets you see which trays have discs in them.

In operation, the player mechanism swings out the selected disc tray from the magazine case, the center spindle lifts the disc clear of the tray, and it is played exactly as it would be in a conventional CD player. After playing, the disc and tray are swung back into the case, and another disc comes out for playing.

Little information about the design and construction of the CDC-320 is supplied in its instruction manual other than the key specifications and the fact that it uses a three-beam tracking servo and a parallel lens drive (as opposed to the pivoted type used on some players). The manual is, however, complete and specific on the operation of the player, which is somewhat different from that of a singleplay machine or even some of the other changers we have seen.

Two large push-plates for the stop and play/pause functions are isolated in the upper right corner of the panel. A green triangle next to the play/pause control blinks when the player is in the pause mode. The other operating controls are somewhat smaller pushbuttons in a row across the bottom of the panel. These include the programming controls, a repeat button for one or all tracks on a disc, the magazineeject button, and fast-scan and track-skip buttons for both forward and reverse. The skip buttons are the only way to access a particular track, since direct numerical selection is not provided.

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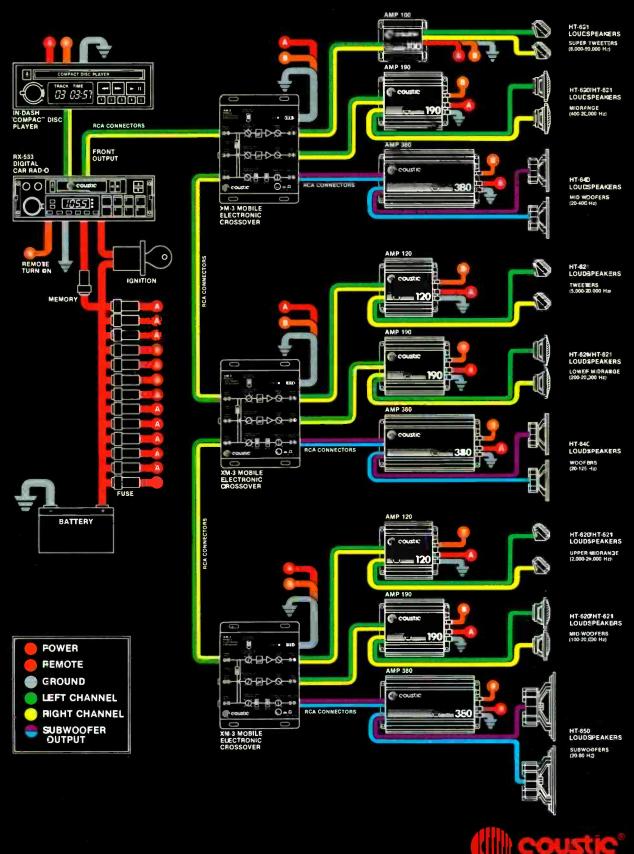
The CDC-320 can be programmed to play up to thirty-two tracks in any order from any or all of the loaded discs. After pressing the PROGRAM button, the user selects a disc using the DISC 1-6 button, which sequentially steps through the discs in the magazine, and then uses the skip buttons to find the desired track. Pressing the STORE button enters the selection into

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memory, and the next selection can then be programmed.

The display window, little more than half the width of a magazine, normally shows only the number of the disc and track being played. Pressing a small button to its right changes the track display to show the elapsed time on that track in minutes and seconds. The legends PROG, ONE, and ALL to the right of the display control are illuminated when programming and repeat operations are in progress.

The Marantz CDC-320 is supplied with a wireless remote control that is about half the size of a typical remote unit. Its buttons duplicate all the front-panel functions except eject and power. The player measures  $16\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, 13 inches deep, and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, and it weighs about  $11\frac{1}{4}$  pounds. Price: \$369. Marantz, Dept. SR, 20525 Nordhoff St., P.O. Box 2577, Chatsworth, CA 91313-2577.

#### Lab Tests

The left- and right-channel outputs of the Marantz CDC-320 were very closely matched in level, with an imbalance of only 0.09 dB. There were slight differences between the frequency-response curves of the channels, but the "worse" curve varied only  $\pm 0.35$ , -0.1 dB from 20 to 20,000 Hz. The maximum

interchannel phase shift was 44 degrees at 20,000 Hz.

The channel separation (rated as 82 dB) was slightly different between the two channels, reading 91 dB from right to left and 96 dB from left to right at 1,000 Hz; both readings were about 70 dB at 20,000 Hz. The total harmonic distortion (THD) plus noise was a constant 0.005 percent at 1,000 Hz for levels between 0 and -75 dB. It was also constant at a 0-dB level over most of the audio frequency range, measuring 0.005 to 0.0056 percent from 20 to 5,000 Hz and rising to about 0.03 percent at 12,000 to 13,000 Hz. The Aweighted noise level (playing an "infinity zero track") was -93 dB referred to a 0-dB level, as rated, and the dynamic range was 88 dB. The quantization noise during playback of a 0-dB, 20-Hz track measured -87.5 dB.

As in many other CD players, the CDC-320's digital-to-analog (D/A) converter became quite nonlinear at very low levels. At a -70-dB level, its output was about 1 dB high, increasing to +4 dB at -80 dB and to +10 dB at -90 dB. Although the audibility of this kind of nonlinearity under normal listening conditions has not been established, most home CD players we have tested were considerably more accurate in their D/A conversion.

#### FEATURES

- Standard six-disc loading magazine
- Programmed playback for up to thirty-two selections from any or all discs
- Repeat of single track or all tracks on disc
- Track skipping in either direction
- □ Fast scan in either direction with audible sound
  - Analog filter
  - Display of disc number, track number, status of repeat function; switchable to show elapsed time on track
  - Wireless remote control of most front-panel functions

#### LABORATORY MEASUREMENTS

- Maximum output level: 1.876 volts Total harmonic distortion at 1,000 Hz: 0.0056% at 0 dB, 0.005% at
- -10 dB, 0.005% at -20 dB Signal-to-noise ratio (A-weighted):
- 93 dB Channel separation: 91 to 94 dB at
- 1,000 Hz, 70 dB at 20,000 Hz
- Frequency response: +0.35, -0.1 dB from 20 to 20,000 Hz Dynamic range: 88 dB
- Maximum phase shift (from 5,000 to 20,000 Hz): 44 degrees at 20,000 Hz
- Cueing time: 4 to 5 seconds on same disc, 8 to 9 seconds with disc change
- Cueing accuracy: A
- Impact resistance: top, A; sides, A Defect tracking (Philips TS5A test disc): tracked maximum-level defects

What is, in our opinion, more important to most listeners is that the CDC-320 played through all the calibrated defects on the Philips TS5A test disc without audible mistracking, and it ranked among the best home players in our experience in its immunity to physical impact. Hard rapping or slapping on its top or sides had no effect on the tracking; in fact, only a violent blow on the top caused a momentary skip.

Like most changers, the CDC-320 was not particularly rapid in its disc handling. Track changes on the same disc required 4 to 5 seconds, compared with 1 or 2 seconds in many conventional players, and if a disc change was involved, the time typically doubled. Disc changes were accompanied by a considerable amount of audible mechanical noise.

#### Comments

As CD changers go, the Marantz CDC-320 is relatively inexpensive. It brings the convenience of changer operation to a very affordable price range. Its basic performance was up to the standards of today's moderately priced CD players—and it outperformed most in some ways, such as its ability to withstand shock without mistracking.

A possible inconvenience, if you usually play only one disc at a time, is the requirement that even a single disc must be loaded into a magazine before playing. Frequently loading and unloading discs from magazines also\_risks damage to them from the extra handling. These are factors to consider before buying *any* CD changer that uses a magazine loading system and lacks a separate, single-play drawer.

Another irksome characteristic of the CDC-320 was the lack of direct track access by number, even through the remote control. We also prefer a display to show both the track number and time simultaneously, which this machine does not do.

Despite these minor quibbles, we found the Marantz CDC-320 to be a very satisfactory player. It sounded good (except during a disc change!), and it was relatively easy to operate and program. *Circle 144 on reader service card* 

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## BOSE 10.2 SERIES II SPEAKER SYSTEM

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HE 10.2 Series II is the flagship of the Bose Point Two speaker line, which was designed to deliver what the company calls "Stereo Everywhere" performance. The goal of Stereo Everywhere is to eliminate the need for a listener to be in a limited area (the so-called "sweet spot") equidistant from the two speakers in order to experience a full stereo sound stage. To a greater or lesser degree, this need is characteristic of most conventional speaker designs.

Bose engineers accomplished Stereo Everywhere by skewing the directive patterns of the mirrorimage speakers in each stereo pair toward each other in the horizontal plane, so that as a listener moves toward one of the speakers, its sound level decreases and the sound from the other one becomes louder. The slightly later arrival time of sound from the more distant speaker is compensated for by its increased volume, and the placement of the stereo pair appears to be fixed as the listener moves around the room.

The bulk of the output from the 10.2 speaker comes from a group of three drivers in a subenclosure located at the top of the square-column cabinet. One 2-inch cone tweeter faces forward, and another is angled inward (toward the center of the room) at 45 degrees. An 8-inch midrange driver faces inward, toward the opposite speaker cabinet. The directive properties of the drivers, in conjunction with their orientations, provide the acoustic pattern required for the Stereo Everywhere effect.

The low frequencies are radiated by the Bose Acoustimass bass driver. First introduced in Bose's compact AM-5 speaker, the Acoustimass system completely encloses the woofer within the cabinet; the output from the front and rear of its cone radiates to the outside through separate ducts and ports. The two sections of the enclosure that load the front and rear of the cone have different resonant frequencies, and the entire Acoustimass system forms an acoustic band-pass filter with steep cutoff slopes.

Since the filtering effect occurs after the generation of the sound by the moving speaker cone, distortion created in the bass driver is filtered out, greatly reducing the effective distortion of the radiated sound as compared with that of drivers of similar size in a conventional enclosure. The result, in the Bose 10.2 Series II system, is a full-range speaker with extended low-bass response in a cabinet only 113/4 inches square and 3834 inches high and weighing only 46 pounds. The bottom 26 inches of the cabinet contains the upward-facing Acoustimass woofer, whose 3-inch-diameter ports are on the rear surface.

Most of the exterior of the speaker cabinet is veneered in teak. The top and back are finished in black, and a black cloth grille covers the speak-

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Specially engineered features such as Front and Rear Pre-Amp Inputs and Front and Rear Outputs as well as a constant Sub-Woofer Output, Asymmetrical Electronic Crossover which has two high-pass (32-400 Hz variable) crossover points for the front and rear outputs and a low-pass (32-400 Hz variable) crossover point for the sub-woofer output, Woofer/Enclosure Equalization engineered for optimizing bass response, Phase Inverter allowing the sub-woofer output to be shifted 180 degrees out-o<sup>±</sup>-phase to compensate for in-vehic e acoustical apnormalities and Frequency Multiplier Switch which, by multiplying crossover points for the front channel, transforms the XM-3 from a *BI-AMP SYSTEM* to a *TRI-AMP SYSTEM*, etc., all contributed to create the *PRISM EFFECT* and make the XM-3 the most versatile electronic crossover ever manufactured for automotive use.

Coustic...a sound investment.



\*Patent pending 1987 Coustic ers. There are no level adjustments. The input connectors on the rear accept the stripped ends of the speaker wires. Price: \$1,299 a pair. Bose, Dept. SR, The Mountain, Framingham, MA 01701.

#### Lab Tests

The instruction booklet for the Bose 10.2 Series II provides little technical information about the speaker other than its EIA impedance rating of 8 ohms and the recommended amplifier power range of 10 to 180 watts per channel. It also mentions that the speakers have a built-in tweeter-protection circuit and that the tweeters are cooled by magnetic fluid.

The measured room response was very flat and showed little evidence of directivity; the left and right speakers gave almost identical responses at a point on the axis of one and 30 degrees off the axis of the other. Below about 200 Hz the response became irregular because of room standing waves. Closemiked measurements of the output at the Acoustimass ports showed a flat response from 60 to 120 Hz, falling to -5 dB at 35 and 140 Hz and continuing to roll off at 18 dB per octave above 140 Hz. The response of the 8-inch midrange driver was flat within  $\pm 2 \, dB$  from 130 to 1.350 Hz, indicating that the system's crossover frequencies were approximately 130 and 1.300 Hz.

We spliced the curves to form a composite frequency response that was highly uniform from 150 to 20,000 Hz, with a variation of less than  $\pm 3$  dB over that range. It was not easy to decide how to join the bass curve to the room curve. The overall response appeared to be  $\pm 3$  dB from 40 or 50 to 20,000 Hz, but the bass flatness would in any case be a function of the listening room as well as the speaker.

The effectiveness of the Acoustimass system in reducing bass distortion was undeniable, however. The measured sensitivity of the system was 87 dB sound-pressure level (SPL) at a 1-meter distance with an input of 2.83 volts of pink noise. An input of 4 volts (corresponding to our reference SPL of 90 dB) resulted in an acoustic distortion of about 0.5 percent from 100 to 150 Hz, 2 to 3 percent from 70 to 28 Hz, and 10 percent at 20 Hz—excellent performance for a single 8-inch driver. The midrange driver's distortion was between 0.15 and 1 percent over the range from 100 to 2,500 Hz, averaging about 0.7 percent.

The system's impedance was considerably higher than that of most speakers we have tested in recent years. A broad minimum of 8 to 9 ohms spanned the range from 135 to 600 Hz, with bass peaks to 29 ohms at 110 Hz and 57 ohms at 30 Hz. There was a broad rise to 18 ohms at the 1.500-Hz crossover frequency and an overall minimum reading of 5.5 ohms at 10,000 Hz. In pulse power tests, our amplifier clipped before the speakers gave audible signs of distress, reaching power levels of 300 to 500 watts in the bass and midrange, 1,300 watts at 10,000 Hz.

Quasi-anechoic FFT measurements of the speaker roughly confirmed our other tests. Because the two tweeters radiated at 45 degrees to each other, we could not readily separate their outputs in this measurement, making the FFT response somewhat ragged. We did, however, detect a fairly sharp tweeter resonance at 12,000 Hz, with an amplitude of about 6 dB, which "rang" for a few milliseconds after the driving pulse ended. Because of the high frequency and brief duration of the resonance, it was not audible.

#### Comments

The Stereo Everywhere effect lived up to expectations, anchoring the sound stage at the front of the room with virtually no shift of position as the listener walked across the room from side to side. The Bose 10.2 Series II speakers, as stated in the instructions, are not critical as to placement, although they should be no closer than 3 inches from the back wall and should be several feet from the side walls. We tried them in several locations with no major changes in sound quality.

The Acoustimass woofer delivered a strong, deep bass that was especially satisfying on organ music. It occasionally added some upper-bass heaviness to certain male voices, however, in spite of the relatively low woofer crossover frequency. Like any speaker, the Bose 10.2 Series II has a distinctive sound character of its own, and it is advisable to audition it before making a final decision. Sound aside, it is an attractively styled speaker, of reasonable size and price, that can handle the power available from any home audio amplifier without difficulty, and it would be equally at home in large and small rooms. Circle 143 on reader service card



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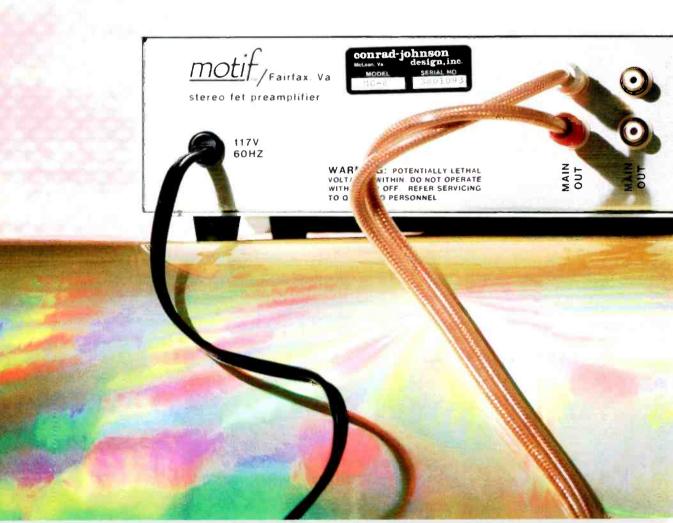
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# Replacing old components or adding new ones can breathe life into your system.



DOUBT that there are many audiophiles who have never felt the urge to replace all or part of their hi-fi systems with the latest technological wonders that appear in the pages of this and other audio magazines.

There can be many reasons to be dissatisfied with your old system, not all of them linked to inadequate performance or the failure of some component, although these are certainly two of the more compelling reasons for upgrading. And even a system that continues to be satisfactory may, just through the passage of time, become a prime candidate for upgrading. For example, I know several people who have functioning systems dating back to the Sixties or earlier, complete with classic

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old Fisher vacuum-tube tuners or receivers that they "wouldn't part with for the world." The appeal of state-of-the-art products is largely lost on these faithful audiophiles, whose attitude is often expressed as, "They don't make them any more like they used to.'

True-they don't! Today's components, for the most part, are so far superior to those of past years that they can often make a dramatic improvement in the sound of a comfortable, well-used system that has been giving reliable service for decades. Another important reason for making a change is that over time replacement parts become increasingly scarce and expensive. Sometimes newer parts can be substituted, but that option is not

always available for vacuum tubes. Sooner or later, the old equipment must be retired and replaced by more modern components.

Aside from modernization forced by the failure of old equipment, many people feel the urge to introduce new technology into their lives because it promises improvement over what has been available in the past. Taking advantage of technological progress is a factor in almost every category of consumer purchasing, from razors to homes. A good example in audio is the growth of the compact disc player market. As CD player prices have dropped, most audiophiles (and a sizable portion of the general public) have added CD capability to their systems to supplement-and, sometimes



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he M12 speaker from a/d/s/ is part of its Monitor series, which uses computer-aided design technology. The polymer materials in the drivers are said to provide strength with low mass. Price: \$1,900 a pair.



nkyo's Grand Integra M-508 power amplifier (above) has a dual-mono design, rated for 200 watts per channel, that is said to provide high stability, no crosstalk, and high usable output. Built-in protection circuitry avoids thermal damage to speakers or to the amplifier. Price: \$1,200.

Grand Integra

he Technics SL-P1300 CD player has an 18-bit. eight-times oversampling digital filter and four D/A converters that operate with 18-bit resolution. Designed for the professional market, it has a two-speed search dial for cueing, a rocker control for mixing and editing, and cue-point memory. Price: \$1,700.



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P-308 preamplifier (\$660) has independent power supplies for each amplification block to prevent interference. Signal paths were kept as short as possible to minimize noise and distortion.

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olk Audio's SDA-SRS 1.2 speakers incorporate the company's Stereo Dimensional Array technology, which is said to enhance dimensional imaging. The system has a 15-inch planar passive radiator, eight 6½-inch triaminate polymer midrange drivers, and four 1-inch soft-dome tweeters. Price: \$1,495 each.



too hastily, to replace—LP and tape sources. No doubt a similar phenomenon will occur when and if DAT recorders finally reach our shores.

To help you decide whether you *should* upgrade your system, ask yourself a few questions:

- Has some part of my present system failed or become unusable for any reason?
- Am I becoming dissatisfied with the sound of my system? If so, can I identify the component causing the problem?
- Am I facing an expensive repair to one of the system components?
- Is a new technology available that promises to make a substantial improvement in the sound quality of my system?

Answering "yes" to any of these questions can easily justify a change in some part of your music system. Indeed, an affirmative response to "Do I simply feel like making a change, even if every part of my system seems to be working properly?" is also an acceptable reason to do just that! Sometimes a new tuner. phono cartridge, or amplifier seems to breathe new life into an old music system ("old" in this context can mean anything from a few months to thirty years, depending on circumstances). And, without question, a change of speakers will alter (though not necessarily improve) the sound of any system.

Although replacing one component of an existing system is usually straightforward process, you a should consider your own tastes and life style before making a choice. If you are planning to replace a receiver or integrated amplifier, for example, this might be a good time to review your video preferences. A number of receivers and integrated amplifiers contain surround-processing circuits designed to enhance video sound, especially if it is encoded with the Dolby process. It costs little more to include this capability when you buy a new receiver or amplifier, and no part of your system will be made obsolete or redundant.

The features of a new component should be judged in terms of their value to you, but it is not always possible to find a component that has only those features you desire. To get the ones that matter, you may have to accept some that you don't particularly want. And you might find that you like those features, too, once you have the component in your system.

In choosing a new amplifier or receiver, an important consideration is the power rating. Many earlier receivers and amplifiers were rather underpowered by today's standards. In the Sixties and early Seventies, 30 or 40 watts was considered to be adequate to drive the speakers of the time, and in most cases it probably was. By the mid-Seventies, amplifier power began to increase dramatically, and some of the receivers of that time had ratings of 125 to 200 watts per channel. Following the demise of quadraphonic sound, typical receiver or integrated-amplifier ratings settled around 100 watts, and today most fall between 60 and 100 watts.

Beyond their features and maximum power ratings, one of the principal distinctions between yesterday's amplifiers and today's is in their current-output capability. This capability can be inferred from the power output into 2-ohm loads, which is one of the tests we apply to amplifiers in our evaluations.

The importance of current-output capability in any specific application depends largely on the loudspeakers being driven. The nominal impedance of a speaker, usually given as a single number (generally between 8 and 4 ohms), is a measure of the amount of current it will draw from the amplifier. It is not, in any sense, a measure of quality. Actually, the impedance of a speaker generally varies widely over the audio frequency range, and although it is usually at least the rated value in the midrange, it may drop to very low values (2 ohms or less) at low or high frequencies.

Related to impedance (but only in respect to the interaction of the speaker and amplifier) is the speaker's sensitivity, which is sometimes loosely-and incorrectly-called "efficiency." Expressed in decibels, sensitivity is the sound-pressure level (SPL) measured at a 1-meter distance from the speaker when it is driven by a 2.83-volt signal (usually pink noise, which excites the speaker equally at all audio frequencies). That voltage corresponds to a power level of 1 watt into an 8-ohm resistance, which has led some companies to refer their sensitivity rat-

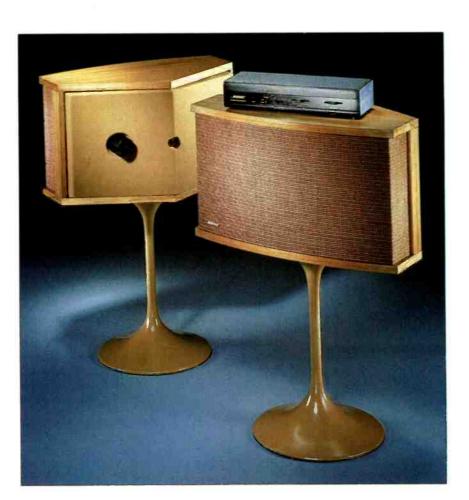




enon uses four D/A converters in its PMA-1520 integrated amplifier, which combines Class A circuitry with optical signal-transmission technology. The unit has seven audio input terminals as well as a CD direct switch. Speaker terminals accept either banana plugs, spade lugs, or bare wire. Price: \$1,000.

enon's TU-800 AM/FM stereo tuner has a dynamic twin-drive demodulation circuit that's said to provide superior FM reception while keeping distortion to a minimum. Capture ratio is 1.2 dB. Features include thirty presets, auto-scan tuning, and last-channel-tuned memory. Price: \$500.

he latest version of the Bose 901 Direct/Reflecting speaker system is the Series VI. Changes include a modified cabinet for clearer imaging and refinements to the built-in equalizer that are said to give better performance in a wider range of placements. The finish is black anodized aluminum. Price: \$1,500 a pair.



ony's SDP-777ES digital surround processor combines digital delay circuitry with Dolby Pro Logic decoding. It has a 16-bit digital processor, a pink-noise generator, a matrix delay mode, a hall delay mode, and a stereo simulation mode for mono sources. Price: \$850.



t \$495 a pair, the two-way SMGa is the most affordable speaker in Magnepan's Magneplanar line. Frequency response is rated as 50 to 16,000 Hz ±4 dB. It has oak side panels, and there is a choice of grille fabrics. Dimensions are 48½ x 24¼ x 1¾ inches.



ings to a 1-watt level. It is actually a voltage-sensitivity rating, however, and the corresponding power level would be 2 watts for a 4-ohm speaker and 4 watts for a 2-ohm one.

When shopping for an amplifier or receiver, you should consider the sensitivity and minimum impedance of the speakers you will be using together with the receiver or amplifier's ability to drive lowimpedance loads at high power levels. If the amplifier can deliver at least its rated (8-ohm) power into 2 ohms, and if the speaker's sensitivity is at least 86 or 87 dB, the chances are that you will never have any problems with the combination. Many older amplifiers were simply unable to drive 2-ohm loads at a useful level, but this situation has changed radically during the past several years. If your present amplifier is more than ten years old, this factor alone could justify replacing it. You may not find all the pertinent information in a manufacturer's ratings or advertising, but the 2ohm output capability of an amplifier and the minimum impedance of a speaker are part of the data presented in STEREO REVIEW's equipment test reports.

A couple of things you need not be unduly concerned with in relation to sound, although much is made of them by most amplifier manufacturers, are the specific circuit topology and special materials used in a component. These features are often claimed to provide strikingly improved listening qualities. Most often, however, such claims are sheer "hype" and should be discounted when you make your selection. On the other hand, the materials and construction techniques used in a component can often make a difference in terms of its reliability and durability.

You should also be aware that most specifications per se have little to do with the listening quality or general worth of an amplifier (or any other component). They may be an indication of the general caliber of the product's design and should not be totally disregarded, but they won't tell you how it will sound, either in absolute terms or in comparison with some other product.

For a variety of reasons, you may prefer a system of separate components instead of one based on a receiver. While there are advantages and disadvantages associated with either choice, it is undeniable that separate components simplify the process of upgrading. For one thing, you have the option to select a specific component, such as the preamplifier or power amplifier, from a higher price range than the other components if you feel that what it offers is worth the added cost. Or you may have no access to, or interest in, FM radio reception, in which case the cost of a tuner can be saved or allocated elsewhere.

On the other hand, if FM is to be a primary source of music, separates let you choose from among a large number of tuners at all price levels. If you study the lab measurements in our tuner test reports, you will find that most tuners excel in a few specifications while some other specs are relatively undistinguished. Depending on your location and listening preferences, you may be able to trade off one characteristic against another and get a component that best suits your needs without unnecessary expense.

For example, most tuner and receiver manufacturers treat sensitivity as the primary specification and stress its importance, possibly because sensitivity has assumed a place in the layman's vocabulary analogous to that of an amplifier's distortion rating—a sort of figure of merit for the entire product. Unfortunately, except in special circumstances, neither tuner sensitivity nor amplifier distortion gives any indication of the sound character or overall worth of a product.

In an urban or suburban environment, FM signal strengths are usually high, and there is little or no advantage to having a tuner with a very high sensitivity (expressed as a low number for the signal strength required for reception). What is likely to be important, especially in congested urban areas, is a low capture ratio (less than 1.5 dB) and an AM rejection greater than 65 or 70 dB. These characteristics may help to reduce the huge distortions introduced by multipath reception, which can exceed by orders of magnitude a tuner's distortion in a standard laboratory measurement. High selectivity is also desirable in heavily populated areas where there are few unoccupied channels.

Perhaps you live far from an FM station whose programs you wish to hear. Obviously, high sensitivity in a tuner is a plus for you, but it cannot work miracles. There is no substitute for a high-gain antenna, he D-111 is Luxman's entry-level compact disc player. Priced at \$350, it has dual D/A converters and a double-oversampling digital filter. A full-function remote control is included, and rear-panel remote jacks accommodate Luxman's unified remote-control systems.



ahlquist's M-907 speaker is a three-way acoustic-suspension system with a 10-inch woofer, a 5-inch

midrange, and a 1-inch dome tweeter. It measures 28 x 14½ x 12½ inches and has a walnut-finished enclosure. Price: \$940 a pair.







amaha has included twenty preset acoustic surround modes in its DSP-3000 Digital Sound Field processor. There are also twenty user-programmable memory modes, five variable parameters per mode, and a ten-channel output capability. It incorporates Yamaha's Hi-Bit digital filter. Price: \$1,899.

he Motif MC8 stereo preamplifier from Conrad-Johnson is similar to the company's more expensive dual-mono MC7 but has a simpler power supply. There are four source inputs and two tape loops for two-way dubbing. Price: \$2,250.





he hk990 is the top receiver in Harman Kardon's line. Features include Active Tracking FM tuning, twelve FM and six AM presets, interactive video switching, two audio tape loops, an MC cartridge head amp, and a remote control. Price: \$1,099. mounted as high as you can get it and rotatable to maximize the desired signal and reject those from other directions. Although such an antenna installation is not usually considered part of a hi-fi system, it is by far the most important part of your system if weak-signal FM reception is your goal. Remember, *no* tuner can receive a signal that does not reach it from the antenna.

Your other signal sources may include phonograph records, CD's, and tapes. If your turntable or cartridge is showing signs of decrepitude, there is a wide field of replacement units from which to choose. Although some high-end cartridges still carry four-figure price tags, you can buy very fine cartridges in the \$100 to \$200 range today that are the equal of past offerings at several times their price. A similar situation exists for the turntable, with lowend units under \$200, superb audiophile-grade products at five times that price and more, and various super-deluxe models at prices that could buy you a new automobile. Make your choice based on the importance of your record collection to your overall listening habits.

Compact disc players are still a volatile category of audio component. New models come out almost daily, accompanied by extravagant claims for the technological advances, such as high oversampling rates and higher-resolution digitalto-analog converters or digital filters, that presumably give them superior sound properties. My advice is to take many of these claims with a grain or two of salt, since (to my knowledge) no one has yet demonstrated, in impartial double-blind tests, any conclusive listening-quality advantage from any of these features. On the other hand, they don't seem to have any negative effects either, and happily the price (in real dollars) of CD players has been dropping since their introduction about five years ago.

If you have a working CD player, one good reason for replacing it would be to get one with additional features. Present models vary widely in programming and control versatility and in their ease of use. Another current trend is toward reasonably priced CD changers, which might have a special appeal to some users. Since repairs on any CD player can be very expensive, a malfunctioning low-cost player, or even a higher-priced unit that is a few years old, is a likely candidate for replacement with a newer model.

There have been no substantive changes in cassette tape decks in the past few years except for the welcome inclusion of Dolby HX Pro in many lower-priced decks. Minor improvements in transports and heads, and continued refinement of the cassette tape itself, continue. If you are considering adding a tape deck to a system for the first time, you have a wide range of products to choose from.

In the past, many people chose to tape a new LP and play the tape instead. This practice kept the virtually unworn disc as an archival source, available to make another copy if the tape wore out or was damaged. If that is your modus operandi, there are a number of cassette decks (generally fairly expensive ones) that can make near-perfect copies of almost any LP. The CD, however, is making major inroads into the sale (and thus the manufacture) of LP records. There is little reason to tape a CD, other than for playing in a car system or for a portable tape player, since the original presumably will not wear out or degrade with time. Furthermore, making a near-perfect cassette copy of a CD, while possible, definitely calls for a relatively expensive tape deck. A digital audio tape (DAT) deck is capable of making a virtually perfect copy of a CD player's analog output (direct digital-to-digital copying is precluded in the design of most DAT machines), but DAT recorders are not only hard to find, they are quite expensive and likely to remain so for some time, while CD prices are falling. Buying a \$2,000-plus tape deck to copy a \$12 disc for automotive use seems rather pointless, especially since automobile CD players are available at reasonable prices.

Another equipment category that is becoming a larger part of the upgrade scheme is surround-sound processors. Surround sound came into its own two years ago with units that synthesized the sound fields of notable live-music venues in the home listening room. Since then various companies have continued to develop the idea, and adding some type of surround sound to your system is now almost as easy as adding another program source. The rapid advances in video soundtracks have also stimulated interest in surround-sound equipment such as outboard Dolby Pro Logic decoders and VCR's with built-in surround circuits and amplifiers.

Generally, adding surround sound to your system will require at least one extra amplifier and another pair of loudspeakers—as well as the space to put them. But the secondary amp and the surround speakers don't need to match the performance of your main listening system. In fact, a small, inexpensive pair of bookshelf speakers and a relatively stripped-down, low-power amplifier will suffice in all but the largest of rooms.

Finally, we come to the loudspeaker, the most important component of a music system and the one least likely to wear out or become damaged. Paradoxically, their very longevity makes speakers prime candidates for replacement. There has been an ongoing improvement in speaker quality, with no sign of a slowdown, for at least the last thirty-five or forty years. It is only too easy to become accustomed to the sound of your speakers, whatever they may be, and accept it as the norm. This era of contentment may last until you hear a more recent system, with newer drivers, crossovers, cabinet designs, etc., and begin to realize what you are missing.

There is a potential pitfall here. Just because Brand X speakers sound strikingly better than the ones you are used to in a friend's home or a dealer's listening room, that does not mean that they will sound the same way in *your* home. In fact, it is almost certain that they won't! Proceed cautiously, if possible trying out new speakers in your own system, until you find the ones that sound the way you think they should. Now is the time to review the speaker ratings (impedance and sensitivity) and the ratings of the amplifier you will be using to make sure that there is no gross incompatibility.

Your new system, especially if it includes new speakers, is going to sound different from what you are accustomed to hearing. Get used to it, and enjoy it. After all, it can always be changed as necessary to suit your listening tastes. This flexibility is one of the greatest strengths of component hi-fi, and it probably had a lot to do with why you bought that earlier component system so long ago.

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# RECORD OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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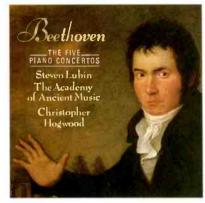
VERY year at this time the editors and critics of STEREO REVIEW announce their choice of the top twelve records of the past year. The award-winning recordings for 1988, all released last year, are cited on the following pages along with an additional twenty-four recordings singled out for honorable mention. The criteria for the awards have remained unchanged for over two decades. The winners are chosen on the basis of musical interest, quality of performance, and quality of recorded sound.

It is gratifying to see that half of the award winners in the pop field this time are by new or relatively new recording artists. The Tracy Chapman album, in fact, marks a debut of great promise, and both K. T. Oslin and Branford Marsalis were making only their second recorded appearances as solo performers. The new *Die Walküre*, a "Record of the Year" by any standard, is also the first installment in what promises to be a glorious new recording of the Wagner *Ring* cycle—the first one commercially recorded in this country. And the new *Show Boat* is the first complete recording of that landmark Jerome Kern musical. *Christie Barter* 

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#### RECORDS OF THE YEAR



BEETHOVEN: Piano Concertos Nos. 1-5. Steven Lubin; the Academy of Ancient Music, Christopher Hogwood conducting. L'OISEAU-LYRE. "Beethoven represented, correctly and realistically, as an idealist with perfectly human and earthy roots."

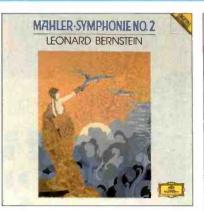
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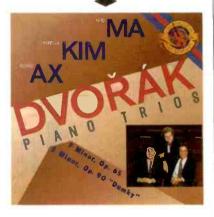
TRACY CHAPMAN: Tracy Chapman. ELEKTRA. "An astonishing debut by a twenty-four-year-old Bostonian singing strong, impassioned songs that pack a punch with indirect social commentary."



ALBÉNIZ: *Iberia; Navarra; Suite española.* Alicia de Larrocha. LONDON. "A sense of 'testament' on the part of a pianist more closely associated than any other with this fundamental Spanish music."



MAHLER: Symphony No. 2, in C Minor ("Resurrection"). Barbara Hendricks, Christa Ludwig; Westminster Choir, New York Philharmonic, Leonard Bernstein conducting. DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON. A performance that is "bound to raise goose pimples."



DVOŘÁK: Piano Trios Nos. 3 and 4. Emanuel Ax, Young Uck Kim, Yo-Yo Ma. CBS. "Surpassingly fine accounts by three musicians at their formidable best."

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ADAMS: *Nixon in China*. Houston Grand Opera; Orchestra of St. Luke's, Edo de Waart cond. NONESUCH.

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ARLENE AUGÉR AND DALTON BALDWIN: Love Songs. Delos.

BARTÓK: Works for Piano and Orchestra. Zoltán Kocsis; Budapest Festival Orchestra, Iván Fischer cond. PHILIPS. BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 9. Yvonne Kenny, Sarah Walker, Patrick Power, Petteri Salomaa; Schütz Choir of London; London Classical Players, Roger Norrington cond. ANGEL.

ROSEMARY CLOONEY: The Lyrics of Johnny Mercer. CONCORD.

DEBUSSY: String Quartet. RAVEL: String Quartet. Alexander Quartet. GALLO.

IVES: Holidays Symphony; The

Unanswered Question; Central Park in the Dark. Chicago Symphony Chorus and Orchestra, Michael Tilson Thomas cond. CBS.

MARTI JONES: Used Guitars. A&M.

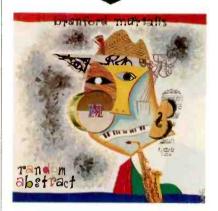
K.D. LANG: Shadowland. SIRE.

LYLE LOVETT: Pontiac. MCA.

MOZART: Variations on "Ah vous dirai-je maman"; Variations on "Unser dummer Pöbel meint"; Rondo in A Minor; Adagios in C



WAGNER: *Die Walküre*. Jessye Norman, Hildegard Behrens, Christa Ludwig, Gary Lakes, James Morris; Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, James Levine conducting. DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON. "A gripping representation with the theatrical impact of a live recording."



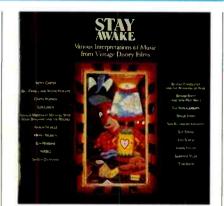
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Major and B Minor; Andante in F Major; Gigue in G Major. András Schiff. LONDON.

MILTON NASCIMENTO: Yauareté. Columbia.

RANDY NEWMAN: Land of Dreams. REPRISE.

NIELSEN: Symphonies Nos. 4 and 5. San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Herbert Blomstedt cond. LONDON.

SINÉAD O'CONNOR: The Lion and the Cobra. CHRYSALIS.

GRAHAM PARKER: Mona Lisa's Sister. RCA.

PUCCINI: La Bohème. Barbara Hendricks, José Carreras; French National Orchestra, James Conlon cond. ERATO.

KEITH RICHARDS: Talk Is Cheap. VIRGIN.

TCHAIKOVSKY: Piano Concerto No. 1. RACHMANINOFF: Piano Concerto No. 2. Jorge Bolet; Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Charles Dutoit cond. LONDON. RICHARD THOMPSON: Amnesia. CAPITOL.

MEL TORMÉ AND GEORGE SHEARING: A Vintage Year. CONCORD.

THE TRAVELING WILBURYS. WILBURY.

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS: Symphony No. 2; Tallis Fantasia. London Philharmonic Orchestra, Bernard Haitink cond. ANGEL.

#### SPECIAL AWARDS

T was once thought that, with the advent of the compact disc, the treasured recordings of the past would disappear along with the vinyl LP's (not to mention the 78-rpm shellacs) containing them—that the message, in effect, would go the way of the medium.

Today, with the CD now in its sixth year on the market, such fears appear unfounded. Totally. The LP has indeed lost its grip on the classical market, and it is rapidly losing ground among jazz, pop, and rock record buyers. but those wonderful old recordings are back in force-hundreds of them, digitally remixed or remastered on compact discs and often offered at attractively low prices. In some instances the recordings were never released on LP; in others, particularly in the jazz field, CD's have been released with individual tracks and even whole albums of material that had never before been released in any format.

Special thanks, then, to the record industry at large for restoring these recorded musical treasures to active catalog life (with more to come), and special awards to some notable multiple-disc reissues of the past year and ongoing series: PolyGram's "Crossroads." a twenty-fifth anniversary retrospective of recordings by Eric Clapton; the specially compiled Chrysalis set, "Twenty Years of Jethro Tull"; Columbia's continuing series of "Jazz Masterpieces"; Angel's truly "Great Recordings of the Century"; and Columbia's steady revival of Broadway classics in the original-cast recordings, documenting some three decades of American musical theater. C.B.



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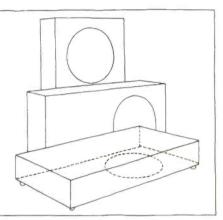
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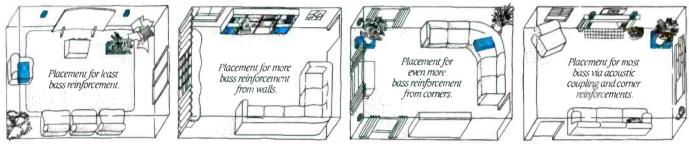
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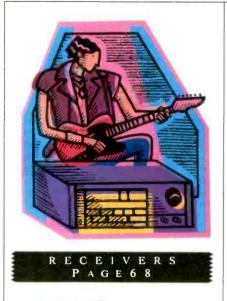
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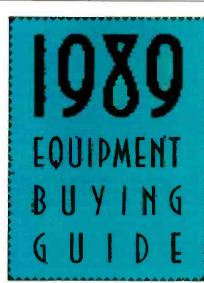


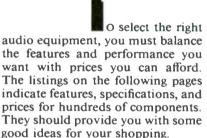




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New audio components are introduced every month, and our guide is necessarily selective, concentrating on the main categories of home audio equipment from companies whose products are widely distributed. If a particular model does not appear, that is by no means a reflection on its quality. Upcoming issues will contain guides to cassette decks, blank tape, and hi-fi VCR's.

All of the information here, including the suggested retail prices, was provided to STEREO REVIEW by the manufacturers of the equipment. Although we have tried to make sure that the prices were correct as of press time, they are subject to change because of economic conditions and availability. In any case, actual retail prices are set by individual dealers.

For more information about any product, contact an authorized dealer or the manufacturer. For manufacturers' addresses, see page 140.







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### RECEIVERS



#### A/D/S/ R4 70-W/ch Receiver

Alphanumeric display on front panel indicating input source or received radio station. Digitalsynthesized tuner with 30 memory presets for AM or FM stations; wireless remote control (which also controls other a/d/s/ components); digital volume and tone controls; RS-232 port allows control through personal computer; capable of multi-room remote control. Amp section: 70 W/ch into 8/4 ohms; dynamic headroom 2 dB. Tuner section: 1HF sens 26 dBf stereo; signal strength for 50-dB quieting 35 dBf stereo; capture ratio 1.5 dB; alt-ch sel 65 dB; max S/N 75 dB mono, 70 dB stereo. 2.8 x 17.5 x 14.8 in; 23 lb ......\$1,400

#### AKAI

#### AA-V435-B 125-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

125 W/ch AM/FM receiver with universal remote; 70 programmable functions; Dolby surround sound with 7 W/ch rear; motor driven volume; variable loudness; 9 audio; 4 video inputs; S-VHS terminals; RF signal selector (3 In/1 Out); sound insert; simulate stereo; source direct; 10-key direct tuning; 20-station random preset; processor terminal; speaker A/B. \$649

#### AA-V335-B 100-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

100 W/ch AM/FM receiver with motor driven volume; variable loudness; 9 audio; 4 video inputs; S-VHS terminals; RF signal selector (3 1n/1 out) sound insert; simulated stereo; source direct; 10-key direct tuning; 20 presets .... \$549

#### ACOUSTIC RESEARCH AR X-10 AM/FM Receiver

Receiver with infrared remote to control power. volume, tuning, input selection, and AR CD player functions. Features audio and video dubbing; close-tolerance metal-film resistors and film capacitors for RIAA; concealed bass, midrange, treble, balance, tone-defeat, loudness, filter, tape, FM/AM, memory, and speakerswitching controls; 8 AM/8 FM station presets; gold-plated phono inputs. Inputs for MM phono: MC phono; tape; AUX; CD player: video sound source; VCR 1; VCR 2. Amp section: 100 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with less than 0.03% THD, 130 W into 4 ohms; dynamic headroom 2 dB; 200-ms dynamic power 150 W; 40-ampere current capability. FM section: 50-dB quicting sens stereo 25 µV (33.2 dBf); FM S/N (at 65 dBf) 75 dB stereo, 80 dB mono; THD stereo 0.3%: capture ratio 1.0 dB; AM rejection 60 dB; alt-ch sel 75 dB .... \$849

#### BANG & OLUFSEN Beocenter 9000 30-W/ch Music Center

Remote-controlled music center with AM/FM

tuner, cassette deck, and CD player. Features remote control; glass operating panel; computerintelligence system; timer programming; datalinked source inputs; Tuner section: 20 AM/FM station presets; automatic search; stereo/mono switch; internal lithium battery for memory backup; double-acting automatic gain control. CD section: quadruple-oversampling digital filter; motorized lid; variable-speed search in both directions; track step; 30-track random programming. Cassette section: autoreverse; motorized lid: Dolby HX Pro; Dolby B and C noise reduction; Auto Azimuth Guidance; Auto Record Level; 23-track programming....\$3,295

#### Beomaster 5500 50-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

#### CARVER

#### AVR100 150-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

Magnetic Field Amplifier: 6 AM/6 FM presets; Asymmetrical Charge-Coupled FM Detector; Sonic Holography; bass control boosts or cuts 100 Hz max 8 dB; treble boosts or cuts 10,000 Hz max 8 dB; 4 video inputs, 3 video outputs, with switching and dubbing; antenna/cable switching; surround-sound processor with 50 W; 20-function remote. 150 W/ch. Tuner section: FM sens 1HF 2.0  $\mu$ V; FM 50-dB quieting sens 4.5  $\mu$ V mono or stereo; capture ratio 1.5 dB; AM distortion at 2  $\mu$ V 0.6% ......\$1,199

#### 6250 125-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

Features magnetic field amplifier; 6 AM/FM station presets; asymmetrical charge-coupled FM detector; sonic holography; bass. mix, and treble controls; 2 video inputs; 20-function remote control; 125 W/ch; FM sensitivity IHF 2.0  $\mu V$  \$899

#### R-150 150-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

Designed for noise-free stereo FM and adequate power for CD's: PLL fully digital-synthesized AM/FM stereo tuner section; Magnetic Field Amp; Asymmetrical Charge-Coupled FM Detector; phono input; video/digital audio input; aux input; 2 tape inputs; 6 station presets; mono switch; bass, mid, treble controls; balance control; switches for tone defeat, speaker selection, tape monitoring, tape dubbing, FM muting, AM noise filter, loudness contour. 150 W/ch into 8 ohms. FM section (stereo, 75 ohms, with Charge-Coupled Detector engaged): usable sens 16.3 dBf ( $1.78 \mu V$ ); 50-dB quieting sens 23.5 dBf ( $4.0 \mu V$ ). \$749

#### DENON

#### DRA-1025 AM/FM Receiver

#### DRA-625 AM/FM Receiver



Denon DRA-625

#### DRA-25 AM/FM Receiver

#### FISHER

#### R625B 120-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with 38-function wireless renote control. Features 5-band graphic equalizer; motorized volume control; 24 AM/FM station presets; autoscan tuning; built-in FM nuting; FL display; 120 W/ch rms into 8 ohms at 20-20,000 Hz with <0.09% THD; loudness switch ... \$450

#### RS615B 60-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with 37-function wireless remote control. Features 5-band graphic equalizer; motorized volume control; 24 AM/FM station presets; autoscan tuning; built-in FM muting; FL display; 60 W/ch rms into 8 ohms at 20-20,000 Hz with <0.09% THD; loudness switch ... \$330

#### HARMAN KARDON

#### hk990 Vxi 90-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with digital synthesized quartz-locked tuning and remote control. Features high current/high voltage design; active tracking tuner circuitry; 6 AM/12 FM presets; seek tuning; LED signal strength meter; two tape monitors; two A/V monitors; interactive video switching; CD high level inputs; external processor jacks; MC head amp; subsonic filter; mono; loudness; tape copy selector; 2-way A/V; speaker switching; metal chassis.....\$1,099

#### hk880 Vxi 60-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with digital synthesized quartzlocked tuning and remote control. Features high current/high voltage design: 6 AM/12 FM presets; seek tuning; LED signal strength meter; two A/V tape monitors; interactive video switching; CD high level inputs; external processor jacks; subsonic filter; mono; loudness; 2-way tape copy; speaker switching; metal chassis... \$749

#### hk550 Vxi 45-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with digital synthesized quartzlocked tuning. Features high current/high voltage design; 6 AM 12 FM presets; seek tuning; two tape monitors; CD, video, and aux high level inputs; loudness; speaker switching; metal chassis \$529

#### hk440 Vxi 30-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with digital synthesized quartzlocked tuning. Features high current/high voltage design; 6 AM 12 FM presets; seek tuning; two tape monitors; CD and video high-level inputs; loudnes; speaker switching; metal chassis \$389



Harman Kardon hk880 Vxi

#### Hitachi

MX-W50 Music Center

CD slimline system with infrared remote control. Features CD player; twin cassette deck, digital tuner, amplifier; dual tape deck controlled by microprocessor for feather touch operation; double auto reverse; digital-synthesized quartz tuner locks in station signal; 4-way selection repeat; vibration free floating suspension system; resume play function; built-in timer; single D/A converter 20-station memory; 50 W/ch; 0.9% THD 5-band graphic equilizer; Dolby NR equalization switch for all tape types; FR FM 88-108 MHz; FR AM 522-1611 MHz; Jacks for headphone. line-in, phono, speaker, ext antenna; 25.72 x 5 x 14.5 in; 22 lb. \$899

#### JVC RX1001VBK AM/FM Receiver

Audio/video receiver with surround-sound capability. Features programmable remote control with LCD; Digital Acoustics processor; digital Dolby surround; computer-controlled digital

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synthesizer tuner; preset memory for 40 AM/40 FM stations; auto memory; preset scan; auto QSC; dB indicator: variable stop level; station name indicator; LCD on unit; tape 1, tape 2, DAT, VCR 1, VCR 2, phono, CD inputs: dubbing capability; 3 video inputs; 7-band electronic SEA graphic equalizer with 5 user-programmed and 5 pre-programmed equalizations; interactive CCS; high-gain phono equalizer for MM/MC cartridges; loudness; sleep timer; connections for two pairs of speakers; CATV antenna control unit. 120 W/ch driven into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.007% THD. Front surround: 110 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.007% THD; rear surround: 15 W/ch into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz with no more than 0.07% THD \$1,200

#### **RX999VBK AM/FM Receiver**

A/V receiver with programmable remote control. Features digital Dolby surround; hall; stadium; adjustable digital delay; 3 video inputs; computer-controlled electronic 7-band SEA graphic equalizer with 5 user-programmed settings and 5 pre-programmed settings; digital synthesizer tuner with 40 AM/40 FM station presets; auto memory; preset scan; auto QSC; LCD display; interactive CCS; 5-deck connections with full dubbing; loudness and connections for two pairs of speakers; CATV antenna control unit. 100 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.007% THD. Front surround: 90 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.007% THD; rear surround: 15 W/ch into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz with no more than 0.7% THD ..... \$840

#### **RX777VBK AM/FM Receiver**

A/V receiver with digital Dolby surround, hall, stadium, and adjustable digital delay. Features 2 video inputs; digital synthesizer tuner with 40 AM/40 FM station presets; auto memory; preset scan; 7-band SEA graphic equalizer; LCD on unit; interactive CCS; loudness and connections for two pairs of of speakers; CATV antenna control unit: programmable remote control. 80 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.007% THD. Front surround: 75 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.007% THD; rear surround: 7 W/ch into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz with no more than 0.7% THD \$630 RX777VSBK. As above with unified A/V remote control..... \$570

#### RX333BK AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with full-function remote control. Features loudness and connections for two pairs of speakers; digital synthesizer tuner with 40 AM/40 FM station presets; auto memory; preset scan; LCD on unit; interactive CCS; 5-band SEA graphic equalizer; CATV antenna control unit. 45 W/ch into 8 ohms from 40-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.08% THD .......\$320

#### KENWOOD KR-V127R AM/FM Receiver

#### AM/FM receiver with voltage interface gauge (VIG) power amplifier circuit. Features programmable full remote control; three video inputs; video dubbing with audio injection; Dolby/Theater/Stadium Surround; 20-Station Name Preset System (SNSP); 5-category music select presets; 7-band electronic graphic equalizer; 7-band spectrum analyzer; auto-memory entry; equalizer recording switch; MM/MC cartridge selector; speaker A/B selector; 10 W/ch rear speaker amplifier; THD 0.008%; IMD

0.008%; FR 20-20,000 Hz; S/N ratio 82 dB; graphic equalizer center frequency 60 Hz at 1 kHz; usable sens 10.8 dBf; 50 dB quieting sens 74 dB. \$699

#### KR-V107R AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with voltage interface gate (VIG) power amplifier circuit. Features unified full remote control; three video inputs; video dubbing with audio injection; Dolby/Theater/Stadium Surround; 20-Station Name Preset System (SNPS); 5-category music select presets; preset scan with music calendar; 7-band electronic graphic equalizer; 7-band spectrum analyzer; FM auto-memory entry; equalizer recording switch; speaker A/B selector; 10 W/ch rear speaker amplifier; THD 0.008%; IMD 0.008%; FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  0.5 dB; S/N ratio 82 dB; graphic equalizer center frequency 60 Hz; usable sens 10.8 dBf. 5.25 x 16.56 x 14.5 in; 23.1 lb . \$599

#### **KR-V87R AM/FM Receiver**



Kenwood KR-V107R

#### **KR-A57R AM/FM Receiver**

Features 55 watts per channel; unified remote control; 5-band graphic equalizer; matrix surround; 20-Station AM/FM random preset memory; 10-key direct frequency input; preset scar; electronic inpout selectors; two video sound inputs; speaker A/B selector; THD 0.03; IMD 0.03; FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm 0.5$  dB; s/N ratio 73 dB; graphic equalizer center frequency 60 Hz; usable sens 10.8 dBf; 50dB quieting sens 17.2 dBf; IF rejection ratio 86 dB. 4.31 x 16.56 x 9.31 in; 10.1 lb. \$329

#### KYOCERA

#### **R-861** Receiver

#### R-661 Receiver

Features 70 W/ch (continuous rms, both chan-

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#### **R-461 Receiver**



Luxman R-115

#### LUXMAN

R-117 160-W/ch AM/FM Receiver Receiver with full-function system remote control including video and video sound switching. Features low-impedance drive capability; CD straight mode; FET differential phono input; 5 gang varactors, dual gate MOSFET's: pre-out/ main-in. Power output 160 W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with <0.03% THD; IMD <0.03% (35 W/8 ohms); S/N 88 dB (MM), 70 dB (MC), 98 dB (CD, tape, A/V); FM sensitivity (stereo) 36 dBf; FM S/N (stereo) 75 dB; FM total harmonic distortion (stereo) < 0.1% ..... .... \$1,200 R-115. Similar to above with 75 W/ch; remote control; audio switching/video switching. \$800 R-113. Similar to above with 35 W/ch; THD <0.08%. No remote control ...... \$450

#### MARANTZ

#### SR3600BL 120-W/ch Receiver

Receiver with Dolby Surround Sound. Features quartz-locked digital synthesis tuning; manual scan; 5-band EQ; remote control; 40 AM/FM presets; preset scan; vCR to VCR dubbing; 3 band tone control; speaker A/B switch; center channel output \$879

#### SR3500BL 110-W/ch Receiver

Receiver with 40 AM/FM station presets. Fcatures quartz-locked digital synthesis tuning; manual scan; 5-band EQ; preset scan; VCR to VCR dubbing; 3 band tone control; speaker A/B switch; cable FM input; MMMC phono input selector; matrix sound. \$749

#### TA-170AV 165-W/ch Receiver

Receiver with 16-preset digital tuning. Features 5-band graphic equalizer; quartz-locked digital synthesis tuning; electronic volume; VCR to VCR dubbing; power meter; inputs for MM phono, tape, CD player; alt-ch sel 50 dB; 50-dB quieting sens, mono 15 dBf, sterco 37 dBf; max S/N 68 dB; THD stereo 0.3%; sep 42 dB; capture ratio 1

dB. 16.5 x 7.25 x 13 in; 34 lb ..... \$650

#### TA-100 100-W/ch Receiver

AM/FM receiver with 16 presets. Features remote control; 5-band EQ; quartz-locked digital synthesis tuning; inputs for MM, phono, tape, CD, 2 video sources; vCR to vCR dubbing; 100 W/ch; 0.1% THD. 16.62 x 5.87 x 12.62 in; 23.7 lb.....\$500

#### SR3300BL 60-W/ch Receiver

Receiver with 32 AM/FM presets. Features VCR to VCR dubbing; 3 band tone control; speaker A/B switch; audio/video integration; matrix sound \$449

#### SR-560 45-W/ch Receiver

Features 16 preset digital tuning; 7 band EQ; inputs for MM phono, tape, CD, 2 video sources; VCR to VCR dubbing; 0.3% THD; 11.2 dBf 1HF sens. 16.5 x 3.62 x 10 in; 11.9 lb ...... \$250

#### MCINTOSH MAC 4300V AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM 100 W/ch stereo receiver with remote control. Features MPX filter; 6 station presets; signal-strength indicator; LED display of station frequency; 1 unswitched outlet; loudness; 1, 2, and 1+2 speaker selector; 5-band equalizer; scan; headphone jack. Amp: THD 0.02%; IMD 0.02%; FR 20-20,000 Hz +0/-0.5 dB; SN 100 dB. Tuner: S/N 75 dB stereo; FR 20-15,000 Hz +0/-1.0 dB stereo; THD 0.08% at 1,000 Hz; FM S/N 70 dB stereo; FM capture- ratio 1.5 dB; Front panel is brushed black with gold trim; side panels are machined solid walnut with fin-ish; 18.47 x 6.06 x 14 in; 34 lb 5 oz... \$2,995

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Mitsubishi M-AVI

#### MITSUBISHI M-AVI 125-W/ch Receiver

A/V receiver with 125-W/ch features 25-W/ch Dolby Surround Matrix surround; remote control; motorized volume control; bass and treble controls; tone defeat; audio mute; preamp loudness; subsonic filter; high-cut filter; record selector; 16 presets with menu-switching; on-screen displays of all functions; adjustable LCD display; preset scan; FM muting; headphone jack; 4 audio/video equipment inputs; 3 audio equipment inputs; 2 audio tape outputs; 1 video tape output; monitor outputs; pre-amp loop; THD 0.05%....\$1,000

#### M-AV2 80-W/ch Receiver

A/V receiver with 80-W/ch features Dolby Surround Matrix surround; remote control; motorized volume control; bass and treble controls; tone defeat; audio mute; preamp loudness; subsonic filter; high-cut filter; record selector; 16 presets; preset scan; FM muting; headphone jack; 4 audio/video equipment inputs; 3 audio tape outputs; 1 video tape output; monitor outputs; pre-amp loop; THD 0.05% ....... \$800

#### NAD

#### 7600 Monitor Series AM/FM Receiver

Wireless remote control; 150 W/ch; power envelope circuitry; +6 dB dynamic headroom; bridgeable; high current output stage; high resolution phono preamp; MC pre-preamp; bass EQ semi-parametric tone controls; wide/narrow IF mode; speaker imp selector; close tracking Soft Clipping; rack mountable .......\$1,598

#### 7400 Monitor Series AM/FM Receiver

14 pre-sets; 100 W/ch stereo reciever; power envelpe circuitry; +6.2 dB dynamic headroom; motorized volume; MM/MC switch on discrete 4-transistor phono preamp; bridgeable; preamp out/main in; rack mountable .......\$1,098

#### 7100 Monitor Series AM/FM Receiver

#### 7225PE AM/FM Receiver

20 W/ch; +4 dB dynamic headroom; power envelope circuitry; preamp out/main in; 5-way speaker binding posts; Soft Clipping circuit \$348



Nakamichi SR-4A

#### NAKAMICHI SR-4A AM/FM Receiver

Stereo receiver with Stasis power amp, multi-

regulated power supply, extensive video switching. Inputs for MM phono, MC phono, tape, CD player, video sound source; VCR/laser disc. 60 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.1% THD into 8 ohms; dynamic headroom 1.3 dB; 200-ms dynamic power 80 W. FM 50-dB quieting sens stereo 37.5 dBf; S/N 74 dBA at 65 dBf; THD stereo 0.07%; capture ratio 1.5 dB; AM rejection 60 dB; alt-ch sel 60 dB. 16.94 x 3.94 x 19.56 in; 22.25 lb . \$995

#### SR-3A AM/FM Receiver

Stereo receiver with Stasis power amp, multiregulated power supply, defeatable subsonic filter. Inputs for MM phono, MC phono, tape, CD player, video sound source; 2 video sources. 45 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.1% THD into 8 ohms; dynamic headroom 1.5 dB; 200-ms dynamic power 64 watts. FM 50-dB quieting sens stereo 37.5 dBf; S/N 74 dBA at 65 dBf; THD stereo 0.07%; capture ratio 2 dB; AM rejection 60 dB; alt-ch sel 55 dB. 16.94 x 3.94 x 14.56 in; 18.75 lb . \$695

#### **TA-1A AM/FM Receiver**

Features 35 W continuous average output; <0.10% THD into 8 ohms; MM phono overload 150 mV; MM phono S/N > 78 dB; 10 AM/FM presets; sens 12 dBf; signal strength for 50 dB quieting; multi-regulated power supply; 5 audio inputs; separate bass and treble controls; loudness control; fixed 6 dB per octave subsonic filter; MOSFET vari-acp tuner; auto-seek an manual tuning; 2 switched AC convenience outlets \$329

#### NEC AVR-1010 AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with built-in Dolby and matrix surround-sound processors. Features unified remote control with LCD readout that can operate other NEC audio and video components; four built-in power amps (one for each front and rear

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ch); quartz-PLL digital-synthesis tuning; 16 AM/FM station presets; preset scan; FM mute; selectable wide/narrow IF bandwidth; 3 volume level/channel balance presets; computer-controlled volume and input selection; audio mute; a master volume control; front/rear volume control; front-left, front-right, rear-left, and rearright volume controls; rear and front bass/treble controls; digital delay; headphone jack; tape monitor; mono output. Inputs for phono, CD player, tape deck, AUX, TV, and VCR. Tuner section: FM usable sens 10.8 dBf (0.95 µV); FM S/N 74 dB stereo. Amp section: 100 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20.000 Hz with 0.02% THD (front), 50 W/ch into 8 ohms (rear). 17 x 5.5 x \$899 17 in: 35 lb.



#### NEC AVR-710

#### AVR-710 AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with built-in Dolby and matrix surround-sound processors. Features unified remote control that can operate other NEC audio and video components; four built-in power amps (one for each front and rear ch); quartz-PLL digital-synthesis tuning; 16 AM/FM station presets; preset scan; FM mute; 3 volume level/ channel balance presets; computer-controlled volume and input selection; audio mute; a master volume control; front/rear volume control; front-left, front-right, rear-left, and rear-right volume controls; rear and front bass/treble controls. Inputs for phono, CD player, tape deck, AUX, TV, and VCR. Tuner section: FM usable sens 13.2 dBf (2.5  $\mu$ V); FM s/N 72 dB stereo. Amp section: 70 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.02% THD (front), 35 W/ch into 8 ohms (rear). 17 x 5.5 x 17 in; 33 lb. . . . \$699



### Nikko AVR-65

## NIKKO AUDIO

AVR-65 Audio/Video Receiver

#### NR-1050R AM/FM Receiver

Remote-controlled receiver with 100 W/ch; 2 tape inputs; 20 presets; bi-directional dubbing; L/R mic; L/R line; 4-band graphic EQ.... \$599 NR-850R. Same as above with 65 W/ch. \$519

#### R-550 AM/FM Receiver

55 W/ch at 8 ohms; 1.63 dB dynamic headroom with 10-100,000 Hz per bandwidth; 10 AM, 10 FM presets; 6-inputs; processor select system; 2 video/image input/output terminals provide bidirectional dubbing; auto record out allows any source to be autmatically routed to all four outputs; THD.04%; FR 20-20,000 Hz/CD input; S/N 80 dB; sep 51 dB: channel sel 75.8 dB... \$450

## ONKYO

## TX-SV7M AM/FM Receiver

Audio/video AM/FM receiver with Onkyo's RV-AV7M universal remote control to operate receiver plus a variety of other audio and video components. Features built-in MTS decoder for stereo broadcasts; built-in surround-sound processor with Dolby, matix, and hall surround sound; simulated stereo; 12 AM/FM station presets; FM mute; inputs for 4 speakers; bass, treble, and balance controls. Inputs for CD player, phono; VDP, VCR, tape 1, and tape 2. 100 W/ch, 75 W/ch (front) and 25 W/ch (rear) in surround mode..........\$1,000

#### Integra TX-108 AM/FM Receiver

Computer-controlled AM/FM receiver with fullfunction wireless remote control that can also operate selected Onkyo turntables, tape decks, and CD players. Automatic precision reception system controls stereo/mono, local/DX, highblend on/off, and NR on/off functions. Features real-phase power supply; dynamic bass expander: dynamic transient expander: simulated stereo; preset memory scan; motorized volume control; FM/video simulcast capability. Inputs for MM and MC phono; tape; tape 2; CD player; video sound source; VCR; VDP. Amp section: 100 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with <0.02% THD. FM section: 50-dB quieting sens 40 µV (37.2 dBf) stereo; capture ratio 1.3 dB; alt-ch sel 70 dB. 18.88 x 5.88 x 18.12 in; 33 lb. \$900



## Onkyo TX-SV7M

#### Integra TX-88 AM/FM Receiver

Computer-controlled AM/FM receiver with fullfunction wireless remote control that also operates selected Onkyo turntables, tape decks, and CD players. Automatic precision reception system controls stereo/mono, local/DX, high-blend on/off, and NR on/off functions. Features realphase power supply; dynamic bass expander; simulated stereo; preset memory scan; motorized volume control; FM/video simulcast capability. Inputs for MM phono; tape; tape 2; CD player; video sound source; VCR; VDP. Amp section: 80 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with <0.025% THD. FM section: 50-dB quieting sens 40 µV (37.2 dBf) stereo; capture ratio 1.5 dB; alt-ch sel 70 dB ..... \$730

#### TX-830 AM/FM Receiver

Stereo receiver with 58 W/ch rms. Features 150 W/ch dynamic output into 2 ohms; low impedance drive discrete output section; 3-mode APR tuner; 20-station random memory with batteryfree backup; selective tone control; CD direct input; simulated stereo; sleep time function; integtrated system remote capability with supplied controller. Amp: FR 20-30,000 Hz  $\pm 1$  dB. Tuner: capture ratio 1.5 dB; S/N 67 dB stereo; THD 0.3% stereo. \$400 TX-830M. As above with system remote \$450

#### TX-810 AM/FM Receiver

Stereo receiver with 45 W/ch rms. Features 58

W/ch dynamic output into 2 ohms; low impedance drive discrete output section; 2-mode APR tuner; 16-station random memory with batteryfree backup; selective tone control ...... \$310

#### PARASOUND R/HD Receiver Series

All Parasound R/HD recievers feature CMOS electronic logic switching; high current/high speed discrete outputs; high speed linear phono gain stage; oversized power supply; preamplifier output jacks; LED function indicators; separate CD and video inputs; A/B speaker pairs, separately switched; mono mode select; all-metal chassis and panel; 3 AC convenience outlets; headphone jack.

## R/HD-900R AM/FM Receiver

#### R/HD-600 AM/FM Receiver

Features 16 station presets. 8 AM/8 FM; variable loudness contour; 2-tape monitors; relay protection; THD <0.2%; dynamic headroom 1.5 dB; FR 20-20.000 Hz  $\pm 1$  dB; s/N 90 dB; 17.25 x 4 x 1.25 in. \$400

#### PHILIPS

#### FR 980 AM/FM Surround Sound Receiver

Built-in Dolby Surround decoding and amplification; front channels rated 125 watts; 15 watts rear channels; dynamic power of 180 watts, 290 watts; Surround mode switch features matrix, spatial, stereo, mono; 7 brand graphic equalizer with programmable acoustic memory: 50-key universal audio/video remote with LCD display; motor-driven rotary volume control for both channels; digitally synthesized AM/FM tuner with 19 presets; video split screen with video noise reduction; Record Selector provides parallel recording capability; MM or MC phono settings: ambience control switch: 9 audio inputs: 4 audio outputs; 4 video inputs; 3 video outputs; AM and FM antennas; headphone outlet; function display; pre-set Scanning function for AM/FM tuner; re-modulator output jack for optional re-modulator. S/N ratio 75 dB; THD 0.1%; video input sens 1 v p-p/75 ohms. 4.4 x 16.8 x 15.2 in; 35 lb ..... \$999

## PIONEER

### VSX-9300S AM/FM Receiver

A/V receiver with Dolby Pro Logic surround processor and digital delay. Features type III non-switching amp rated at 125 W front x 30 W rear; motor-driven volume control: 4 audio inputs; video adaptor loop; 4 video inputs; stadium sound; simulated surround sound; FL display; programmable remote control; video enhancer with split-screen monitoring; VCR noise filter; 5-position remote-operated acoustic tonal setting memory; pre-outs and main input terminals; 30 AM/FM presets; memory scan; manual, automatic, and direct-access tuning; HITS (Hyper Intelligent Tuning System) enables memory display by radio call letter and ..... \$935 categories .

## VSX-7300 AM/FM Receiver

A/V receiver with Dolby Pro Logic surround processor and digital delay. Features type III

#### VSX-5300 AM/FM Receiver

A/V receiver with Dolby Pro Logic surround processor and digital delay. Features type III non-switching amp rated at 100 W front x 15 W rear; 3 audio inputs; 3 video inputs; stadium sound; simulated surround sound; FL display; programmable remote control; video enhancer with split-screen monitoring; 30 AM/FM presets \$635

#### SX-2300 AM/FM Receiver





#### PROTON D940 AM/FM Receiver

Receiver with Dynamic Power on Demand (DPD) circuitry and Schotz NR. Features high dynamic power capabilities (rating 8/4/2 ohms to 160/280/380 W/ch); 4-gang FM front end: 2gang AM front end; selectable phono section for MM and MC phono: speaker EQ; separate lownoise MC amp; active volume control; infrasonic filter. Inputs for MM, MC phono; phono 2; tape: AUX: extra AUX; CD; video sound source. Amp section: 40 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with less than 0.02% THD into 8 ohms: dynamic headroom 6 dB: IHF IMD 0.008%: FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB. FM section: alt-ch sel 55 dB; adj-ch sel 90 dB; 50-dB quieting sens 33.2 dBf stereo; S/N 70 dB stereo; THD stereo 0.2%; sep 45 dB at 1,000 Hz; capture ratio 1.5 dB. 16.5 x 4 x 10.12 in: 20 lb ..... \$489

#### AV-300 AM/FM Receiver

#### REALISTIC

AV-900 FM/AM/TV Receiver Receives VHF TV broadcasts (decodes MTS 

Realistic STA-2380

#### STA-2700 AM/FM Receiver

Quartz tuning; 6 AM and 6 FM presets; search tuning; digital frequency display: 5-part LED signal-strength meter; 2-part dual output power meters; 2-way tape dubbing and 2-deck monitoring; loudness control; MPX blend; FM muting; high filter; sonic filter; function LED's; overload and overheating protection. VCR and cassette dubbing capability; 36-key multi-function integrated system remote control; connections for AM loop and indoor/outdoor FM antennas; inputs for CD, phono, tape, VCR-1, VCR-2/VDP, and processor; outputs for headphones. A, B, and A+B speakers; motorized volume control; matte-black finish; pale-blue FL display. Amp: 60 W/ch, THD <0.05%; S/N 76 dB. Tuner: FM usable sens 11.2 dBf mono: S/N 70 dB; THD <0.25%. 5 x 17 x 13.25 in; 21 lb ..... \$460

#### RZ-1000 32-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

#### STA-2380 AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM-stereo receiver with 6 AM and 6 FM presets and IMX stereo expander to extend sound stage and improve imaging precision. Up/down scan, lock; 5 segment fluorescent signal strength meter; dual 7-step output meter MPX blend; high filter cleans up record scratch. Drives 2 pairs of speakers; headphone jack; 2 AC outlets. Inputs for MM phono: tape; tape 2; aux; CD player. Amp section: 60 W/ch into 8 ohms. 98 W into 4 ohms. FM section: 50-dB quieting sens stereo 40  $\mu$ V (32 dBf): max stereo s/N 70 dB with 65 dBf (1.000  $\mu$ V) A-wtd; s/N 84 dB phono 100 dB aux; capture ratio 1 dB; AM rej 50 dB; alt-ch sel 70 dB.

#### STA-117 AM/FM Receiver

#### STA-785 AM/FM Receiver

Digital synthesized AM/FM receiver with Quartz digital tuning. Features search up or down; feather-touch controls; 6 AM/6 FM presets; FM

muting: 5-LED signal-strength meter; loudness control. Inputs for MM phono; tape; aux; CD player. Amp section: 50 W/ch into 8 ohms. FM section: capture ratio 2 dB: Response 40-20,000 Hz: s/N 56 dB, 67 aux; AM rej 45 dB; alt-ch sel 50 dB. \$200

#### **REVOX** B285 AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM stereo receiver with two microprocessors for control of input sensitivities, output levels, and operating functions. Features alphanumeric multi-mode LCD display; 29 AM or FM presets; level and reception mode (mono/stereo, biend) separately programmable for each preset station; programmable volume limit; -20 dB button; subsonic filter: loudness contour; programmable output levels for A and B speaker pairs: comprehensive speaker protection circuits: serial data bus for external control devices: wireless infrared remote control (transmitter optional). Inputs for phono, tape, CD player, tape 2. Amp section: 70 continuous average W/ch 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.03% THD into 8 ohms; dynamic headroom 2.5 dB; FR 20-20.000 Hz ± 0.3 dB. FM section: alternate-ch sel 96 dB; adjacent-ch sel 16 dB; 50-dB quieting sens, mono 1.6 µV (15.2 dBf), stereo 19 µ∀ (36.8 dBf); max s/N. A-wtd, mono 84 dB, stereo 80 dB; THD mono 0.15%, stereo 0.3%; sep 43 dB at 1,000 Hz; capture ratio 2 dB. AM section: FR 120-3.000 Hz ±6 dB: sens 36µV; 33 lb ..... \$2,995

#### ROTEL

#### RX-875 AM/FM Receiver

70 W bridgeable to 180/W AM/FM receiver. Digital tuning with 16 station presets; THD 0.03%; IMD 0.05%; S/N ratio 75 dB: inputs for video sources \$599 **RX-855**. As above, 14 presets, 50-W/ch. \$499



Rotel RX-875

#### **RX-850A AM/FM Receiver**

30-W/ch receiver with 16 random presets. Features RT850 tuner circuitry. \$449 RZ-3000 50-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

#### RZ-1000 32-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

Features quartz-PLL synthesizer AM/FM stereo tuner: 30 random station presets; preset scan; station call memory; extra-large heatsink; lowimpedance capability; connections for AM loop and indoor/outdoor FM antennas; inputs for CD, phono, tape-1, tape-2/monitor, and VCR/VDP; outputs for A, B, and A+B speak-



#### SAE R102

## SAE R102 AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM stereo receiver utilizes an on-board computer to eliminate dependency between frontpanel layout and audio circuits. 50 W/ch at 0.025% THD. All controls grouped by function. Features alphanumeric and digital readouts for input functions, tone, volume, balance settings, station frequency and tuner memories; 3 digital tone memories: tuner memory scan; phono power amp; high-current main amp......\$499

## SANSUI

#### S-X1200 120-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with random presetting of 16 FM and AM stations. Features channel call and preset scan; connections for two VCR's with bidirectional dubbing; sound attacker to add sonic impact to video image; LED power meters; processor terminals: hi-blend; variable loudness; Amp section: 120 continuous average W/ch 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.015% THD into 8 ohms; FR 10-70,000 Hz + 1, -3 dB. FM section: 50-dB quieting sens.(Mono) 10.8 dBf; 17.31 x 5.34 x 17.12 in; black finish; 30 lb ... \$1,000 X900. Similar to S-X1200 except 80 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.02% THD .... \$725



Sansui S-X1200

#### RZ-7000 70-W/ch Receiver

Features quartz-PLL synthesizer AM/FM stereo tuner; 30 random station presets; preset scan; station call memory: 5-band graphic equalizer with 5 factory-set patterns; memory for 30 userset patterns for tuner, and 5 other user-set patterns; 3 extra-large heatsinks: low-impedance capability; VCR and cassette dubbing capability; 36-key multi-function integrated system remote control; connections for AM loop and indoor/outdoor FM antennas; inputs for CD, phono, tape, VCR-1, VCR-2/VDP, and processor; outputs for headphones. A. B, and A+B speakers; motorized volume control; matteblack finish; pale-blue FL display. Amp: 70 W/ch, THD <0.02%; S/N 76 dB. Tuner: FM usable sens 11.2 dBf mono: S/N 70 dB; THD <0.2%.....\$600

#### SCOTT RS50 AM/FM Receiver

Receiver with remote control. Features 7-band

#### SHARP SA-X50AV AN

#### SA-X50AV AM/FM Receiver Receiver with multiple audio/video inputs and



Sharp SA-X50AV

#### SA-X35 AM/FM Receiver

Features quartz digital-synthesis tuner; 5-band graphic equalizer; auto scan tuning; loudness switch; A, B, A + B speaker selector; 6 AM/6 FM presets. Inputs for MM phono, tape, CD player. Amp section: 35 continuous average W/ch 20,000 Hz with no more than 0.5% THD into 8 ohms; IHF IMD 0.15%; FR 15-35,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB. FM section: adjacent-ch sel 56 dB; max S/N 68 dB stere; THD 0.3% stereo; sep 32 dB at 1.000 Hz. Black or silver. 17 x 3.69 x 10.5 in; 10 \$200

#### SHERWOOD RA-1340R AM/FM Receiver

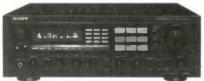
#### S-2770RCP AM/FM Receiver

Digital-synthesized AM/FM-stereo receiver with digitally controlled 7-band EQ and LED spectrum analyzer. Features 4 EQ memories; 16 station presets; video dubbing; infrared remote control; surround sound; front-panel 2-ch-audio VCR in-put; MOSFET input stage; inputs for tape, CD player; video sound source; amp section: 74 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with less than 0.3% THD into 8 ohms: capture ratio 1.5 dB; AM rejection 55 dB; alt-ch sel 70. \$430

#### S-2750CP AM/FM Receiver

#### SONY STR-GX10ES AM/FM Receiver

Audio/video receiver with programmable Remote Commander. Features 150 W/ch continuous into 8 ohms, 20-20,000 Hz, with 0.007% THD; spontaneous twin drive power supply design; copper-plated G-Chassis design constructed with non-metallic compound; separate power supplies for system control and audio circuit stages; audio/video switching capability (3 video sources); video and tape dubbing capability; S-video terminals: defeatable subsonic filter; 3band, low noise, high-gain negative feedback type tone controls; source direct switch; quartz frequency-synthesis tuning; wave optimized digital stereo decoder; 20 station presets. Tuner section: S/N 84 dB; THD .08%; sel 90 dB; sep (at 



Sony STR-GX10ES

#### STR-GX9ES AM/FM Receiver

Audio/video receiver with programmable Remote Commander. Features 130 W/ch continuous into 8 ohms. 20-20.000 Hz, with 0.008% THD; spontaneous twin drive power supply design; G-Chassis design constructed with nonmetallic compound; separated power supplies for system control and audio circuit stages; audio/video switching (3 video sources) and tape dubbing; S-video terminals; defeatable subsonic filter; 3-band, low noise, high-gain negative feedback type tone controls; source direct switch; quartz frequency-synthesis tuning; wave optimized digital stereo decoder; 20 station presets. Tuner section: S/N 84 dB; THD.08%; sel 90 dB; sep (at 1.000 Hz) 60 dB .......\$1,000

#### STR-GX7ES AM/FM Receiver

#### STR-GX6ES AM/FM Receiver

Audio/video receiver with programmable Remote Commander. Features 100 W/ch continuous into 8 ohms, 20-20,000 Hz, with 0.03% THD: spontaneous twin drive power supply design; G-chassis design constructed with non-metallic compound; separate power transformers for the system control and audio circuitry; audio/video switching capability (2 video sources); low-noise, negative-feedback type tone controls; source direct switch; quartz frequencysynthesis tuning; 20 station presets. Tuner section: s/N 76 dB; THD .2%; sel 65 dB; sep (at 1,000 Hz) 50 dB.

#### STR-AV900 AM/FM Receiver

Audio/video receiver with full-function remote control. Features 100 W/ch into 8 ohms; sur-

#### STR-GX5ES AM/FM Receiver

#### STR-AV500 AM/FM Receiver

Audio/video receiver with full-function remote control. Features 55 W/ch into 8 ohms; surround-sound capability; 5-band electronic graphic equalizer; 20 station presets. Amp: FR 10-70.000 Hz,  $\pm 0$ , -1 dB with .3% THD. Tuner; S/N 70 dB; THD .2%; sens 11.2 dBf/2  $\mu\nu$  . \$340

#### TANDBERG TPR 3080 Receiver

Remote-controllable FM receiver with zero-feedback design and remote control. Features high current power amplifier; digital tuner with 26 presets; separate program and record source selectors. Inputs for MM and MC phono, CD, DAT, video, and tape. 80 W/ch. Rosewood side

## TEAC

## AG-55 AM/FM Receiver

## **TECHNICS**

## SA-R530 100-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

A/V receiver with 96-key intelligent remote control and digital Dolby surround-sound processor. Features 7-band electronic graphic equalizer with 5 factory preset curves and 5 user assignable curve memories; quartz digital tuner; 24 preset channel memory and Station File preset organization system; 7-band FL spectrum analyzer; motor-driven volume control; rearmounted thermally triggered fan; 3 A/V inputs; 6 audio inputs; video output for monitor; fullfunction FL display; 6 digital A/V surround modes including Dolby and stereoplex simulated stereo; auto-simulcast tuning. 100 W/ch, both channels driven into 8 ohms, with <0.007% THD from 20-20,000 Hz ...... \$695

#### SA-R430 100-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

A/V receiver with 44-key intelligent remote control and matrix surround-sound processor. Features 7-band electronic graphic equalizer with 5 factory preset curves and 5 user assignable curve memories; quartz digital tuner; 24 preset channel memory and Station File preset organization system; 7-band FL spectrum analyzer; notor-driven volume control; 2 A/V inputs; 4 audio inputs; full-function FL display. 100 W/ch, both channels driven into 8 ohns, from <0.007% THD from 20-20,000 Hz . \$520



Technics SA-R530

#### SA-R330 70-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

Audio/video receiver with 42-key intelligent remote control. Features 7-band electronic graphic equalizer; quartz-locked digital tuner; 24 preset channel memory and Station File preset organization system; 7-band spectrum analyzer with fluorescent display; motor-driven volume control; 2 A/V inputs; 4 audio inputs; video output for monitor; full-function FL display. 70 W/ch, both channels driven into 8 ohms, with <0.008% THD from 20-20.000 Hz ...... \$355

#### SA-160 40-W/ch AM/FM Receiver

#### VECTOR RESEARCH VRX-9200R AM/FM Receiver

120-W/ch A/V receiver with full-function remote control. Features motorized rotary volume control; built-in Dolby Surround; 4 x 40-W pre-out/main-in jacks; 8 discrete output transistors: video signal routing; A/V processing loop; video monitor output; dedictated CD input; quartz-synthesis tuning; 20 station presets; preset scan; mono/stereo switch; A/B RF antenna inputs; FM autoscan; 2 tape monitors with dubbing in either direction; 2 A/V monitors with dubbing; MC head amp; high and subsonic filters; parallel speaker switching; surround level, front/rear balance. \$750

### VRX-8200R AM/FM Receiver

#### VRX-6200 AM/FM Receiver

65-W/ch A/V receiver with full-function remote control. Features notorized rotary volume control: built-in matrix surround; pre-out/main-in jacks; video signal routing; A/V processing loop; video monitor output; dedicated CD input; quartz-synthesis tuning; 16 station presets; mono/stereo switch; RF antenna inputs; FM autoscan; 2 tape monitors with dubbing: loudness contour; parallel speaker switching...... \$450

#### VRX-3600R AM/FM Receiver

#### VRX-2700 AM/FM Receiver

30 W/ch A/V receiver with discrete output stage. Features 20 random AM/FM presets; dedicated CD inputs; A/V processing loop; 2 switched/unswitched outlets; spearate FM mute and mono: video monitor out; quartz-synthesized tuning; rotary volume control with LED; pre-out main-in jack; video signal routing; 75 ohm connector; AM/FM autoscan. Amp: THD 0.09%; IMD 0.09%; FR 10-50,000 Hz. Tuner; S/N 68 dB; THD 0.5%; FR 50-15.000 Hz; sep 40 dB ..... \$199



Yamaha RX-1100U

#### YAMAHA RX-1100U AM/FM Receiver

AM/FM receiver with integrated system remote control. Features digital tuner; absolute linear amplification; high dynamic power; low-impedance drive capability; 16-station random access preset tuning; digital fine tuning; continuously variable loudness control; dual tape monitor inputs; pre-main coupling terminals; 3 video source inputs; video and audio record out selectors; switching for three pairs of speakers; LED indicator on volume knob. 125 W/ch min rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with less than 0.015% THD. Black finish; 30 lb ....... \$999

#### **RX-900U AM/FM Receiver**

#### **RX-700U AM/FM Receiver**

#### RX-500U AM/FM Receiver

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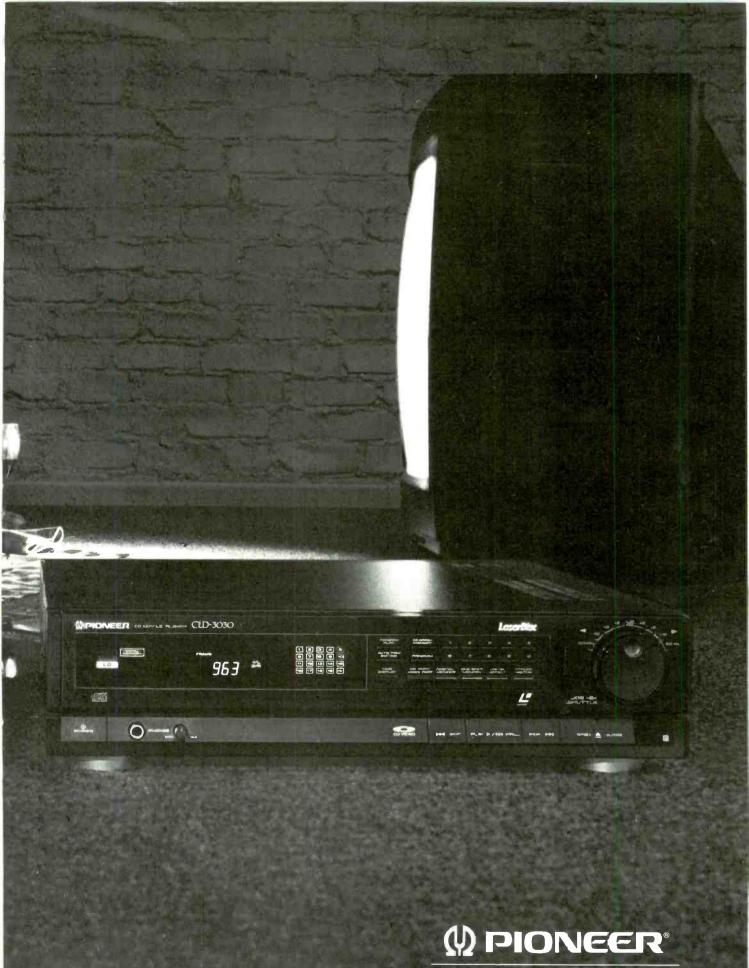
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## DOWER AMPLIFIERS

#### ACCUPHASE BY MADRIGAL P-600 Stereo Power Amplifier

7 parallel push-pull output stage with MOSFET pre-driver incorporating push-pull circuitry in all stages; digital peak power display; bridge connection switch; 1-dB-per-step input-level control. Drives 2-ohm speaker with guaranteed output of 700 W/ch. 300 W/ch into 8 ohms; 1,000 W into 8 ohms bridged; damping factor 300 IHF 50 Hz; S/N <125 dB IHF-A; rated input 2 V; 18.94 x 9.19 x 18.75 in ..... \$7,000

#### P-300V 180-W/ch Power Amplifier

With power meters. 180 W/ch into 8 ohms; bridgeable for 500 W into 8 ohms, 300 W into 2 ohms; 17.5 x 6.4 x 14.7 in; 50.6 lb ..... \$4,250

#### ACOUSTIC RESEARCH **AR P-10 Power Amplifier**

Power amp with massive transient (IHF dynamic) power capibility of 1,200 W/ch in 2 ohms, 800 W into 4 ohms, and 400 into 8 ohms. 150 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with no more than 0.3% THD 200 W into 4 ohms; 200-ms dynamic power 300 W; dynamic headroom 4.3 dB; S/N 95 dB; slew rate 30 V/µs; IMD 0.03%. 4.33 x 17 x 14.5 in . \$849

## ADCOM

#### **GFA-555** Power Amplifier

High-current amp able to drive 1-ohm loads with no current limiting and low feedback. Bridgeable for mono operation. 200 W/ch into 8 ohms; 350 W/ch into 4 ohms with <0.09% THD and <0.05% IMD; constant damping factor >100 20-20,000 Hz ..... \$750

#### **GFA-545** Power Amplifier

High-current amp able to drive low-imp, including 1-ohm loads. Features low-negative-feedback design; constant damping factor; toroidal transformer; no current limiting except for fuses; instantaneous distortion alert when distortion products higher than 1% at speaker outputs; direct-coupled design. 100 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with no more than 0.09% THD, 150 W/ch into 4 ohms; IMD 0.008%. 5.5 x 17 x 12.5 in; 25 lbs ..... \$500

#### **GFA-535** Power Amplifier

High-current amp able to drive low-imp loads. Features low-negative-feedback design; constant damping factor; hookup for 2 sets of speakers; instantaneous distortion alert when distortion products higher than 1% at speaker outputs; direct-coupled design; separate power transformers for each ch. 60 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with no more than 0.09% THD, 100 W/ch into 4 ohms; IMD 0.008%. 3.25 x 17 x 12.5 in \$300

## A/D/S/ PA4 High-Current 150-W/ch Power Amp

Designed for wide bandwidth and high current; all discrete transistors; polypropylene capacitors; metal-film resistors; 10 bipolor output devices per ch; open-loop bandwidth of <100 MHz to avoid rate limiting and stability with complex speaker loads; toroidal transformers for low noise and high current; drives 2 pairs of speakers; power and speakers switched from a/d/s/ CC4 control center or R4 receiver; bridgeable; clipping LED's. 150 W/ch into 4 or 8 ohms; 250 W into 1 ch. 2.8 x 17.5 x 14.8 in; 27 lb.....\$1,200

#### AUDIO DESIGN ASSOCIATES PF-300 Power Amplifier

MOSFET power amplifier capable of driving 1/2ohm loads continuously. Front panel power switches, indicators and fuses; dual mono design with independent toroidal transformers; fan cooled; 200 W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.05% THD into 8 ohms; 300 W into 4 ohms; slew rate 10 v/µsec; IMD 0.08%; 48 

#### PF-200 Power Amplifier

MOSFET power amp capable of driving 1-ohm loads. Features 4-segment LED output meters; front panel power switch; indicator and fuse; toroidal power transformer; fan cooled; standard EIA rack-mountable. 60 continuous average W/ch from 20-20.000 Hz with no more than 0.07% THD into 8 ohms; 110 watts into 4 ohms; S/N 95 dB; slew rate 10 V/µsec; IMD 0.07%. 25 lb; 19 x 5.25 x 15.5 in ..... \$1,295

#### AUDIO DYNAMICS **B200 Power Amplifier**

Configurable 2-/3-/4-channel power amplifier with individual left/rear, left/front, right/rear, and right/front volume controls. Features speaker on/off switch; oversized power display

Audio Research M300



with front/rear display switches; direct input; power output into 2 channels; 260 W/ch into 8 ohms; power output into 4 channels: 90 W/ch into 8 ohms, 120 W/ch into 4 ohms ..... \$699

#### AUDIO RESEARCH M300 Mono 300-W Power Amplifier

Hybrid design with field-effect transistors (for front end) and vacuum tubes (in output stage); cross-coupled circuit; front-panel replaceable line and screen voltage fuses with LED indicators; 2 integral low-noise cooling fans (switchable for "Hi" or "Lo"); standby switch for warmup or interruptions; auto muting for silent shutdown; gold-plated inputs connect ground before hot; output taps for 1, 2, 4, or 8 ohms; front and rear handles. 300 minimum continuous W from 16-25,000 Hz with <0.051% THD into 8 ohms; power at clipping 330 W; FR 10-60,000 Hz -3 dB; S/N 90 dB; slew rate 25 V/µsec; 10.5 x 19 x 16 in; 110 lb net...... \$4,995

D115 100-W/ch Vacuum-Tube Power Amplifier High-Definition power amp with controlled turn-on, warm-up for maximum power-tube life. Features patented cross-coupled circuit; front-panel fusing for line and screen. 100 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 1% THD into 8 ohms; FR 20-20,000 Hz ±1 dB; S/N 90 dB; slew rate 15 V/µsec; IMD 0.1%; input imp sens 1.1 V for rated output; input imp 75 kohms nominal: noise <90 dB below rated power. 7 x 19 x 16.5 in; 80 lb shipping weight ..... \$2,995

#### D120 120-W/ch Solid-State Power Amplifier

High-Definition solid-state stereo power amp with Analog Module technology, unique linear output circuit. Stable under any load condition. Features internal bridging switch for mono operation; power supply fuse on front panel; fusefailure LED indicator. Output power 120 W/ch into 8 ohms, 10-20,000 Hz at <0.25% THD; FR 1.2-75,000 Hz ±1 dB; power bandwidth 0.6-100,000 Hz -3 dB; input sens/imp 1.5 V rms/60 kohms; harmonic distortion <0.004% at 1,000 Hz, 1 W; IMD <0.035% at rated power; slew rate 40 V/µsec; rise time 2 µsec; damping factor 300, 10-20,000 Hz; power consumption 1,000 W max; 5.25 x 19 x 10.5 in; 50 lb shipping weight ..... \$1,995

## AUDIO BY VAN ALSTINE

Transcendence FET-Valve Power Amplifier Hybrid power amplifier utilizing a combination of vacuum tubes for voltage gain and MOSFET's for current gain. Features >200 W/ch into 8 ohms at less than 0.01% THD; no output transformers; low imp drive capability. 17 x 14.5 x 7.5 in; 38 lb ..... \$1,995

### MOSFET 280D Power Amplifier

#### **MOSFET 240D Power Amplifier**

Full-complementary power MOSFET amplifier. Features precision metal resistors; precision film capacitors; high-voltage, high-current semiconductors; 120 W/ch into 8 ohms with less than 0.01% THD. 13 x 14 x 7 in; 27 lb ... \$550

#### **BEDINI AMPLIFIERS** BA-803 Class A Amplifier



Belles Research Model 450

## **Belles Research**

#### Belles 150 Stereo Power Amplifier

#### **B&K COMPONENTS** PRO-600 250-Watt Power Amplifier

High-powered amp with fan-cooled driver stage. 250 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.09% THD into 8 ohms, 400 W into 4 ohms; FR 5-45,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; s/N 95 dB; dynamic headroom 0.1 dB; slew rate 15 V/ $\mu$ sec; IMD 0.09%; bridgeable to 800 W. 6 x 19 x 15 in; 40 lb \$\$1,298

#### Sonata Series 200 Mono Amplifier

Mono amp with 200 W into 8 ohms and 350 W into 4 ohms. FR 1-100,000 Hz; THD 0.09% at 1 kHz; min load imp .75 ohm; class AB; DC coupled circuitry; optional balanced inputs. . \$898

## ST-202 PLUS Power Amplifier

Power amp designed to deliver high-wattage to speakers. 200 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 with no more than 0.9% THD into 8 ohms; dynamic headroom 1.8 dB; s/N 95 dB; slew rate 11 V/µsec; IMD 0.09%. 6 x 19 x 15 in; 30 lb \$698

## BRYSTON

## 6B 500-W/ch Power Amplifier

Mono power amp with high voltage and current. Max 120+ amperes instantaneously into 1 ohm; 1.000 W into 4 ohms with average current of 22 amperes; 1,000 W into 1 ohm with 35 amperes average; ground lift switch. 500 continuous W/ch from 20-20.000 Hz with no more than 0.005% THD into 8 ohms; S/N 105 dB; slew rate  $> 60 V/\mu sec$ ; IMD 0.005%; S5 lbs; 5.75 x 19 x 12 in \$1.800

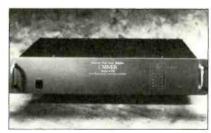
#### 4B 250-W/ch Power Amplifier

#### CAMBRIDGE AUDIO A250 Mono Power Amplifier

Seperate power amplifier with power-on switch only. Rated at 250 watts per channel into 8 ohms and has a peak current capability of 45 amps; S/N>100 dB. THD 0.5% ..... \$1,800/pr

#### A50 Power Amplifier

Separate power amplifier with power-on switch only. 60 W/ch into 8 ohms. Peak current capability of 35 amps. Can be connected for bridge mono operation by rear panel switch, giving 150 W into 8 ohms (clipping at 200 W). s/N > 100dB, THD>0.5%. \$579



Carver M-4.0t

## CARVER

## M-4.0t 375-W/ch Power Amplifier

#### M-1.0t 200-W/ch Power Amplifier

Magnetic Field amplifier with high headroom and dual peak-responding power LED's. Features electronic protection; sonic transfer modification. 200 W/ch into 8 ohms; dynamic headroom 3 dB; slew rate 200 V/ $\mu$ s. 19 x 3.5 x 10.5 in; 20 lb. \$610

## M-0.5t 140-W/ch Power Amplifier

#### M200t 120-W/ch Power Amplifier

## Cello

### 7000-00 Performance Amplifier Set

2 mono amps (left and right) and 2 mono supplies (left and right) for stereo; power output section has 40 output devices per ch...\$13,125

## CLASSÉ AUDIO

## **DR-3-VHC** Power Amplifier

Power amplifier features THD 0.01%; sens 800 mV; 45 W/ch into 8 ohms; bandwidth 20-20,000 Hz; Class pure A output, dynamic headroom 0.1 dB; bridgeable; 300 W/4 ohms; 102 lb......\$4,250

#### **DR-9** Power Amplifier

Power amplifier features balanced inputs/outputs; THD 0.01%; sens 1000 mV; 100 W/ch into 8 ohms; bandwidth 20-20,000 Hz; Class AB output; dynamic headroom 6 dB; imp 1 ohm; bridgeable; 800 W/4 ohms; 64 lb .....\$3,495

## **CONRAD-JOHNSON**

Premier One B Vacuum-Tube Power Amplifier Low-noise precision parts in audio circuitry; LED bias indicators. Output power 150 W/ch into 4, 8, or 16 ohms; s/N 90 dB ......\$5,750

#### Premier Five Vacuum-Tube Mono Power Amp

## COUNTERPOINT

#### SA 20 Power Amplifier

Hybrid power amp with tube front end and MOSFET output stage. Features no overall loop feedback: warm-up and shut-off auto speaker muting; internal switching to operate as a bridged mono amp for 3x power. Includes vacuum-tube rectification. 220 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with no more than 0.5% THD, 420 W into 4 ohms, 1,000 W into 1 ohm; 20-ms peak amperage into 0.1 ohm 50 amperes; S/N 84 dB; slew rate 0.6 V/ $\mu$ ; IMD 0.02%. 6.7 x 19 x 19 in; 55 lb .... \$2,095

#### SA-12 Power Amplifier

Hybrid power amp with tube front end and MOSFET output stage. Features no overall loop feedback; warm-up and shut-off auto muting. 85 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 1% THD into 8 ohms; FR 5-100,000 Hz  $\pm$ 0.2 dB; s/N 92 dB; dynamic headroom 2 dB; channel sep >85 dB from 100-10,000 Hz; 4.5 x 19 x 12.5 in ......\$1,045

### CROWN

Micro-Tech 1200 295-W/ch Power Amplifier 295 W/ch into 8 ohms; 555 W/ch into 16 ohms

or 790 W/ch into 8 ohms mono; four second turn-on; pushbutton power switch; mono/stereo switch; LED power indicator: steel chassis; FR 20-20.000 Hz  $\pm 0.1$  dB SPL/W/m; THD <0.05%; IMD <0.05%; slew rate >13 volts/µsec; damping factor >1.000; draws 60 watts or less on idle, 19.0 x 3.5 x 16.0 in; 44.62 lb .... \$1,449

#### Micro-Tech 1200 295-W/ch Power Amplifier

295 W/ch into 8 ohms; 555 W/ch into 16 ohms or 790 W/ch into 8 ohms mono; power rocker switch: mono/stereo switch; LED power indicator; steel chassis: FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  0.1 dB SPL/W/m; THD <0.05%; IMD <0.05%; slew rate >13 volts/µsec; damping factor >1.000; draws 60 watts or less when idle. 19.0 x 3.5 x 16.0 in; 40.56 lb. \$1,199

#### DC-300A II 165-W/ch Power Amplifier

165 W/ch into 8 ohms; 340 watts into 16 ohms or 545 watts into 8 ohms mono; instantaneous turn-on with minimum thump and no program delay; independent input level controls; power switch with pilot light; mono-stereo switch; LED indicators; all-aluminum chassis; FR 0-20.000 Hz  $\pm 0.1$  dB SPL/W/m; THD <0.001% from 20-400 Hz; IMD <0.05%; slew rate 8 volts/ $\mu$ sec; draws 40 watts or less when idle; 19.0 x 7.0 x 9.75 in; 45 lb \$\$1,049

## DBX

#### BX1 Power Amplifier

Configurable 2-/3-/4-channel power amplifier with 3 sets of fuses and complementary circuitry throughout. Features high-quality film capacitors;  $8 \times 250$ -W high-speed bipolar devices/ch; 2 x 3,200 VA toroidal transformers with 2 taps each: separate rectifiers for each ch;  $\pm 55$ -V power-supply rails. Contains no fans or limiting circuitry. Quietly shuts down under thermal stress. Power output into 2 channels: 400 W/ch into 8 ohms, 650 W/ch into 4 ohms. 800 W/ch into 2 ohms, 1,400 W/ch into 1 ohm. Power output into 4 channels: 100 W/ch into 8 ohms. 200 W/ch into 4 ohms, 325 W/ch into 2 ohms. 400 W/ch in 1 ohm. \$3,700

#### DENNESEN ELECTROSTATICS Orion Power Amplifier

150 watt MOSFET power amp; no more than 0.1% THD into 8 ohms; FR 10-100.000 Hz ±1 dB: S/N 90 dB; dynamic headroom 3 dB; slew rate 30 V/µsec; IMD 0.1%; 5.25 x 19 x 8 in; 30 lb......\$1.500 Antares II. Similar to above except 75 W/ch stereo.....\$595

## DENON

## POA-2400 Stereo Power Amplifier

Features Denon Optical Class A design. and Twin Pure Current Supply. 200 W/ch into 8 ohms with no more than 0.01 THD. High speed protection circuits: bar-line multi display. IMD < 0.002%; FR 1-300.000 Hz + 0, -3 dB at 1: S/N 123 dB: self diagnostic function: 7.36 x 17.08 x 16.88: 38.5 lb \$750

#### POA-6600 Mono Power Amplifier

Mono power amp with Dual Super Non-NFB circuit for high-speed signal transmission. Features pure current power supply: separate power supply block chassis: Cannon type balance input connector; conventional RCA input jack with selector switch: front-panel level control; extra large speaker terminals; peak indicators; highspeed reset-type protection circuit; remote power on/off switching from DAP-5500 or PRA-1100 preamps. 250 W min rms into 8 ohms

#### DISCRETE TECHNOLOGY Distech LS-2 Power Amplifier

Power amp with MOSFET output and Distech AC power cable. 100 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with less than 0.95% THD, 200 W into 4 ohms; 200-ms dynamic power 200 W; dynamic headroom 3.2 dB; S/N 90 dB below 10-watt output; slew rate 40 V/ms IMD <0.09%. 16 x 5 x 14 in; 25 lb..... \$950

#### FORTÉ AUDIO Model 1a Power Amplifier

Dual-channel, non-inverting power amp using FET/bi-polar front-end topology and operating in pure class A throughout front end and power output stages. Input stage is direct coupled and biased with regulated constant-current sources. Output stage employs 20 high-speed power devices and uses no active protection circuits. Does not impose a fuse or isolation inductor at the output and maintains constant damping over the full frequency band. Gold-plated input and output connectors. Glass-epoxy circuit boards. Custom toroidal power transformer. Rated power 50 W/ch at 0.05% THD into 8 ohms: FR 20-20.000 Hz; bandwidth -3 dB points of 7 and 100.000 Hz; slew rate 40 V/msec; imp 75,000 ohms; 19 x 7 x 11 in; 36 lb..... \$950

#### FOSGATE-AUDIONICS M-100 Power Amplifier

Mono amp designed for surround applications. Features 60 W/ch into 8 ohms; 100 W/ch into 4 ohms; moderate feedback; silent turn-on/off: input level control; FR 15-40.000 hz  $\pm 1$  dB; THD <0.03%; IMD <0.03%. \$269 S-100. As above, sterco. \$429 T-100. Tri-channel version of M-100... \$599

#### HAFLER XL-600 MOSFET Power Amplifier

Excelinear near-zero-phase shift circuit with J-FET double differential push-pull cascoded 'tube-like' input and eurrent-mirroring 2nd stage. 16 MOSFET outputs: direct coupled: stable into all loads; high capacitance (72,000 mfd): Excelinear speaker tweaking adjustment; gold inputs and outputs: mono bridging switch; variable speed DC fan cooling. 305 W/ch into 8 ohms with <0.05% THD. 20-20.000 Hz: <0.04% IMD from 1-305 W; 450 W/ch into 4 ohms; 900 W mono into 8 ohms; input sens 2.4 volts for 305 W (a) 8 ohms: FR 10-50,000 Hz  $\pm 0.1 dB$ ; S/N >100 dB (a) 305 W; 7 x 19 x 13 in; 50 lb ......\$1,195

#### XL-280 MOSFET Power Amplifier

J-FET double differential input and 12 MOSFET output. Excelinear speaker tweaking adjustment; gold inputs: mono bridging switch; speaker protection fuses. 145 W/ch into 8 ohms; < 0.05% THD, 20-20,000 Hz; < 0.04% IMD, S/N > 100 dB; FR 10-50,000 Hz  $\pm 0.1$  dB; 200 W/ch into 4 ohms; 400 W into mono. 5.25 x 17 x 10.5 in; 27 lb; assembled. \$575

## HARMAN KARDON

Citation Twenty-Two 200-W/ch Power Amp Selectable high-current and high-voltage output: dual-voltage design; dual power transformers: gold-plated input jacks and speaker terminals; 8 130-W power transistors per ch: clipping indicators; LED power meters; anodized brushed aluminum blue/ black finish with rubber trim. 200 W/ch into 8 ohms, 400 W bridged into mono; current capability ±120 amps; neg feedback 12 dB\_\_\_\_\_\_\$1.099 Twenty-Four. Similar to above except 100 W/ch; current capability ±60 amps; 4 130-W power transistors per ch: damping factor 75 into 8 ohms\_\_\_\_\_\_\$699

## HEYBROOK BY D'ASCANIO Audio

#### P-2 Power Amplifier

Hand-assembled power amp with toroidal transformer capable of 30-amp output. Features circuits designed with close-tolerance, high-quality components. Thick aluminum chassis acts a heatsink over entire surface, equalizing temp within the case and maintaining a stable relationship between internal components. 80 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with no more than 0.05% THD, 120 W into 4 ohms; S/N 60 dB; IMD 0.05%; instantaneous peak current  $\pm$  30 A. 17 x 4 x 12 in: 18 lb......\$1,298

## JADIS BY MADRIGAL

## JA-30 30-W/ch Class-A Power Amplifier

Dual-mono (2 chassis): each transformer hand built for symmetry in resistance and self-inductance of coils: transformer encapsulated for optimal self-damping and thermal stability. 30 W/ch into 4 and 8 ohms. 97 lbs......\$5,750

## JVC AXZ911BK Power Amplifier

Digital pure-A circuit for Class-A operation; Dynamic Super-A: D/A converter directly connected to amp; built-in D/A converter with quadruple-oversampling digital filter: 3 digital connections: one optical, one coaxial, and one input/output for DAT: separate layout for digital and analog circuits; high-gain phono equalizer for MM/MC cartridges; low-noise motor-driven volume control; bass response control; goldplated terminals; multi-function display: wircless remote control. 100 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.003% THD.....\$1,100

#### KENWOOD

#### Basic M2A Stereo Power Amplifier

#### **KINERGETICS**

KBA-75 Gold Series 75-W/ch Power Amplifier I-kVA power supply: dual-coil toroidal trans-

former; auto servo-controlled DC offset adjustment; constant current sources for Class A operation: high-power output transistors with wide linear region: no phase inversion; hysteresis-distortion cancelling circuit. 75 W/ch into 8 ohms. 150 into 4: headroom 3 db; input imp 50,000 ohms; slew rate 65 V/µsec; voltage gain 30 (absolute): power bandwidth 1-300,000 Hz; smallsignal bandwidth 1-1,000,000 Hz; 45 lb; 19 x 6 x 16 in ..... \$1,295

#### KLYNE AUDIO ARTS SKX 120 Power Amplifier

Dual-mono power amp with 120 W/ch driven into 8 ohms. Features solid state construction; balanced and unbalanced inputs; separate power supplies for each channel: high-current complementary bipolar outputs; class A/AB; FR 0.5-200,000 Hz. 17 x 4.75 x 18.5 in; 45 lb. Approx.....\$4.000

#### **KYOCERA**

### B-910 150-W/ch Power Amplifier

Class AB power amp with triple push-pull highfrequency power stages; ceramic base/chassis; DC configuration: large-cutless-core power transformer; large honeycomb heatsinks; direct and subsonic inputs. 150 continuous average W/ch 20-20.000 Hz with no >0.02% THD into 8 ohms; FR DC-200,000 Hz ± 3 dB at 1 W; S/N 120 dB: damping factor 150 (50 Hz); 200 W/ch into 4 ohms with 0.03% THD; power bandwidth 10-50.000 Hz; input sens 1.5 V (30 kilohm); 17 x 8.25 x 15.75 in: 59.5 lb ..... \$2,000

#### LAZARUS ELECTRONICS H-1 Hybrid Power Amplifier

Pure (not sliding scale) Class A tube MOSFET hybrid power amp may be operated as a fully differential mono amp or as a stereo amp. May be configured (by dealer) as either Class A or Class A/B. 50 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with no more than 0.2 THD, 100 W into 4 ohms; 200 ms dynamic power 600 W; dynamic headroom 3 dB, 8 ohms resistive; S/N 80 dB; IMD 0.2%: peak current 75 amperes. 19 x 3.5 x 16.5 in: 35 lb. .... \$1.599

#### MARK LEVINSON BY MADRIGAL ML-11 Stereo Power Amplifier

All discrete circuitry: Class-A operation in voltage gain and driver stages; Class AB2 operation in output stage. Power supply of 320 VA toroidal power transformer, 2 12-ampere bridge rectifiers, 4 10,000 µF filter capacitors, for separate rectification and 20 joules of energy storage for each ch. Six 200 W. 15 ampere power transistors per ch enable ML-11, when pulsed, to develop 25 volts peak, at peak currents up to 12.5 amperes (312.5 W peak) per ch. Optional externally programmable voltage-limiting circuit reduces output to protect speakers; gold-plated binding posts for output connections and Camac input connectors; hand-brushed black anodized faceplate. 8.62 x 19 x 12 in; 25 lb ..... \$2,100

## LINN PRODUCTS

#### LK280 Stereo Power Amplifier 80 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz; companion to LK1 preamp. 3 x 12.75 x 10.5-in: 19 lb ..... \$1,495

LINEAGE PA-200 Stereo Power Amplifer Features all-discrete audio circuitry; full-com-

plementary direct-coupled filed-effect transistor design; complementary differential inputs; Class A operation in gain/driver stages; MOSFET output stages with Class AB1 operation; DC servo to eliminate all capacitors from audio stages; gold-plated input and output connectors; protection circuitry acting entirely outside of signal path; front-panel overload indicators. High-current ultra-stable design optimized for low distortion under rapidly changing speaker loads. Nominal rated power 100 W/ch into 8 ohms; 1-100,00 Hz bandwidth with no slew rate limiting. Matte silver with removable teak pedestal base. 17 x 12 x 6.36 (with base), 5.25 (without base) in.....\$1.650

## LUXMAN

## M-117 Power Amplifier

Features 200 W/ch and low impedance drive capability; 3 pairs of large power devices; high energy power supply; 60,000 µF of total filtering capacitance; gold-plated binding post speaker terminals; gold-plated input terminals; variable and fixed inputs..... \$1,100

## MCINTOSH

## MC-2500 Stereo Power Amplifier

500 W/ch power amplifier with Power Guard circuit. Features patented McIntosh Sentry Monitoring circuit which constantly monitors the signal to the output transistors to protect them from damage; left and right channel gain control: speaker on/off switch; peak-reading, peak-locking power meters; meter range selector; headphone jack. Power output: 500 W/ch both channels driven from 20-20.000 Hz with less than 0.02% THD: IMD <0.02% if instantaneous peak power output is less than 1,000 W/ch both channels driven; FR 20-20,000 Hz +0/-0.25 dB, 10-100,000 Hz +0.25/-1 dB; damping factor > 30; input imp 50,000 ohms; input sens switchable, 0.75 or 2.5 V (level control provided for higher input voltages). Power Guard: THD not to exceed 2% with up to 20 dB overdrive at 1 kHz. Power Requirements: 120 V 50/60 Hz 0.7 to 22 amps, 15 amps UL/CSA. Standard 19" rack mounting; 129 lb. . . . \$3,495

#### MC-7270 Stereo Power Amplifier

270 W/ch power amplifier with Power Guard circuit. Features McIntosh Autotransformer. left and right channel gain control: peak-reading. peak-locking power meters: meter selector. Power output: 270 W/ch both channels driven from 20-20.000 Hz with less than 0.02% THD: IMD <0.02% if instantaneous peak power output is less than 600 W/ch both channels driven; FR 20-20,000 Hz +0/-0.25 dB. 10-100,000 Hz +0/-2 dB; damping factor >30; input impedance 20.000 ohms: input sensitivity switchable, 0.75 or 2.5 V (level control provided for higher input voltages). Power Guard: THD not to exceed 2% with up to 20 dB overdrive at 1 kHz. Power Requirements: 120 V 50/60 Hz, 13 amps. 16.2 x 7.13 x 14.5 in; 82 lb ..... \$2,295

#### MOTIF BY CONRAD-JOHNSON Motif MS100 100-W/ch Power Amp

With MOSFET output stage; extensive use of large-value polystyrene capacitors. 100 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.1% total harmonic distortion into 8 ohms; frequency response 20-20,000 Hz ±0.10 dB; signal-to-noise ratio 100 dB; 7 x 19 x 18.5 in.; 45 lb . . ..\$3,250 MS50. Similar to MS100 with 50 watts per channel output ..... \$2,350

## NAD

## 2600 Monitor Series Power Amplifier

Monitor Series power amplifier with 150 W/ch. Features power envelope circuitry: +4 dB dynamic headroom; stereo/mono power amp; bridgeable; high voltage, high current capacity; speaker impedance selector; input level controls; close tracking Soft Clipping circuit; rack 

#### 2200PE Power Amplifier

Stereo/mono power amp. Features high voltage, high current design: bridgeable; new soft clipping circuit; audible clipping indicator on front panel. 100 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.03% THD into 8 ohms; FR 3-80.000 Hz + 0, -3 dB; s/N > 91; dynamic headroom +6 dB; slew rate >35 V/µsec. 16.5 x 4.8 x 14.5 in. . . . . . . . . \$628

#### 2400 Monitor Series Power Amplifier

100 W/ch; power envelope circuitry; 480 W IHF dynamic power: +6.2 dB dynamic headroom; input level controls: A,B, A & B speaker switching; Soft Clipping circuit; bridgeable; land and normal inputs: rack mountable..... \$598

#### 2100 Monitor Series Power Amplifier

50 W/ch; power envelope circuitry; 270 W IHF dynamic power; +6.6 dB dynamic headroom; input level controls; A,B,A & B speaker switching: Soft Clipping circuit; bridgeable; lab and normal inputs; rack mountable...... \$398

#### NAKAMICHI

#### PA-7 Power Amplifier

Power amp utilizes Stasis topology. Features 700-W toroidal power transformer: 33.000 microFarad x 4 filter capacitors: dual rectifiers; 16 transistors per ch. 200 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with <0.1% THD into 8 ohms; FR 7-150.000 Hz +0. -3 dB; s/N >120 dB; dynamic headroom 1.7 dB; IMD <0.1%; output current capability 18 amps continuous (50 amps peak); dynamic output power 300 W/ch into 8 ohms; power bandwidth 5-50,000 Hz (8 ohms, 100 W, 0.1% THD): 17.12 x 7.88 x 16.56 in; 59 lbs, 8 oz . . \$1.850 PA-5. Similar to above but 100 W/ch. 17.12 x 5.31 x 14.5 in; 35 lb, 4 oz ...... \$1,195

#### NEC

#### Renaissance Series

## M-50 Mono Power Amplifier

Single-channel power amp with 3 switch-selected inputs. Features variable-frequency low- and high-cut filters; vibration-free construction; large FL power meter: separate circuit construction: industrial-grade twin-crossbar relays with gold-plated contacts: sculptured brass terminals; heavy-duty speaker terminals. Rated power output 50 W into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.004% THD, 100 W into 4 ohms with 0.006% THD; dynamic power 240 W into 2 ohms, direct input; FR 5-300,000 Hz; S/N > 115 dB (direct input). 8.3 x 4.7 x 15 in; 18 lb ..... \$375

## NIKKO AUDIO

#### Alpha 2000 Power Amplifier

Power amplifier with transistors mounted directly on pin-fin sink structure; protection circuitry guards against stray DC, input short, dynamic power bursts. and thermal problems: back panel features AWG-24 output speaker terminals: gold-plated input jacks; cannon connectors; BTt. circuit for bridged mono

operation; power bandwidth 5-40,000 Hz; FR 5-100,000 Hz  $\pm 0/-0.5$  dB; THD .002%; s/N 120 dB; channel sep 65 dB; sens 1000 mV; imp 47k ohms.....\$1,800

## ONKYO

#### Grand Integra M-510 Power Amplifier

Dual-mono power amp with real-phase power supply. Features 3 separate power supplies (left, right, aux for lights, meters etc.); speaker-imp range down to 1 ohm; calibrated power meters accurate to 1 dB; A + B speaker systems; adjustable meter sens. 300 continuous average W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.005% THD; 500 W/ch into 4 ohms; 2-ms dynamic power 400 W into 8 ohms; s/N 120 dB; IMD 0.003%; dynamic power 750 W into 4 ohms, 1,300 W into 2 ohms.... \$4,500

#### Grand Integra M-508 Power Amplifier

Dual-mono power amp with real-phase power supply. Features 4 x 2 high-current storage capacitor block; calibrated high-speed power meters; A + B speaker systems: low-imp drive capability; variable and direct inputs. 200 continuous average W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.003% THD; 200ms dynamic power 265 W into 8 ohms; s/N 122 dB; IMD 0.002%; dynamic power 460 W into 4 ohms. 685 W into 2 ohms. ......\$1,200

## PARASOUND

#### D/AS-100011 Power Amplifier

FET digital/analog servo amplifier. Features 60 MHz output transistors, 4 per channel; gold-deposited 80.000 mfd electrolytic capacitors; gold-plated RCA jacks: .25" phone jacks; 5-way terminals; front panel level controls; mono bridging; 3-relay protection; digitally switched, bi-state power supply; 19" rack mount optional; THD <0.1%; FR 20-20.000 Hz  $\pm 0.5$  dB; 5/N >110 dB; 17.25 x 5.5 x 12.5 in ...... \$720

#### PERREAUX

#### PMF5550 500-W/ch Power Amplifier

#### PMF3150 Dual-Channel Power Amplifier

Class A operation up to 30 W/ch. 300 W/ch. into 8 olims from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.03% THD; suitable for 4 ohm use; MOSFET circuitry; THD/IMD 0.03%; max current output 10 amps continuous per ch.; bandwidth 0.5 dB from 10 Hz to 3,000,000 Hz at 1 watt; channel sep >70 dB; damping factor >400 from 10 Hz to 1,000 Hz; input sens 1.5 volts rms for rated output at 1,000 Hz. \$3,000

## PIONEER

#### Elite M-90 Power Amplifier Features CD direct input with volume control:

Low-impedance driving capability; independent L/R mono construction; copper-plated chassis; nonswitching Type-II circuit; 2 pair speaker outputs; FL power level indicator; rosewood-finished vinyl-covered side panels. 200 continuous average W/ch from 5-50,000 Hz into 8 ohms with no more than 0.003% THD; dynamic power 300 W at 8 ohms, 550 W at 4 ohms. 10.4 x 22.5 x 21.2 in \$950

#### PROTON

### D1200 Power Amplifier

100-W/ch stereo power amp with Dynamic Power on Demand (DPD) to deliver as much as 1,500 W/ch (2 ohms) at peak demand, with 6 dB headroom. Features one- touch bridging and wide-range power-output meters. 16.5 x 4.31 x 9.75 in; 33 lb \$699

### AA-1150 Power Amplifier

50-W/ch dual-mono power amp with Dynamic Power on Demand (DPD) to deliver as much as 450 W/ch at peak demand, with 7 dB headroom, Features separate power supplies for each channel; dual peak-level power meters: LED DPD indicator; protection circuitry; gold-plated connectors; high-current capacity; power switch. s/N 115 dB; THD 0.02%; IMD 0.02%; damping factor > 150. 19 x 4.3 x 14.4 in; 25.3 lb. . \$499

#### PS AUDIO 200CX Power Amplifier

Features 200 W into 8 ohms, 400 W into 4 ohms; noise -90 dB; THD 0.02%; slew rate 250 V/msec. 69.9 lb \$1.950

#### 100C Power Amplifier

Features 120 W into 8 ohms, 200 W into 4 ohms; noise -90 dB; THD 0.02%; slew rate 250 V/msec. 35 lb. \$1,195

#### QUAD Model 606 Power Amplifier

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#### QUICKSILVER AUDIO Mono Power Amplifier



Revox B242

#### **REVOX** B242 Power Amplifier

High-output power amp capable of driving loads from 2-8 ohms at rated levels. Features dual independent power supplies; DC voltage control; electronic short-circuit protection; temperature sensor to activate fan cooling; auto 

#### ROTEL RB890 Stereo Power Amplifier

Power amp with 160 continuous average W/ch from 20-20.000 Hz into 8 ohms with no more than 0.03% THD; bridgeable to 480 watts/8 ohms; high-current close-tolerance components \$749

#### JEFF ROWLAND DESIGN GROUP Model 3 Mono Power Amplifier

Solid-state power amp with bipolar outputs with FET inputs. Features direct-coupled zeronegative-feedback circuitry: seperate power supplies for front-end; toroidal power transformer stable to 1 ohm; remote power switching; balanced or unbalanced inputs standard; adjustable input imp. 100 W into 8 ohms. 220 into 4 ohms, 330 into 2 ohms; peak output current over 55 anps. 15.2 x 5.25 x 14 in; 44 lb ... \$4,550/pr



SAE A502

#### SAE X10A Power Amplifier

#### Hypersonic Class A power amp. Features goldplated connectors; toroidal transformer; wide/ narrow band inputs; LED true power meters; anodized gray finish. 100 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.025% THD into 8 ohms; FR 20-20,000 Hz $\pm 0$ dB; s/N 110 dB; dynamic headroom 1.2 dB; IMD 0.02%; 19 x 3.5 x 12.5 in; 28 lb ...... \$900

#### A502 Power Amplifier

Power amp with automatic bridging circuit. 200 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.025% THD into 8 ohms; 600 W mono operation. Features dual-speaker system switching; peak and average LED power display. Rack mountable. FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm 0$ dB; s/N 110 dB; dynamic headroom 1.2 dB; IMD 0.025%; 19 x 5.25 x 14 inches; 48 lb ... \$799

#### SANSUI

#### B-3000 120-W/ch Power Amplifier

Features 120 W/ch driven into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.05% THD; DC servo circuit; 2 power meters; range control; separate heatsinks for left and right channels; short detection; zero voltage detection; thermal detection; headphone jack; outputs for 2 speaker systems. IMD 0.01%; FR 5-100,000 Hz; s/N 120 dB ...... \$260

## Sonographe by Conrad-Johnson

SA120 120-W/ch Power Amplifier

Features MOSFET output stage; 120 W/ch into 8 ohms; s/N100 dB; 5.25 x 18 x 12-in. .... \$895

#### SONY

#### TA-N77ES 270-W/ch Power Amplifier



Sony TA-N77ES

#### SOUNDCRAFTSMEN A5002 Power Amplifier

#### Pro-Power Four Power Amplifier

Ultra-high-current MOSFET power amp with dual 20-segment LED meter true clipping indicators, 2-pair speaker switching. 205 continuous average w/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with no more than 0.05% THD, 300 w into 4 ohms, 450 w into 2 ohms; s/N 105 dB; slew rate 40 V/ $\mu$ s; IMD 0.05%. 19 x 5.25 x 11 in; 28 lb\$799 **Pro-Power Three**. As above without level controls and LED meters \$699

#### SUMO

#### Nine Plus Power Amplifier

#### Andromeda Power Amplifier

Class AB power amplifier with full-wave quadrant differential balanced-bridge topology using 4 independent push-pull feedback loops. Power output 200 W/ch continuous average into 8 ohms; THD and IM 0.05%; slew rate 20 V/µsec; sens 1.8 V for rated output; dynamic headroom 1.5 dB; 19 x 8.75 x 7 in; 35 lb ......\$1,099

#### **Polaris Power Amplifier**

Class AB power amp that does not invert phase. Power output 100 W/ch continuous average into 8 ohms; THD 0.05%; IM 0.05%; sens 1.27 V for rated output: dynamic headroom 1.5 dB; 25 lb. With custom front panel and handles. \$699

## TANDBERG

#### TPA-3026A 150-W/ch Power Amplifier

Stereo power amp with high-current (45 amp/ch) output design. Features selected allmetal film resistors and polypropylene capacitors: zero negative feedback and discrete components. 150 W/ch with no more than 0.02% THD into 8 ohms; S/N 100 dB; 17.13 x 5.25 x 13.75 in; 24 lb \$\$2,500

## TECHNICS SE-A3MK2 300-W/ch Power Amplifier

#### SE-A100 170-W/ch Power Amplifier

Features 1 voltage and 1 current amplifier per ch (voltage amps isolated from load by Class AA bridge circuit which drives current amp to avoid influence of complex, fluctuating speaker imps on voltage/current phase relationship, preventing counter electro-motive force); massive power supply: 3 transformers (L-ch current amp, R-ch current amp, L/R voltage amps) using LC-OFC windings; 91,200-µfarad filtering; magnetic isolation; vibration damping. 170 W/ch into 8 ohms, 240 W into 4; dynamic headroom 0.7 dB. 17 x 8.25 x 18.75 in; 70 lb \$1,920

#### THRESHOLD S/500 Class A/AB Stasis Power Amplifier

Dual-ch, noninverting complementary-symmetry power amp employing the same signal-path and optical topology as SA-series amps except current bootstrap section of Stasis ouput stage is operated under high bias as Class A/AB. No global feedback employed. Front-end gain stages and voltage amp section of Stasis output stage are biased for Class A operation at all signal levels. Front-end signal transistors are subject to primary and secondary levels of cascode shielding. Modular construction. 250 W/ch rms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.1% THD into 8 ohms; idling bias 240 watts; frequency bandwidth at -3 dB points 7 Hz and 100,000 Hz; S/N -100 dB unwtd referenced to rated output; slew rate 50 V/µs; IMD 0.1%; 12 continuous, 100 peak amperes capability/ch. Output stage employs 20 ultra-wide bandwidth. 200-V, 20-ampere. 250-W rated devices per ch. Power supply uses 1,000-W continuous rating toroidal transformer, and 120,000 microfarads of capaci-



Sumo Nine Plus

#### SA/1 Class A Stasis Mono Power Amplifier

Single-ch, noninverting complimentary-symmetry power amp with N-ch JFETs in front-end signal path and proprietary Stasis output stage. This is a binary topology in which a pure Class A voltage amp connected directly to the loudspeaker load determines signal integrity while operating in conjunction with a high-amperage currect mirror also operated in pure Class A and connected directly to the load. No global feedback is used. Output stage bias accuracy is maintained through Threshold's proprietary opto-isolated optical bias technology. Front-end gain stages biased for Class-A operation at all signal levels and are subject to primary and secondary levels of cascode shielding. Output stage employs 40 ultra-wide-bandwidth power transistors each rated at 200 V, 20 amperes. No fusing is imposed between output and load. Input and output connectors have gold-plated contact surfaces. Circuit boards are military grade glassepoxy and all internal connections are hand soldered. Operation is allowed into any load as permitted by power-supply fuses and thermalprotection circuitry. Large illuminated frontpanel peak power meter covers -30 to +3 dB. Power supply 1,000 w toroidal transformer, 120,000  $\mu$ F capacitance. Rated power 160 W rms into 8 ohms of resistive or reactive imp 20-20,000 Hz at no more than 0.05% THD; idling bias 320 W; bandwidth at -3 dB points, 7 Hz and 100,000 Hz; slew rate 50V/µsec; IMD 0.05%; input imp 75,000 ohms; output imp 0.03 ohms; output current capability 40 amperes continuous, 150 amperes peak; 19 x 9.5 x 17.5 in; 79 lb.....\$2,750

#### SA/3 Class A Stasis Stereo Power Amplifier

### VECTOR RESEARCH VA-1450 Power Amplifier

Features high-current, 8-output transistors, dual transformers; bridgeable to 200 W mono; phase inverted line-out; 100 continuous average W/ch 20-20,000 Hz < 0.08% THD into 4 ohms; dynamic headroom 2.5 dB; IHF IMD 0.08%; FR 10-40,000 Hz  $\pm 1$  dB, 17 x 3 x 12; 21 Ib... \$349

## YAMAHA

MX-10000 Power Amplifier

Limited Centennial Édition power amplifier. Features dual-amp class-A operation; hyperbolic converting non-switching circuitry; power MOS-FET's; high-precision analog dB scale peak level meter. 250 W/ch minimum root mean square into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with less than 0.0005% total harmonic distortion. Titanium grey with high luster walnut end panels; 120 lb......\$7,000

## MX-1000U Power Amplifier

Power amplifier with hyperbolic conversion amplification circuit. 260 W/ch into 8 ohms





Yamaha MX-1000U

from 20-20,000 Hz with less than 0.003% THD. Features A+B+C speaker switching; 26-segment LED power level meters: on/off switch; independent L/R level control; 4-digit numerical power output display; LED meter and digital peak hold display; meter display load selectors; compatible with banana plugs. 600,000  $\mu$ F x 2 power supply capacity .................\$1,199

#### MX-800U Power Amplifier

Power amplifier with hyperbolic conversion amplification circuit. 170 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with less than 0.003% THD. Features A+B+C speaker switching: 26-segment LED power level meters; on/off switch; independent L/R level control; meter display load selectors; compatible with banana plugs. 600.000  $\mu$ F x 2 power supply capacity... \$849

#### M-35B Power Amplifier

## PREAMPLIFIERS

## ACCUPHASE BY MADRIGAL C280L Class A Preamplifier

#### ACOUSTIC RESEARCH AR C-06 8-Input Preamplifier

Features infrared remote control of inputs and volume via T-04 tuner cable link; switchable MM input capacitance; gold-plated phono inputs; separate headphone amp. Inputs for MM phono; MC phono; tape: tape 2; CD player: tuner; video. FR 13-50,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; s/N 90 dB; THD 0.005%; phono sens/imp 0.8 mV/47 kilohms (MC). 60  $\mu$ V/180 kilohms (MM); phono overload level 180 mV (MM). 15 mV (MC); CD input sens/imp 50 mV/15 kilohms; tuner/tape input sensitivity/impedance 50 mV/33 kilohms. 3.31 x 17 x 13 inches. \$399

## ADCOM

#### GTP-500 Preamplifier/Tuner

Preamplifier with built-in tuner can be used with Adcom or other power amps. Wireless remote control included. Remote sensors available for remote control from different rooms. 

#### **GFP-555** Preamplifier

Features two-sided copper-plated circuit board for low noise and hum; switchable phono-input capacitance; switchable gain on phono input; tape dubbing; separate headphone amp; 2 sets of outputs (AC coupled. DC coupled); signal-processor loop; 5 pairs of high-level inputs. Can record from one input while listening to another input. Inputs for MM phono; MC phono; tape; tape 2; CD player; tuner; video. FR DC-400,000 Hz  $\pm 0.5$  dB; THD 0.005%; MM phono sens 0.4 mV for 0.5-V output at 1,000 Hz; sens for line-level inputs 40 mV. 17 x 3.25 x 12.75 in ..... \$500

#### AUDIO DESIGN ASSOCIATES ADP-8 Preamplifier

Preamplifier with 8-input capability. Features 5 stereo source inputs: 3 stereo tape inputs: 1 stereo source inputs: 3 stereo tape inputs: 1 stereo source input input input input input search of the search of th

#### AUDIO DYNAMICS C200 Preamplifier



Audio Research SP-11Mk11

#### AUDIO RESEARCH SP-11MkII Stereo Hybrid Preamplifier

High-Definition preamplifier with both vacuum tubes and field effect transistors. Inputs for MM phono/MC phono: tape: tape 2; aux: CD player; tuner; video. Features auto muting for warmup, brown-out, power interruption; manual muting; absolute phase switch; level control: toroidal power transformer; external power supply. FR 0.1->200,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; s/N 110 dB; THD <0,005%; MM phono sens 0.088 mV for 0.5 V output at 1,000 Hz; wh phono input overload level 350 mV at 1,000 Hz; sens for line-level inputs 18 mV. 46 lb; 5.25 x 19 x 10.25 in ......\$4,995

#### SP9 Hybrid Stereo Preamp

On-board power supply; auto mute circuit for warmup, voltage drop; switchable muting; 2 tape inputs, 2 tape outputs; 2-position tapemonitor switching; gold-plated input/output jacks connect ground before hot, disconnect hot before ground; shielded toroidal power transformer; internally adjustable phono-section imp: 2 6DJ8 vacuum tubes (1 in phono stage, 1 in line stage); compatible with many MC cartridges; black front panel extra. FR (high level, ±0.5 dB) 5-50.000 Hz; magnetic phono, ±0.3 dB of RIAA, 30-40,000 Hz; max output 2 V rms; distortion <0.01% at 2 V rms out; input imp 50k ohms (all high level); phono 47k ohms (changeable). 5.25 x 19 x 10.25-in; 13 lb net, 22 lb shipping weight ..... \$1,695

#### AUDIO BY VAN ALSTINE Transcendence Fet-Valve Preamplifier

Class-A compound hybrid construction preamp. Features toroidal power transformer; regulated power supply; power bandwidth >800,000 Hz; R1AA phono inputs: 2 sets of tape inputs with tape-to-tape monitoring; 3 sets of line-level inputs for digital and analog sources; EPL inputs and outputs; precision volume and balance controls; separate bass and treble tone controls for each channel; two pairs of audio outputs; amp-driven headphone jack; 200 W rated speaker selector switch. 13.5 x 12.5 x 4.5 in; 11 lb .......\$1,195

#### **BELLES RESEARCH** Belles 50 Stereo Preamplifier

## **B&K COMPONENTS**

Sonata Series MC-101 Preamplifier

#### Pro-10 Preamplifier

#### BRYSTON 12B Preamplifier

Control preamp can play 1 source while taping or remoting another. Features stereo/mono/ mute switch; 14-V headroom. Inputs for MM phono. MC phono. tape, tape 2. CD player, tuner; video. s/N -84 dB; THD 0.005%; 1.75 x 19 x 11-in .....\$1.595

11B. Second MM input instead of MC in-\$1,175 nut

#### 5B Preamplifier

Basic preamp with inputs for MM phono, tape. CD player, tuner. FR 20-20.000 Hz ±0.1 dB; max output 14 V; THD 0.005%; IMD 0.005% IIIF; 1.75 x 19 x 9-in; 9 lb ..... \$650

#### **CAMBRIDGE AUDIO** C50 Preamplifier

Connections for 4 input sources plus tape. Features passive tone controls with tone bypass switch and two outputs, one being a passive direct output after the volume control and the other a normal output. MM or MC switchable phono inputs with discrete circuitry. Segmented passive RIAA EQ. THD 0.005%. Sold only as a combination with the A50 power amp, combination price ...... \$999

#### C75 Preamplifier

Inputs for MM/MC phono (switchable), tape, tape 2. Features dubbing capabilities; straightline design; solid-wood end panels. FR flat within 0.1 db 20-80,000 Hz; THD 0.005% 20-20,000 Hz; max output 12 V; MM input 2.6 mV at 47 kilohms; MC input 0.3 mV at 47 kilohms; S/N MM 82 dB, line 96 dB ..... \$698

#### CARVER

#### 4000-t Sonic Holography Preamplifier

With Sonic Hologram Generator designed to recreate 3-dimensional sound field of recording site and locate instruments precisely in space. Features MC preamp; surround-sound decoder; Digital Time Lens: Auto Correlator NR: L and R bass and treble controls with turnover frequency switches, tone defeat; cartridge matching; 2way tape dubbing, monitoring; external signal processor input; infrasonic filter. NR 20 dB (20-200 Hz), 10 dB (2.000-20,000 Hz); Sonic Hologram image resolution 5x horizontally, 20x vertically ...... \$1,220

#### C-1 Sonic Holography Preamplifier

Features Sonic Hologram Generator: separate L. and R bass and treble controls, tone defeat; MC phono input: 18 dB/octave infrasonic filter: tape/source monitor with 2-way tape-dubbing; provision for external processor ...... \$610

#### CLASSE AUDIO **DR-5** Preamplifier

Preamplifier features FR 20-20.000 Hz ±0.2 dB: max output 8 V; THD 0.01%; balanced inputs/outputs; sens 50 mV; 1 tape; polarity inverter optional; MM & MC S/N 80 dB; MC input; direct phono bypass; regular or balanced output stages.....\$1,995

#### **CONRAD-JOHNSON** Premier Seven Preamplifier

Vacuum-tube preamp with FR2-100.000 Hz and .25% THD. Two tape processor loops and moving coil input ..... \$7.850

#### **PV9 Vacuum-Tube Preamplifier**

With low-noise precision metal-film resistors; polystyrene capacitors in audio circuitry; facilities for 2 tape recorders; 2-way dubbing: phono. tuner, AUX inputs; 2 amp outputs; front-panel mute control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.25 dB phono: S/N 70 dB below 10 mV phono, 84 dB below 2.5 V output high level: THD and IMD 0.05%: gain 40 dB phono, 29 dB high level; max output

25 V: phono overload 500 mV at 1 kHz; 4.75 x 14 x 11.25 in ..... \$2.950

#### **PV8 Vacuum-Tube Preamplifier**

With cathode follower outputs and solid-state voltage regulator designed for minimal AC imp; regulated filament supplies virtually eliminate infrasonic noise resulting from AC line fluctuations. Features 1% tolerance mil-spec deposited tin-oxide audio circuit resistors; audio circuit capacitors are polystyrene dielectric; volume centrol tracks within 0.5 dB; auto muting at turn-on, turn-off; 2 tape recorder loops with 2way dubbing: 5-function mode switch: precision tracking volume control. Max output 40 V RMS; FR 2->100,000 Hz; <0.5% THD and IMD; hum and noise 20-20,000 Hz, phono 72 dB below 10 mV input, high level 84 dB below 2.5 V output; output imp <200 ohms; 10 x 16 x 3.75 in.; 15 1b.....\$1.685

#### **PV7 Vacuum-Tube Preamplifier**

Stereo preamp with low-noise metal film resistors: polypropylene and polystyrene capacitors in audio circuitry. 2-deck tape monitoring with 2-way dubbing; inputs for phono, tuner, tape, AUX: 2 amp outputs.FR 20-20.000 Hz ± 0.25 dB phono; S/N 70 dB below 10 mV in phono, 84 dB below 2.5 V out high-level; THD and IMD 0.05%; gain 35 dB phono. 28 dB high-level; max output 25 V: phono overload 500 mV at kHz: 4.75 x 14 x 11.25 in..... \$695 PV7 MC-Same as above with moving coil input.....\$810

#### COUNTERPOINT SA-5.1 Preamplifier

Preamp with inputs for MM phono. MC phono. tape, tape 2, AUX, CD player, tuner. FR 0.5-88.000 Hz ±0.1 dB; max output 70 V; THD 0.08%; IMD 0.08% IHF; MM phono sens 0.5 mV for 0.5-V output at 1.000 Hz; MM phono input overload level 700 mV; 2.03 x 19 x 17.03 in; 24 

#### SA-1000 Preamplifier

Preamp with inputs for MM phono. MC phono. tape. CD player, tuner. FR 2-30,000 Hz ±0.1 dB: max output 30 V; THD 0.25%; IMD 0.3% IHF: MM phono sens 0.8 mV for 0.5-V output at 1,000 Hz; MM phono input overload level 500 mV: 2.23 x 19 x 7.1 in; 13 lb ..... \$745

#### CROWN PSL-2 Preamplifier

Features seven inputs; versatile tape copying; seven-second turn-on; power switch; tape 1 and 2 monitor switch; detented treble and bass controls: center-detented output balance control: loudness switch: black polyester vinyl coated aluminum with black splatter coated steel: aluminum chassis; FR 10-50.000 Hz ±0.25 dB; THD <0.0025% at rated output: 19.0 x 1.75 x 11.5 in: 11 lb ..... \$595

## DBX

## **CX1** Preamplifier

Audio/video preamp with 2-channel switchable all-digital delay for ambience recovery. The built-in Dolby Pro Logic surround system has a 5-ch calibration signal and input-level adjustments for precise setup. Inputs for MM and MC phono. tuner, CD player, VCR. AUX, and 3 tape decks or 2 tape decks and 1 VCR (with video). Outputs for front L&R and side/rear stereo or Dolby Surround with center ch. 3 stereo-to-tape jacks, and a video-signal monitor. Features ste-

reo audio external-processor loop; audio/video dubbing; independent recording and listening selectors; switchable tone controls (conventional bass/treble curves or low-bass only/spectral tilt); switchable infrasonic and high filter for all sources: precision-tracking 5-ch volume control: ch-mode controls for L/R stereo, RL reverse, 1. or R only, L+R mono, and L-R positions; headphone jack; anti-resonance chassis and alu-

#### DENNESEN ELECTROSTATICS Sirius Preamplifier

Full-featured straight-line preamp with split passive RIAA and FET input. Inputs for MM phono, tape, tape 2, AUX. FR 5-100,000 Hz ±0.1 dB; max output 10 V; THD 0.01%; IMD 0.01%; MM phono sens 2.5 mV of 0.5 V output at 1,000 Hz: MM phono input overload level 200 mV; sens for line level inputs 125 µV. 19 x 2 x 8 in; 7 lb . . . . \$489 Sirius II. Dual mono; external power supply..... \$650

## DENON

#### **DAP-5500** Digital Preamplifier

Preamplifier with built-in D/A converter. Digital section features 4 D/A push-pull Super Linear Converter system; separate digital and analog chassis: 3 digital inputs (one optical. 2 coaxial); coaxial digital tape-monitor loop; four-timesoversampling digital filter: optical isolators between digital and analog sections; D/A converter output jacks. Audio section features Unity Gain Interface amplifier: Cannon-type input/output; 2 RCA line-in; 1 RCA line out; front-panel mounted RCA input/output jacks; two tape loops; source direct switch: separate power supplies for digital and analog sections; nonresonant, vibration-resistant chassis. 5.2 x 17.09 x .....\$1,500 15-in

#### PRA-1200 Stereo Preamplifier

Stereo preamp with video inputs and switching facility. 8 audio inputs: headphone amplifier; variable loudness control; MM & MC phono. THD <0.001%; S/N MC 79 dB, MM 96 dB; FR 1-300.000 Hz +0.2 dB -3 dB:s/N 105 dB; 4.8 x 17.08 x 11.81 in; 11 lb..... \$475

## FORTE AUDIO

#### Model 2 Class A Preamplifier

Dual-channel, non-inverting hybrid topology, low-noise, matched integrated gain devices enhanced with discrete pure class A biasing, active constant-current sourcing, and imp buffering. Accepts input from high and low output MC and MM cartridges: 4 high-level sources and tape recorder. Record/monitor facilities for recorder allow listening to one source while recording another, internal selection of mip and capacitive cartridge loading. External power supply; goldplated signal connectors: glass-epoxy circuit boards. Dist <0.02% at 3 V; noise <-100 dBA referenced to 1 V input; gain +20 dB; imp 25,000 ohm; 19 x 1.75 x 7 in ..... \$790

## HAFLER

#### DH-110 Discrete Preamplifier

Preamplifier operates all discrete devices (no integrated circuits in signal path) in full symmetry format. Controls: volume, balance, bass, treble, input selector, phono selector, monitor selector, mono/stereo, high-pass filter; external processor loop, tone control engage. Features rack-mounting capability; single active circuit board: step-

action volume control; integral muting circuit; 2 pairs of audio outputs; low-imp power supply; full power bandwidth to 200,000 Hz; 2 phono, tuner, AUX, 2 tape deck, EPL inputs; 2 tape (buffered), 2 line, EPL outputs; headphone jack. THD <0.0006% at 1,000 Hz, 3 V RMS; phono input FR 20-20,000 Hz +0/-0.25 dB; S/N weighted 87 dB; rated output 3 V rms, 4-210,000 Hz; THD <0.001% 20-20,000 Hz; 17 x 3 x 8.5 in; 10 lb; Assembled. \$500 Kit. \$425

#### **DH-100 Preamplifier Series 2**

## HARMAN KARDON

Citation Twenty-Five Preamplifier

#### **Citation Twenty-One Preamplifier**

Inputs for CD, CD direct, video sound, tuner, phono. 2 tape decks: ultrawideband fully discrete circuitry; low negative feedback; active/ passive symmetrical RIAA EQ; gold-plated jacks; mono switch; low-noise transistors; discrete MC head amp; subsonic filter (6 dB/octave, <3 at 15 Hz); phase-correct loudness (+10 at 50 Hz, +3 at 250); bass and treble max boost-/cut 10 dB; tone defeat. Max output 10 V. \$599

## HEYBROOK BY D'ASCANIO AUDIO

#### C-2 Preamplifier

#### KENWOOD Basic C2 Preamplifier

Preamp with 2-step MM and 3-step MC inputs. Features single NFB-loop phono equalizer amplifier; 2-way tape dubbing with monitoring; source (rec out) tape selector; 2 AUX/video inputs; Kenwood NF-CR tone controls with selectable turnover; Super-coupled volume control for low noise at low volume; 4-way filter system; loudness switch; mono/stereo switch; headphone jack with level control; output on/off switch; power and output LED indicators. Frequency response 1-350,000 Hz -0.3 dB; THD 0.002% phono. 0.001% line; input sens/imp MM 2.5 mV/47 kilohms, line 150 mV/47 kilohms; signal-to-noise ratio 110 dB; MM 88 dB; 17.31 x 3.06 x 12.63 inches; 9.9 pounds ...... \$310

#### KINERGETICS KPA-1 Preamplifier

#### LAZARUS ELECTRONICS Cascade Deluxe Preamplifier

Hybrid preamplifier with vacuum tubes and FET's. Features MC output; 6 inputs; full switching capability; auto muting; front panel mute; power switching; tilfany connectors for phono, CD and main outputs; slim line chassis; black, fully anodized aluminum chassis; 74 dB gain; switchable phono loading .......\$1,200

#### Cascade Basic Preamplifier

Tube preamp with inputs for MM phono; tape; tuner. FR 10-32,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; S/N 90 dB; THD 1.2%; MM phono sens 1.5 mV for 0.5-V output at 1,000 Hz; MM phono input overload level >250 mV at 1,000 Hz; line-level sens inputs 50 mV \$650

#### LINN PRODUCTS LK1 Remote-Controlled Preamplifier

Stereo microprocessor preamp with independently adjustable input-level matching; all switching and level adjustments on board are electronic. Input for moving magnet phono; moving cartridge phono input; tape 1 and tape 2 inputs; auxiliary tuner input. 3 x 10.5 x 10.5 in; 9 lb \$1,050

#### MARK LEVINSON BY MADRIGAL No 26L-10A Stereo Preamplifier

Simplified version of L-series circuitry in single circuit board configuration. All audio circuitry completely discrete and operates in Class A. Inputs for 2 line sources, monitors tape deck, phono section for virtually any cartridge. Camac connectors. Line section provides up to 22 dB of gain with typical distortion of 0.004% THD and 0.004% IMD and typical S/N of 95 dB unwtd below 2 V reference. Phono section offers selectable gain of 42, 53 or 63 dB. Six internal switches and gold-plated loading sockets allow infinite cartridge-loading capability. Typical distortion for phono circuit are 0.014% IMD and 0.005% IMD and S/N typically -72 dB. Internal power supply with high-speed push-pull regulator; biased for Class A; load regulation of 0.05%; wideband noise output 23 V; 7 or 17 dB line gain. Hand-brushed anodized finish. 2.25 x 19 x 10.12 in.....\$3,325

#### MCINTOSH C-34V A/V Control Center

#### C-31V A/V Control Center

A/V control center with wireless IR remote con-

trol. Features McIntosh Electronic Precision Ladder Attenuator; 5-band equalizer; adjustable loudness contour; 9 source inputs; switching of 2 VCR's with two-way dubbing; remote-control expandable allowing remote control in two additional listening areas......\$1,895

#### MERIDIAN BY MADRIGAL 201 Control Unit

Multi-room remote capability and ability to play 2 different sources simultaneously in any combination of 14 remote locations. Inputs for MM phono; MC phono; tape 1 & 2; aux; CD player; tuner \$1,150 209. Remote master control works with 201 and other Meridian 200-series components; controls 8 inputs, volume, and mute \$150



Mod Squad Line Drive

#### THE MOD SQUAD Line Drive Preamplifier

#### MOTIF BY CONRAD-JOHNSON MC7 Dual-Mono Preamplifier

Dual-mono all-FET preamp with remote power supply. Features precision-matched field-effect transistors for channel-to-channel balance; exclusive use of polystyrene capacitors throughout audio circuits and power supply regulators. Inputs for MM phono, MC phono, tape, tuner. FR 5-100,000 Hz  $\pm$  0.5 dB; max output 10 V; THD 0.1%; IMD 0.1% IHF; MM phono sens 0.35 mV for 0.5-V output at 1,000 Hz; MM phono input overload level 150 mV; sens for line-level inputs 50 mV; 3.5 x 19 x 12 in.; 15 lbs......\$3,500

#### MC8 Stereo Preamplifier

Similar to MC7 except stereo with internal power supply. Inputs for MM phono; MC phono; tape; tape 2; CD player; tuner. FR 5-100,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; THD 0.1%; MM phono sens 0.35 mV for 0.5-V output at 1,000 Hz; sens for line-level inputs 50 mV; MM phono input overload level 150 mV at 1,000 Hz. \$2,250

MC9 Stereo Preamplifier. Line-level-only preamplifier \$1,295

#### NAD

#### 1700 Monitor Series Preamplifier/Tuner

Remote control including motor-driven volume control: semi-parametric tone controls; EPL; bass EQ; 2-way tape-dubbing; 50 dB sterco separation; S/N ratio > 80 dB; IF wide/narrow; 14 resets, mixed AM and FM; rack mountable . \$798

#### 1300 Monitor Series Preamplifier

Features high-resolution phono preamp; bass EQ; null switch to amplify L-R difference signal; low-noise MC pre-preamp; external processor loop; semiparametric tone controls (bass center switchable to 50. 120, or 250 Hz, treble to 3,000,

6,000, 12,000 Hz) with 1.5-octave bandwidth, 12-dB max boost or cut; 2-way tape dubbing; infrasonic filter. Max output 12 V; RIAA response accuracy ±0.3 ..... \$498

#### NAKAMICHI **CA-7A Control Amplifier**

Preamp with full-system wireless remote control of Nakamichi series 7 or 5 components. Features total isolation of digital and analog sections; isolated ground technology; acoustical fine-tuning system; motor-driven volume control; inputs for MM & MC phono, 2 tape, 2 AUX, tuner. CD; 2 outputs; multi-room remote control with RS-7 remote sensor. Input sens/imp MC (switchable) 40-80-160 µV/100 ohms, MM 2.5 mV/50 kilohms, line 150 mV/12.5 kilohms; THD <0,002%; FR 1-100,000 Hz ±3 dB \$2,595

#### CA-5 II Control Amplifier

Features 5 high-level inputs; phono input; copies between 2 tape decks in either direction; recording deck monitors copying procedure; all inputs and 2-sets of output terminals are goldplated: remote power connector optional (SPC-1 power strip); MM- or MC-cartridge phono input; output level; bass; balance; treble; low-noise FETs; bipolar transistors; multi-regulated isolated ground power supply: max pre-out level 7 V; 1% THD at 20-20,000 Hz; max input level 1,000 Hz; stereo sep 110 dB at 100 Hz CD; FR (tuner/CD/Aux/Tape) 1-100,000 Hz +0/-3 dB ..... \$1,095

#### NIKKO AUDIO Beta 600 Preamplifier

Two-band parametric equalizer with variable level, variable bandwidth, and selectable frequency turn over controls. 2-record out selectors; CD direct circuit isolated from other analog circuitry with the shortest signal path as possible; S/N 104 dB; MM/MC selector; 2-output terminals; gold-plated pin jacks; mechanical switches; THD .002%; S/N 100 dB; channel sep Hz 76 dB at 1,000 Hz; 19" rack mountable with black die-cast aluminum front plates .... \$600



Nikko Beta 600

## **ONKYO**

## Grand Integra P-308 Preamplifier

Dual-mono preamp with electrically separate left and right circuitry and 2 sets of preamp outputs: output #1 is from precision-paired master volume control using ALPS potentiometers, output #2 includes fines balance adjustment via stepped left and right precision resistor attenuators. Features passive tone control system; dual record output selectors; individual stereo/ mono switching for output 1 and 2; contra bass equalization. Wood side panels included. Inputs for MM phono; MC phono; tape; tape 2; tape 3; AUX, AUX 2; tuner; CD player and DAT with input common-mode noise filters. FR 0.8-170,000 Hz ±3 dB; phono s/N 92 dB; THD 0.0005%. 18.25 x 4 x 15.88 in; 19 lb. ..... \$660

## Integra P-304 Preamplifier

Dual-mono preamp with electrically separate left and right circuitry. Features direct tone controls with passive equalization; dual record output selectors; adjustable phono gain and load imp. Inputs for MM phono; MC phono; tape;

tape 2; tape 3; AUX, AUX 2; tuner; CD player. FR 0.8-170,000 Hz ± 3 dB; phono S/N 85 dB; THD 0.005%. 17.75 x 4 x 15.88 in ..... \$530

#### PARASOUND P/FET-900 Class A Preamplifier

FET class A preamplifier. Features FET discrete transistors; electronic logic switching; polypropylene capacitors; regulated power supply; goldplated jacks; muting relay; variable loudness contour; 10-amp power switch; 3 AC outlets; mono switch: 2-tape monitors; 2-direction dubbing; separate CD, Video inputs; FR 10-80,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; THD <.005%; S/N 95 dB; 17.25 x 2.5 x 9.5 in ..... \$395

#### PERREAUX **SM3** Preamplifier

High-voltage MOSFET design; inputs for MM/MC cartridges; tuner; tape, CD. FR 20-50,000 Hz ±0.25 dB; input sens MC 175 µV rms @ 1 kHz/47 kilohms, 100 pF, MM 1.8mV rms; AUX/CD 350 mV rms/20 kilohms, all other inputs 100mV rms/25 kilohms; THD/IMD phono 0.005%, all other inputs 0.008%; channel sep 70 dB, 20-20,000 Hz, all inputs. 1.75 x 19 x 13.5 in; 

#### SA33 Class A Preamplifier

Features tone controls and large power supply. Gold plated input/output sockets. High voltage MOSFETdesign; inputs for MC/MM cartridges; tuner, tape. CD. FR 20-50,0000 Hz ±0.25 dB; input sens MC 200 µV rms at 1 kHz/47 kilohms, 100 pF, MM 2.8 mV rms; aux, CD 350 mV rms/250 kilohms; THD/IMD phono 0.005%, all other inputs <0.009% 20 Hz-20,000 Hz at rated output; channel sep 68 dB 20-20,000 Hz, all inputs. 1.75 x 19 x 13 in; 12 lb ..... \$1,750

#### PIONEER C-90 A/V Preamplifier

Features wireless remote control; motorized rotary volume control: 5 audio inputs: 5 video inputs (3 input/outputs, 2 input only); 3 different power supplies; copper-plated chassis; 2 video outputs; recording selector/tape-dubbing switch; subsonic and high/low filters; loudness, muting, and tone controls; video enhancer (detail, sharpness, and noise cancel). 9 x 21.7 x 19 \$900 in.



#### Proton 1100

#### PROTON 1100 Preamplifier

Stereo preamp with separate MC phono input. Features built-in headphone amp; bass equalizer switch; listen/record selector; high-level preout 18 V. total harmonic distortion 0.003% (20-20,000 Hz, 2 V output); IMD 0.003% (2 V output); FR 20-20,000 ±2 dB; high-level input resistance 30 kilohms; line-level input sens 150 µV. 2.5 µV MM phono, 0.2 µV high-level MC, 0. I µV low-level MC; S/N A-wtd 105 dB line level, 94 dB MM phono, 79 dB MC phono; bass control at 100 Hz ±10 dB: treble control at 10,000 Hz  $\pm$  10 dB; bass EQ at 75 Hz + 3 dB; infrasonic fil-ter at 20 Hz -3 dB, slope - 12 dB/oct; phono input capacitance selectable between 100, 200, 320 pF; phono overload MM 290 µV (1,000 Hz, 0.1% total harmonic distortion); MM , phono total harmonic distortion 0.006% at 4.5 V output, 0.01% MC phono; R1AA response ±0.2 dB MM phono, ±0.3 dB MC phono. 16.5 x 2.5 x 13 in.....\$399

#### PS Audio 5.5 Preamplifier

Full-function preamp. Features all MOSFET circuitry; dual-mono power regulation; extra-large transformer; moving-magnet and moving-coil phono sections; 5 gain selections for phono cartridge; cartridge loading; high-level bypass; remote power supply. THD <0.01%; IMD <0.01%.....\$1,195

#### 4.6 Preamplifier

Full-function preamp. Features moving-magnet and moving-coil phono sections; 5 gain selections for phono cartridge; cartridge loading; high-level bypass; remote power supply. THD <0.01%; IMD <0.01%; MM noise -82 dB; MC noise - 78 dB. 15 lb ..... \$659

## QUAD

## Ouad 44 Control Amplifier

Preamp/control system with lift/step bass control to boost low-frequency output of small speakers, attenuate bass output when operating as filter to give 5-dB drop at 2 frequencies; ±2dB tilt control that shifts tonal balance; variable filter slope control at 5,000, 7,000, 10,0000 Hz; all tone controls have defeat positions; balance/ mono switch; radio, aux, disc, tape 1, tape 2 input selectors with optional microphone or MC phono inputs available. Input sens/imp 1 mV at 35 mV in/47 kilohms phono, 100 mV at 5 V in/39 kilohms tape, 1 M ohm radio and aux; FR ±0.5 dB 30-20,000 Hz phono RIAA, 30-20,000 Hz -0, +1 dB; high-level distortion 0.02%; noise - 104 dB A-wtd; 12 x 4 x 8 in .... \$995

## REVOX

## B252 Preamplifier

Microprocessor-controlled preamp with input sensitivities programmable into nonvolatile memory and infrared remote control. Inputs for MM phono; MC phono; tuner; tape; tape 2; AUX; phono 2; CD player; EQ. FR 20-20,000 Hz +0, -0.2 dB; THD <0.01%; S/N 96 dB (line input), 75 dB (phono input); MM phono sens 1.6-23 mV for 5-mV output; sens for line-level inputs 160 mV to 2.3 V. 17.7 x 6 x 13 in. ..... \$1,400

## ROTEL

## **RC-870BX Stereo Preamplifier**

Flat preamp (no tone controls) with inputs for MM phono, MC phono, tape 2. Frequency response 4-100,000 Hz +0.5 dB, -0.3 dB total harmonic distortion 0.004%; IMD 0.004%; MM phono input overload level 180 mV, MM/MC signalto-noise ratios 80/70 dB \$449



Rotel RC-870BX

## JEFF ROWLAND DESIGN GROUP Coherence One Preamplifier

Solid-state FET preamp with companion regulated power supply. Accepts all MM and MC cartridges directly. Direct-coupled design from input to output. Split-passive RIAA equalizer minimizes phono equalizer errors. No negative

feedback; propriety design optimizes low-level signal recognition. Provides inputs for 1 phono and 3 high-level inputs. Tape rec outputs selectable from any input. Features phase reversal and full muting from front panel: separate right/ left channel balance controls: master volume; balanced outputs; power-on mute. 19 x 1.75 x 13 inches; 37 lb ..... \$3,950



Rowland Coherence One

#### SAE X1P X-Series Preamplifier

Computer direct-line fully discrete preamp. Features separate power supply, loading for MM and MC phono inputs, rack mountable. Inputs for MM phono. MC phono, tape, AUX. FR 20-20.000 Hz ±0.1 dB; max output 17 V; THD 0.01%; IMD 0.01%; MM phono sens 0.07 mV for 0.5 V output at 1.000 Hz; 19 x 1.75 x 12.5 in; 14 lb.....\$1,200



#### SAE P102

#### P102 Preamplifier

Computer direct-line preamp with 3 digital tone memories, electronic volume and balance controls. Features sequential audio muting to provide cross-fade between input sources; alphanumeric displays of all functions. Inputs for MM phono, MC phono. tape, tape 2, AUX, phono 2, CD player, tuner, external processor. Frequency response 20-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB: max output 7.5 V; THD 0.025%; IMD 0.025% IHF; MM phono sens 160 mV for 0.5-V output at 1,000 Hz; MM phono input overload level 240 mV. 19 x 3.5 x 

#### SANSUL

## C-1000 Control/Preamplifier

Preamplifier with full-function remote control. Features multiple audio inputs; 2 video inputs; motor-driven volume control: delay-line video enhancer; monitor output; keyboard instrument input; variable loudness; remote mute. Preamp output 1,000 mV/1.5 kilohms: FR 10-100,000 Hz. 3.6 x 17 x 9.4 in; 7.1 lb ..... \$190



## Sansui C-1000

#### SHERWOOD AM-7040 Preamplifier

Features high speed MOSFET: huge power reserve: overload protection; multi-stage LED power indicator; variable output level control; independent L/R power transformer: variable and fixed inputs; heavy-duty speaker terminals; 6.4 x 17.3 x 15.7 in ..... \$949

## AMDI IFIFDS

#### SONOGRAPHE BY **CONRAD-JOHNSON** SC1 FET Preamplifier

All-FET preamp with matched-FET polypropylene and polystyrene capacitors for all audio circuits; discrete power-supply regulation; inputs for phono, tuner. CD, video, tape 1 and 2. Frequency response 5-100.000 Hz ±0.5 dB; max output 10 V: total harmonic distortion 0.1%; IMD 0.1%; phono overload 150 mV; 3.5 x 18 x 12-in.....\$595

#### SONY **TA-E77ESD** Preamplifier

Preamplifier with built-in 16-bit, linear digitalto-analog converter with quadruple-oversampling digital filter. Features automatic matching of sampling rate; audio/video switching capability: S-video inputs and outputs: source direct switch; 12 total input sources; passive tone control circuitry; record out selector; adaptor terminals: 3-mode cartridge selector. IMD 0.001%; total harmonic distortion 0.001%; separation >90 dB; FR 5-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB ..... \$1,200



Sonv TA-E77ESD

#### SOUNDCRAFTSMEN DX 4200 Preamplifier/Equalizer

Combination preamp/equalizer with digital audio and video inputs. Features in/out balancing to 0.1 dB: phono preamp has variable cartridge loading (50-800 pF, 100/47,000 ohm) adjustable ± 20 dB gain MC variable reluctance or MM cartridge inputs: 3-way tape dubbing; 2 external signal-processor loops; conventional line outputs plus separate autobridge line outputs for auto mono bridging of most amps; EQ S/N 114 dB: passive-coil filters with 15 dB boost or cut for each octave; differential/comparator circuitry for true 0.1 dB unity-gain equalizer balancing; 19" rack-mount front panel; includes test record and instant reset Computone charts; 5.25 x 19 x 11 in ..... \$699

#### DX3000 Preamplifier

Features bass and treble controls; 2 tape monitors with dubbing: stereo video inputs; loudness compensation: signal-processor input/output. Inputs for MM phono. tape, tape 2. CD player, tuner, video. CD inputs matched to high dynamic range of players. FR 5-60,000 Hz +0, dB: S/N 95 dB: THD 0.01%: MM phono sens 1.4 mV for 0.5-V output at 1.000 Hz; MM phono input overload level 200 mV at 1,000 Hz: sens for line-level inputs 140 mv. 19 x 2.36 x 10 in: 10 lb.....\$329



Sumo Athena

## SUMO

Athena Preamplifier Stereo preamp with built-in moving-coil head amp. Features discrete circuitry utilizing 1% metal film resistors and metalized polypropylene capacitors; gold-plated input/output jacks; separate record/mode select functions; linearphase-matrix subsonic filter; high-level bypass; laser-trimmed stepped volume control. FR 20-20.000 Hz ±0.1 dB: crosstalk 80 dB; THD/IM <0.01% below 10 V output ..... \$699



Tandberg TCA 3038A

#### TANDBERG TCA 3038A Preamplifier

Fully remote controlled unit similar to above. Servo controlled volume (when used with remote); tone controls; tone defeat; loudness; MM and MC: DAT, CD. video, and tape inputs. Remote optional. Rosewood panels: 17.13 x 3.25 x 13.75 in; 11 lb \$1,350

## TECHNICS

## SU-A200 Class AA Preamplifier

Features Class AA circuitry to separate voltage amplification from current amplification. Voltage amp operates in Class A driving Class AA bridge circuit which provides ideal load characteristics for max linearity and isolation from imp fluctuations. Class AA EO circuit isolates voltage amp from load-imp fluctuations. Active Servo power supply. Switches video signals form A/V inputs as well as audio signals from 8 inputs with video output for monitor. Inputs for MM phono; MC phono; tape; tape 2/VCR; aux; phono 2; CD player; tuner; video (AV 1). FR 0.5-180,000 Hz +0, ±3 dB. 17 x 5 x 14.25 in: .....\$1.250 20 lb . .

#### SU-A6MK2 Stereo DC Preamplifier

Features shelving tone controls, selectable turnover frequencies, infrasonic filter, audio muting. Inputs for MM phono, MC phono, tape 3, tape 2, aux 2, phono 2, CD player, tuner, computer, VCR, DAT recorder, TV. Max output 8 V 16.94 x 3.88 x 14.19 in ..... \$875

## THRESHOLD

## Model FET ten/hl Preamplifier

Dual-ch. high-level noninverting field-effect transistor preamp dedicated specifically to linelevel signal applications. Accepts 5 high-level sources and 2 tape decks with full flexiblity in record/monitor signal routing. External power supply in separate chassis. Input J-FETs operated in parallel, doubling transconductance and lowering noise and distortion. Secondary gain stages use cascoded MOSFETs to supress voltage fluctuations, allowing low distortion even when driving loads less than 500 ohms. Circuit boards are miltary-grade glass-epoxy with gold-overnickel-over-copper-plated paths. Gold-plated connectors with Tellon insulation. Precision metal film and wirewound resistors are used throughout. Bandwidth response 1.5 Hz and 125,000 Hz at -3 dB points: distortion 0.01% at 3 V rms from 20-20,000 Hz into 1,000-ohm load: crosstalk no greater than -75 dB at 20,000 Hz with 1,000-ohm source; noise no greater than -110 dBA referenced to 1 V input: input imp 25.000 ohms. nominal: output imp

## YAMAHA

## **CX-10000** Digital Preamplifier

Limited Centennial Edition digital control amplifier with built-in digital sound field processor and D/A converter. Features hi-bit quadruple oversampling: hi-bit precision D/A conversion; digital-direct connection; digital input/output port; digital parametric equalizer; 16 user-memory programs combining digital sound field and/or digital parametric equalizer; wireless remote control. Titanium grey with high luster walnut end panels; 65 lb ..........\$7.500

#### HX-10000 Phono Head Amplifier

Limited Centennial Edition phono head amplifier. Features two independent moving-coil head amplifiers (selectable for phono 1 and phono 2). Titanium gray cabinet with hand-rubbed walnut end panels; 20 lb ......\$2,500



Yamaha CX-1000U

#### **CX-1000U Digital Preamplifier**

Digital preamplifier with built-in hi-bit 8-timesoversampling digital filter. Features hi-bit twin D/A converters: 4 digital (4 coaxial, 3 optical) audio inputs and 4 video inputs; continuously variable loudness control; 5 audio record outputs and 2 video record outputs; 12-position record out selector; provisions for simultaneous audio and video recording on two VCR's: 1 optical, 2 coaxial digital audio record outputs; automatic sampling frequency switching; 6-position moving magnet or moving coil phono cartridge load selector; source direct switch; audio mute; remote control......\$1,199

#### **CX-800U Preamplifier**

# INTEGRATED AMPLIFIERS

#### ACCUPHASE BY MADRIGAL E-205 80-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

Parallel push-pull output stage driven by MOS-FET driver stage; large power supply; direct-coupled circuitry with DC servo; high-gain equalizer; MC-input imp selector; 9 inputs; turnover selector switch; tape monitor and dubbing switches; subsonic filter; outputs for 2 pairs of speakers; speaker selection switch; mono switch. Inputs for MM phono; MC phono; tape; tape 2; CD player; tuner; 3 line-level inputs. Cham-

#### AUDIO DESIGN ASSOCIATES DCA-40 Digital Integrated Amplifier

Integrated amp with inputs for MM phono, tape, tape 2, AUX. CD player, tuner. Features electronic digital volume control; separate phono preamp. 40 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.06% THD into 8 ohms; 50 W into 4 ohms; FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$ dB; TiID 0.06% 6 lbs. 19 x 3.5 x 12 in... \$950

#### AUDIO DYNAMICS CA-2000E Integrated Amplifier

## A/D/S/

## Atelier A2 80-W/ch Integrated Amplifier



Akai AM-93-B

#### AKAI AM-93-B 120-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

Features 120 W/ch with zero drive DC-servo main amp; 4-digital direct inputs (2 optical for CD/DAT); dual D/A converter; 18-bit processing; 8-times oversampling; digital filter; source direct mode; 11-position input selector; lownoise MM/MC phone EQ amp; 0.008% THD resonance free rigid chassis structure .....\$1,099

#### AM-73-B 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

Features 100 W/ch with zero drive DC-servo main amp; 4-digital direct inputs (1 optical for CD/DAT); dual D/A converter; 4-times oversampling; digital filter; source direct mode; 11position input selector (3 tape monitor); 0.008% THD; resonance free rigid chassis structure \$799

#### AM-52-B 70-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

Features 70 W/ch with dual-pole DC-servo; source-director switch; low-noise MM/MC phono EQ amp; 7-position input selector (2 tape monitor); speaker A/B selector w/large binding posts; 0.005% THD; processor terminals for EQ . \$399

## ARCAM

## Arcam Delta 90 Integrated Amplifier

Amplifier with toroidal power transformer delivers 70-W/ch into 8 ohms. Features inputs for MM/MC cartridges, tuner, CD and two tape re

## Arcam Delta 60 Integrated Amplifier

Purist integrated amplifier with 50-W/ch into 8 ohms; 20-20,000 Hz; inputs for MM/MC, straight-wire passive preamp section into a high gain power amplifier; tuner, CD mono/stereo switch; speaker 1 and 2; THD 0.02% slew rate 25; sens 120  $\mu$ V; Delta Box converter, ... \$59

#### AUDIO BY VAN ALSTINE CA-150 Plus Integrated Amplifier

#### CAMBRIDGE AUDIO P55 Intergrated Amplifier

Features passive segmented equalization on MM and MC inputs. Power output 70 W/ch into 8 ohms. tone on/off control. THD 0.05%... \$648

#### P40 Integrated Amplifier

Features passive segmented phono section: MC/MM switchable inputs; large toroidal input transformer; 40 W/ch: THD 0.05%; S/N MM 80 dB, MC 73 dB, line 80 dB, 2.5 x 17.5 x 11 in;; 17 lb......\$498

## DENON

## PMA-1520 Integrated Amplifier

130 W/ch integrated amplifier. Features Denon
Optical Class A circuitry. Digital multi-interface
decoder; 7 audio inputs phono AUX1,2, CD,
tuner, tape 1, 2, 3 way speaker terminals; CD di-
rect: THD.003% -3dB at rated output; IMD.003%;
FR1-250.000 Hz -3 db at 1W; S/N 120 dB; 6.37 x
17.08 x 15.43 in; 29 lb
PMA-920. Similar to the PMA-1520 above ex-
cept with 115 W/ch \$600
DB44 730 00 W/ L
PMA-720. 90 W/ch \$450
PMA-520. 70 W/ch \$350

#### PMA-250 Integrated Amplifier

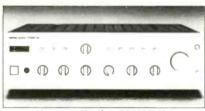
## HITACHI

### HA-007SW 65-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

## HARMAN KARDON

PM665 Vxi 150-W/ch Integrated Amplifier Inputs for A/V, aux, tuner, CD player, phono (MM or MC); VCR/tape monitor switches 2 decks and source; drives 2 pairs of speakers; selectable turnover frequencies (bass 200 or 400 Hz, treble 2,000 or 6,000); tone defeat; mono switch; capacitance trim (normal, +100, 200, 300 pF); phase-correct loudness; high and low

filters; 2-way tape dubbing; lit mute button (20 dB down); preamp out and main in jacks; active/passive phono section; 2 power transformers; 8 150-W power transistors. 150 W/ch into 8 ohms; dynamic power 500 W; current capability ± 80 amps. \$999 PM655 Vxi. As above, 90 W/ch; current capability ±45 amps for 260 W on peaks.... \$699 PM645 Vxi. As above, 90 W/ch; current capability ±30 amps; external processor loop instead of preamp out/main in jacks..... \$479 PM640 Vxi. As above, 45 W/ch; current capability ±18 amps; neg feedback 20 dB; no low or high filter ..... \$329



Harman Kardon PM655 Vxi

## JVC

#### **AX1100BK Integrated Amplifier**

Features Pure Signal Transceiving: separate CD ground; separate CD input with differential input; Dynamic Super-A power amp; Gm selector; Gm volume; 2-amp construction; inputs include CD 1, CD 2, DAT, and 5 others; high-gain phono equalizer for MC/MM cartridges; connections for two pairs of speakers. 120 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with no more than 0.003% THD \$720

## Kenwood

#### KA-3300D 150-W/ch Integrated Amplifier Basic series digital integrated amplifier with

dual built-in 16-bit D/A converters. Features optical interface with DP-3300 CD player; VIG-DLD (Voltage Interface Gate with Dynamic Linear Drive) power amplifier; quadruple oversampling digital filters; 7-pole Butterworth FDNR analog low-pass filters; 3 sampling frequencies (48/44.1/32 kHz); coaxial digital input; 3 tape inputs; dual rec-out selector; 2-way dubbing; digital-direct and line-straight switches; dual MM/MC phono equalizer amplifiers; Kenwood NF-CR tone controls with selectable turnover; high-rigidity chassis; audio insulator feet; Sigma Drive Type B; variable loudness; subsonic filter; mono/stereo switch; volume control; gold-plated input jacks; 150 W/ch min rms; THD 0.004%; S/N 110 dB. 6.69 x 17.31 x 16.56 in; 

## **KA-V1000R** Integrated Amplifier

# AMPLIFIERS

KA-880D 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier



Kenwood KA-880D

#### KA-127 125-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

Features 7-band graphic equalizer and power meters; 125 W/ch min rms: CD/AUX input; motorized volume control; unified full remote control system; auto-function; bi-directional tape dubbing; dual video sound inputs; connections and switching for two pairs of speakers; full circuit protection; headphone jack; THD 0.05%; IMD 0.03%; FR 10-70.000 Hz +0 dB, -3 dB; s/N ratio 75 dB; 4.68 x 16.56 x 10.68 in..... \$369

## KYOCERA

#### A-910 150-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

## LUXMAN

## LV-109 Digital Direct Integrated Amplifier

Integrated amplifier with built-in D/A converter. Features digital interaction with Luxman D-109 CD player; 2 digital direct inputs; line straight switch; front panel video input jack; signal-processor switch; rec-out dubbing selectors; sampling frequency indicator; tape/video monitor selector; mono/stereo switch; -30 dB attenuator switch; bass/treble controls. 150 W/ch; THD and IMD <0.09%; frequency response 5-200,000 Hz -3 dB; S/N (line straight) CD/line, tape >110 dB; 17.25 x 6.56 x 18.13 in; 44 lb \$1,500



Luxman LV-105U

LV-105U Integrated Amplifier Features BRID (hybrid) and STAR circuitry; Duo-Beta; voltage-driven amplification; tape and video dubbing; front-panel inputs (A/V 2, audio-video); rec-out selector; video amp and switching capability. Inputs for MM phono; MC phono; tape; tape 2; A/V; A/V 2; CD player; tuner. 80 continuous average W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz into 8 ohms with no more than 0.25% THD; 200-ms dynamic power 200 W at 4 ohms; FR (audio High level inputs) 3.5-300,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB, 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  0.2 dB phono, 10-6 MHz video  $\pm$  1 dB; S/N 90 dB (MM), 70 dB (MC), 96 dB (tuner, tape, CD, video audio); IMD 0.03%. 17.25 x 5.19 x 13.88 in; 25.3 lb. ..... \$1,000

## MARANTZ

## PM-84D 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

100 W/ch integrated amp features Quarter-A design; AVSS (automatic voltage supply shift); matched complimentary MOSFET output devices; CD/phono direct switch; tone defeat switch; ceramic damped capacitors; copper-plated chassis; separate monitor/dubbing selectors for 2 tape decks plus video cassette recorder; built-in moving coil step-up transformer; mono mode switch; THD 0.015%; ..........\$1,360

## PM-74DBL 105-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

105 W/ch black integrated amp features Quarter-A design; AVSS (automatic voltage supply shift); CD/phono direct switch; tone defeat switch; ceramic damped capacitors; copper-plated chassis; separate monitor/dubbing selectors for 2 tape decks; tone defeat; switches for mono mode, subsonic filter, muting, speakers on/off: IMD 0.03%; THD 0.03%. 8.12 x 19.5 x 16.5 in; 23.1 lb. \$699

### PM-65AVBL 65-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

65 W/ch integrated amp features CD/phono direct switch; 3 monitor loops; 4 position record out; video switching; 20-20,000 Hz bandwidth; total harmonic distortion 0.03%; intermodulation distortion 0.03%; 5.37 x 16.37 x 14.37 in; 22 lb \$499

## McIntosh

#### MA-6200 Integrated Amplifier

Features 100 W/ch into 4 ohms, 75 W/ch into 8 ohms. 42 lb. \$1,795

## MISSION ELECTRONICS

## Cyrus II 60 W/ch Integrated Amplifier

## NAD

#### 3400 Monitor Series Integrated Amplifier

Full remote control; 100 W/ch; power envelope circuitry; +6.2 dB dynamic headroom; bridgeable; lab input; pre-amp out/main in; semi-parametic tone controls; Soft Clipping; bass EQ; rack mountable. \$798

#### 3240 PE Integrated Amplifier

## NEC

#### A-910 Integrated Amplifier

#### PLA-610 Integrated Amplifier

Remote-controlled integrated amp with built-in Dolby Pro-Logic, hall, matrix, and concert surround-sound processors. Features 16-bit digital delay circuit; 3-position sound memory function; pre-out, main-in, and mono-out terminals; 2 audio/video inputs/outputs; 2 audio/video inputs; 1 audio input/output; 1 audio input; 1 center out; 2 monitor outputs; 1 mono output......\$599



NEC PLA-610

#### AV-350 Integrated Amplifier

#### A-610 Integrated Amplifier

Features unified remote control that can operate other NEC audio and video components; inputs for MM/MC phono, tuner, CD player, tape deck, AUX. TV and VCR sound sources; independent record and input selectors for listening to one source while recording another; mute switch; bass and treble controls. 60 W/ch into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.006% THD, 80 W/ch into 4 ohms; dynamic headroom 2 dB; FR 10-40,000 Hz  $\pm$  1 dB. 17 x 5.1 x 13.4 in . \$469

#### AV-260 Integrated Amplifier

Remote-controlled integrated amplifier with built-in Dolby, hall, and matrix surround-sound effects. Features 3 memory presets; separate left and right input level controls; audio and video input/output array; 30 W/ch......\$349

#### NIKKO AUDIO IA-600 Integrated Amplifier

Integrated amp with 120 W/ch FTC into 8 ohms. Features 1.76 dB headroom; 5-60,000 Hz power bandwidth; 10 inputs for CD, tuner, phono, aux, tape 1 & 2, video 1 & 2, signal processor, 

## ONKYO

#### Grand Integra A-G10 Integrated Amplifier

#### A-8800 Integrated Amplifier

Features linear 18-bit DA converter; 100 W/ch rms; low-imp drive discrete output section; Opto-Drive power supply for differential ampliher; quadruple-oversampling digital filter; separate left and right Opto-Drive D/A converters; optical and coaxial digital inputs; pre-out/mainin terminals \$900

#### A-8190 Integrated Amplifier

#### A-8170 Intergrated Amplifier

## PHILIPS

#### FA 960 Integrated Amplifier

High current/low impedance drive capability; FTC rated at 100 watts, 125 watts; dynamic power supplies and heat sinks for each channel; CD Direct function and 6 other inputs; Record Selector for parallel recording; Tone Defeat key to bypass bass and treble controls; gold plated terminals for CD Direct and Phono inputs; high accuracy phono amplifier for either MC or MM cartridges; equalization curve to IEC standard; active tone control; parallel, selectable loudspeaker outputs for each channel; muting/protection circuit; source and tape selected display; metal cabinet; headphone output; gold plated speaker relays; loudness and mono switches; 2 tape monitors; tape copy keys; slide balance control; bi-polar push-pull output stages. Output power 8 ohms; total harmonic distortion 0.008% at 100 watts at 8 ohms (1 kHz); intermodulation distortion 0.03% at 100 watts at 8 ohms; line inputs frequency response 18-70,000 Hz  $\pm 1.0$  dB; phono input frequency response 40-20,000 Hz  $\pm 0.5$  dB; signal-to-noise ratio CD Direct 106 dB. 5.75 x 16.5 x 13.25 in ... \$549

#### PIONEER

#### Elite A-91D Digital Integrated Amplifier

Integrated amplifier with digital circuit for CD's. Features line direct switch; non-resonating frame chassis, insulators, and heat sink; non-switching circuit type III; separate voltageand current-amplifying stages; 2 high capacity, magnetically-shielded transformers; independent digital conversion circuitry; dual digital-toanalog converters; digital filter; quadruple-oversampling; analog low-pass filter; six digital inputs (two optical); three digital outputs (one optical); optical transfer distortion canceller \$1,600

#### A-717 Integrated Amplifier

#### PROTON

#### D540 Integrated Amplifier

#### AM-300 Integrated Amplifier

30 W/ch integrated amp with DPD for 6 dB of headroom and a dynamic power rating at 8/4/2 ohms of 120/200/220 W. Features low imp drive capability; remote control; low-noise MC amp; selectable MC/MM input. THD 0.01%; damping factor 90 dB; line input sens 150 mV; line input imp 47K ohms/220pF; phono input sens MM/MC 2.5/0.25 mV; phono input imp MM/MC 47K ohm/100 ohm; crosstalk at 1,000 Hz is 75 dB; tape/video s/N 100 dB..... \$289



Rotel R.4-870BX

ROTEL RA-870BX Integrated Amplifier Integrated amp with 100 W/ch from 20-20,000 Hz bridgeable to 300 W. MC input; CD direct in-

#### **RA840BX2** Integrated Amplifier

50 W/ch 20-20.000 Hz; Upgraded power supply with metal bypass caps. Close tolerance selected components; high tolerance; 0.05% THD; 0.08% IMD; MM/MC phono inputs; high current. \$379



SAE 1102

#### SAE 1102 Integrated Amplifier

## SANSUI

#### **AU-X901** Integrated Amplifier

## SHARP

## **Optonica SM-A75 Integrated Amp**

## SHERWOOD

## AI-1210R Integrated Amplifier

Features surround sound; full-function infrared wireless remote control; video sound input; loudness control; direct switch; low-noise phono amplifier; subsonic filter; 100 watts per channel; headphone input jack; peak power indicator; mute switch; intermodulation distortion 0.04%; signal-to-noise ratio 79 dB; frequency response 8-70,000 Hz; 5.1 x 17.3 x 13.0 in ...... \$449

## SONY

### TA-F700ES 105-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

Features nonmagnetic G-chassis construction; spontaneous twin-drive power supply; super legato linear circuitry; source direct switch to route input signal directly to volume control; passive tone-control circuitry with switch-selectable bass and treble turnover frequencies; defeatable subsonic filter; inputs for 3 tape decks with dubbing capabilities, MM/MC phono, CD player, tuner, and AUX signal; independent record output selector for taping one signal while listening to another; A-B, A+B speaker switching. 105 continuous W/ch into 4 ohms with 0.008% THD, 140 W/ch into 4 ohms with 0.008% THD, 17 x 6.38 x 17.25 in; 40 lb . \$700

## TECHNICS

### SU-V90D 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

Digital integrated amplifier that accepts optical or coaxial digital outputs from CD players and other digital equipment; 4-DAC 18-Bit high resolution internal digital signal processing; 100 W/Ch at 0.002% THD into 8 ohms, both channels driven from 20-20.000 Hz; 4 D/A; quadruple-oversampling digital filter; automatic switching between sampling frequencies; subsonic filter; direct digital mode......\$1,100

#### SU-AV55 50-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

A/V integrated amplifier with digital Dolby surround-sound. Features digital low-bass synthesis with level control; wireless remote control; S-VHS input/output terminals; 3 A/V inputs; 7 audio inputs; video out and S-VHS video out; FL display; stereoplex simulated stereo. Front: 50 W/ch, both channels driven into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with less than 0.02% THD. Rear: 10 W/ch both channels driven into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with less than 0.09% THD. \$800

#### SU-V650 90-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

Integrated amplifier with moving coil and moving magnet phono inputs. Features class AA operation: tone control defeat switch; subsonic filter; 4-input selector with LED indicators; 2 tape loops: record out selector; CD-direct operation; 90 W/ch \$500



Technics SU-V450

#### SU-V450 50-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

#### TOSHIBA XB-1000 Integrated Amplifier

A/V digital surround-sound processor and controller. Features 10 audio inputs; 4 video inputs; numerous A/V cross-play options; inputs inelude 2 tape decks, 2 VCR's, CD player, DAT deck, television; 125 W/ch stereo, 50 W/ch Dolby surround; remote control; 12 digital sound effects including concert hall, night club, cathedral, stadium, and theater. \$949

## VECTOR RESEARCH

## VA-1400 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

100-W/ch high-current integrated amp with 8 output transistors. 200 W/ch with optional VA-1450 bridging amp. Inputs for MM phono: MC phono; tape; CD; video sound source. 100 continuous average W/ch from 20-20.000 Hz with <0.08% THD into 4 ohms; dynamic headroom 2.5 dB; 1HF IMD 0.08%; FR 10-40,000 Hz ± 1 dB. 17 x 3 x 12 in; 20 lb. \$350

## YAMAHA

#### AX-900U Integrated Amplifier

#### AVX-1009 Integrated Amplifier

Master A/V control amplifier with 10 audio and 6 video inputs. Features S-VHS terminals; switchable 4 channel (65 W/ch front, 14 W/ch rear) or 3 channel (65 W/ch front, 28 W center channel out) operation: bass. midrange, treble, stereo balance and bass extension tone controls; separate rear or center channel volume control: 8 mode digital surround processor with continuously variable delay including Dolby surround; video enhancer; independent record out selection of video and audio signals; 3-mode superimpose video monitoring; title editing; master volume control; integrated system remote control. \$699

#### AX-700U Integrated Amplifier

Integrated amplifier with low-impedance drive eapability. Features absolute linear amplification; high dynamic power: low-impedance drive eapability; CD direct position; continuously variable loudness control; record-out selector; accessory output loop; 3 tape inputs. 110 W/ch minimum root mean square into 8 ohms from 20-20.000 Hz with less than 0.005% total harmonie distortion. With black finish; 29 lb \$599

#### AVC-50 Audio Video Integrated Amplifier

#### AX-500U Integrated Amplifier

Features absolute linear amplification; high dynamic power; low-impedance drive capability: CD direct position; continuously variable loudness control; record-out selector; accessory output loop; MM/MC phono selector; 2 tape inputs; banana-plug compatible speaker terminals. 85 W/ch minimum root mean square into 8 ohms from 20-20.000 Hz with less than 0.01% total harmonic distortion. With black finish, 18 lb \$399



We've built such a reputation for making precision open reel tape recorders, some people think that's all we do. The fact is, we make a full line of audio components. From compact disc players to speakers, receivers to video cassette recorders, equalizers, and audio/video controllers. And of course, a full line of cassette decks and open reel recorders.

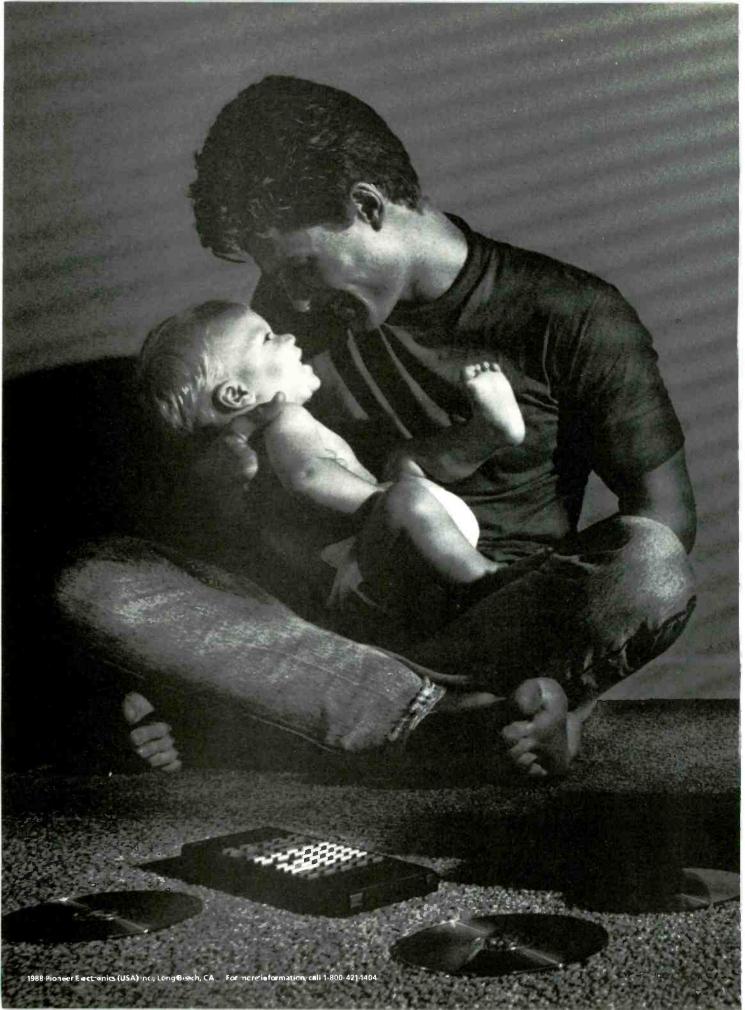
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#### ACCUPHASE BY MADRIGAL DP-80/DC-81 Two-Part CD Player

DP-80 transport plays discs and DC-81 digital processor converts digital signals to analog; optical fiber cable. DP-80 features 1 master clock; linear motor laser pickup: <1-sec selection time; ceramic-resin mounting floated from chassis; play, search, pause, skip back, fast forward, fast reverse, repeat disc or phrase; cues by track number; displays current track number. DC-81 features D/A converter with discrete elements; wideband optical-fiber inputs: 16-bit digital signal and deglitch signal for each ch input to D/A converter through 17 optoisolators; 121stage double-oversampling digital filter per ch; 9-pole GIC Butterworth active filters; directly coupled 0-dB gain buffer amp as output stage: de-emphasis circuit consisting of passive elements and buffer amp; independent power transformer for each digital and analog circuit: fixed- and variable-level audio output; XLRtype balanced output ..... \$8,750



Acoustic Research CD-06

## ACOUSTIC RESEARCH CD-06 CD Player

## ADC CD 16/2R CD Player

Slide-drawer-loading CD player with full-function remote control and advanced error-processing circuitry. Features random 16-track progranming: skip forward: skip back; fast forward; fast reverse; repeat track, disc, or program; 7-pole (7th-order) analog filtering; 3-beam laser: displays track number, elapsed time of track, remaining time on disc, and program in memory. 3.12 x 17.0 x 11.75 in ...... \$250

ADCOM GCD-575 CD Player Dual digital-to-analog, 16 bit linear converters. Selectable Analog Frequency/Phase Contouring circuitry. fixed and variable outputs, triple beam laser. plays 3" CD's. Programs up to 24 tracks in any sequence; repeats disc, track. program or any selected sequence or phrase; audible fast scan and fast forward. Displays, simultaneously total tracks up to 20, track being player. programmed tracks, tracks to be player. Timer display. Remote transmitter. FR 5-20,000 Hz ±0.1, -0.5 dB; S/N 105 dB; THD 0.0025%; ch sep 95 dB; (MD (SMPTE) 0.0015%; 3.44 x 17 x 11.25 in; 12 lb; black. \$600 GCD-575. White \$650



Adcom GCD-575

## A/D/S/ Atelier CD3 CD Player

Programs 30 tracks in any order; sound audible during fast forward and fast reverse; skip forward; skip back; fast forward; fast reverse; cancel; repeat track, disc, phrase, program; headphone jack with adjustable level; digital filtering (resampling frequency 88.2 kHz); 3-beam laser. Displays current track number, elapsed time of current track, remaining time on disc, program in memory. Cues by track number, index number. Max line output 2 V; headphone output 2 V. Optional remote control. 20 lb; 2.75 x 17.5 x 14.8 in \$1.200



a/d/s/ Atelier CD3

#### Atelier CD4 Compact Disc Player

Cast laser and transport assembly shock mounted with rubber isolators, aluminum and steel chassis/housing, and multiple power supplies to isolate digital and analog stages for minimum interaction and noise generation. Servo-laser intensity system switches focus intensity depending on quality of disc to maximize performance. Brick-wall digital filter works in conjunction with advanced multiple-pole low-pass filter. Error correction uses variable-size window; 16-bit D/A converters: fast-focus 3-beam laser; programming of 16 tracks in random order; repeat disc, track, phrase, or program; random access by time within a track; access by index point; audible fast search. Displays elapsed time from track start, remaining time to disc end, track/ program selection number, index, program in memory.....\$1.000

#### AKAI CD-93-B CD Player

3-beam laser pick-up w/linear motor; 18 bits 4x oversampling: digital filter; dual D/A converters: diecast chassis and diecast disc tray; 20track random programming: FL calendar display; 31 function remote; digital output (optical/coaxial); separate power transformers for digital and analog......\$1,099

#### CD-73-B CD Player

3-beam laser pick-up w/linear motor; 18 bits 4x oversampling: digital filter; dual D/A converters; 20-track random programming; FL calendar display; 31 function remote; digital out (optical/ coaxial); resonance free rigid chassis structure \$799

#### CD-52-B CD Player

3-beam laser: 22 function remote: 4x oversampling; digital filter: dual D/A converters: 20 track random programming; FL calendar display; digital output; index search; auto space play; A-B repeat; headphone volume....\$379

## ARCAM

Arcam Delta 70 CD Player

#### AUDIO BY VAN ALSTINE Transcendence FET-Valve CD Player

Drawer-loading CD player with class-A compound hybrid vaccuum tube and power MOSFET filter driver circuits. Features toroidal power transformer; regulated heater supply; 16-bit, quadruple-oversampling digital filter; calibrated dual digital filters; exact-channel phase-gain tracking; 20-track programming; repeat; shuffle play; time and track display; 3-speed music search with cueing; CD-single compatibility; wireless remote control. 16.5 x 11 x 3 in; 12 lb......\$1,195

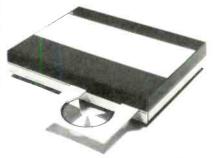
#### AUDIO DYNAMICS CD-2000E CD Player

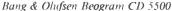
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Beogram 5500 Programmable CD Player Integrates with Beosystem 5500: programs 20 tracks; adds time of programmed tracks: displays time remaining on disc; skip forward and back; 3-speed forward and reverse; direct access by track number; intro scan: 16-bit quadruple oversampling: Bessel elliptical analog filters; auto space; silver and black; controlled by Master Control Panel (comes with Beomaster 5500 receiver); 2 D/A converters; separate power supplies for digital and analog sections; digital output. 16.5 x 3 x 12.75 in .......\$1.100

#### Beogram 3300 Remote-Controlled CD Player

Communicates with other Beosystem 3300 components (stops when cassette deck comes to end of tape; deck stops when disc ends); front panel displays operating status; sensi-touch controls; display of track number, index number, track time, time left on disc; skip forward and back; 4-sec auto space; optional bracketed shelf for wall mounting: 16-bit, quadruple oversampling digital filter, 16.5 x 3 x 12.25 in ... \$765





#### CAMBRIDGE AUDIO CD1 Series II CD Player

32 bit, 16 times oversampling player with 64k of error correction. Features include volume and digital polarity inversion from a comprehensive remote handset. Lead beam suspension system. Rosewood side panels \$4,000

#### CD2 S CD Player

16 bit. 16 times oversampling player with 64k of error correction. No analog stages. Full remote facilities and rosewood side panels.....\$2,500

#### CD2 CD Player

16 bit, 16 times oversampling player with 64k of error correction. No analog stages.THD 0.0025%, dynamic range >100 DB .......\$1,700

## CARVER

DBX DX5 CD Player Remote-controlled CD player with 3 processing

circuits (compression, Digital Audio Impact Recovery [DAIR], and increased/decreased ambience), each independently bypassable. The compression control is for background listening. making car cassettes, and easier taping of CD's; DAIR adds impact to musical transients; ambience adds or subtracts left-right information in midrange and treble frequencies. Features programming of 16 tracks in any order; repeat track. disc. program, or A-B phrase; skip forward; skip back; audible fast forward and reverse: error LED to show disc correction; headphone jack with adjustable level; dual 16-bit D/A converters; advanced error processing; 2band compressor; impact circuit. Displays track number, total tracks, elapsed time of track, disc time, and program stored in memory. Cues by track or index number. Oversamples at 176.4 kHz. 17.12 x 11.88 x 3.5 in..... \$699

#### DENON DCD-3520 CD Player

CD player with 20-bit linear D/A converter system. Features 8-times-oversampling digital filter; hand-tuned conversion of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th most significant bits; separate digital and analog power supplies (total of 5 independent power supplies): copper-plated chassis; doubleisolated laser transport; glass epoxy printed circuit boards; coaxial and optical digital outputs; 8-digit display of track, index, and playing time; auto edit; 20-track random programming; 20track music calendar; 10-key direct access by track, index number, or elapsed time; 3-way repeat; full-function remote control with motor driven volume control.....\$1,500

#### DCD-1520 CD Player

CD player with 20-bit linear D/A converter system. Features 8-times-oversampling digital filter; hand-tuned conversion of most significant bit; separate digital and analog power supplies (total of 5 independent power supplies); coaxial and optical digital outputs; 8-digit display of track, index, and playing time: auto edit; 20track random programming; 20-track music calendar; 10-key direct access by track, index number, or clapsed time: 3-way repeat; full-function remote control with motor driven volume control. \$750

DCD-1420. As above without remote ... \$600



#### Denon DCD-910

#### DCM-555 CD Player/Changer

6 CD magazine changer allows for up to 32-selection program play. Continuous playback of all 6 discs; full random play; program random play; disc sequential random play; Super Linear converter; real time D/A converter; quadrupleoversampling digital filter; full-function remote control. FR 4-20.000 Hz; S/N 98 dB; THD .004%; 4.56 x 17.08 x 14.09 in; 13.25 lb. ...... \$550

#### DCD-910 CD Player

Features two Super-Linear converters; 8-times oversampling digital filter; pickup with floating suspension; variable analog output; auto edit; auto space; 20-selection music calendar; 3-inch CD compatibility; 2 modes of random playback; index search; program random play; FR 2-20,000 Hz; S/N 102 dB; THD .004%; remote control with motorized volume; display of track

number, playing time, total tracks, total playing time, total remaining time, index number. 4.05 x 17.08 x 12.40 in \$499 DCD-810 CD Player. As above with quadrupleoversampling digital filter; no coaxial digital output, index search, or auto space...\$399 DCD-610. As above, one Super Linear converter, no remote volume \$300

#### EMERSON CDD200R CD Player

Dual disc remote controlled CD player with 32 programmable tracks. Plays 2 discs without a magazine. Fast skip, random play. Repeats track, disc, program, phrase. Oversamples at 44.1 KHz; FR15-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  1.5 dB; THD 0.03%; 3.9 x 16.5 x 11.8 in; 11 lb ...... \$400



#### Emerson CDD200R

#### FISHER DAC195B/DAC197B CD Player

Compact disc changer with 5-disc capacity and 30 function wireless remote control. Features 3beam laser pickup; double-oversampling digital filter: random playback; intro scan; individual motorized slide-loading trays; scan; skip; repeat disc, program, track, all discs; 32-track random programming; EL display of disc, track, track time, and time remaining; LED play/pause meter; program indicator; headphone jack with adjustable level. \$400

#### GOLDSTAR GCD-64R CD Player

Features full-function remote control; shuffle play: 20-selection random memory programming: 3-beam laser pickup; linear skating loading system; automatic music search; automatic repeat capability; headphone jack; multi-function display shows elapsed time, total time, track number, repeat and memory...... \$350

#### HARMAN KARDON HD800 CD Player

CD player with 10-function wireless remote control. Features discrete analog output section; sample-and-hold processor: separate analog, digital, and transport power supplies; samples at 176.4 kHz; dual 16-bit linear converters; 3beam pickup; 36-track programmable memory; audible 2-speed cue and review; displays track, elapsed time, program number, total number of tracks, total time, and time remaining; track and index search; headphone jack with adjustable level. \$529

#### HD400 CD Player

CD player with 10-function wireless remote control. Features discrete analog output section; sample-and-hold processor; separate analog, digital, and transport power supplies; samples at 88.2 kHz; 3-beam pickup; 36-track programmable memory; audible 2-speed eue and review; displays track, elapsed time, program number, total number of tracks, total time, and time remaining; track and index search.......\$399

#### HD200 CD Player



Harman Kardon HD400

#### HITACHI DA005 CD Player

Direct PIT servo; 5-stage error correction; 121band digital filter; programs 15 tracks in any order; skip forward and back; fast forward and reverse; cancel: repeat track, disc, phrase, program; cue by track; 28-function remote: headphone jack; adjustable headphone level; 3beam laser; 1 D/A converter; displays current track number, elapsed time of current track, remaining time on disc; sound audible during fast scan; headphone output 2 V; 11 lb...... \$550

#### DA-C70CW CD Player

12 disc (6 disc x 2) changer; 3-beam laser; 41 function remote; independent disc exchange; 3 play modes; built-in timer; resume play function; oversampling digital filter; magazine loading; skip forward/back; fast forward/back; ree by index number; headphone jack; adjustable headphone level; digital filtering; single D/A converter; display of current track number, elapsed time, program in memory; sound audible in fast scan; 15.75 x 5.13 x 12.5 in... \$449

#### DAC-60 6-CD Changer

Magazines hold 6 discs or single disc; digital filtering; programs 32 tracks from unit or remote; repeats all 6 discs; random play; 2-speed audible search in forward and reverse; headphone jack with level control; displays disc number, track number, elapsed time of disc, total playing time. number of tracks on disc. \$399

## JVC XLZ555BK CD Player

CD player with quadruple-oversampling digital filter. Features twin high-speed D/A converters; optical digital output; coaxial digital output; double-floating independent suspension system; disc/track title indication; 3" CD compatible; auto/multi-disc editing key; 5-way repeat with A/B; index play; skip: search; auto/manual search: 3-beam laser pickup; Optical noise reduction; remote control with volume control and numeric keypad; random access programmming of up to 32 tracks; random play; intro scan; headphone jack with adjustable level; FL display: 2 analog outputs; disc title memory......\$490

#### XLM600BK CD Changer

CD changer with 6-disc magazine section and auto-loading single-play drawer. Features magazine/disc title indication with message and program memory; repeat all tracks, single track, and programmed tracks; random play; auto/ manual search; multi-function FL display; timer er play: 3-beam laser pickup; independent suspension system; remote control with numeric keypad; 32-track programming; headphone jack; double-oversampling digital filter . . \$560

## KENWOOD

DP-3300D CD Player

Basic series CD player with full-function wireless remote control. Features optical interface with KA-3300D amplifier; coaxial digital ouptut; pure digital output switch; twin high-speed ladder network 16-bit D/A converters with FET input; quadruple oversampling digital filters; 7pole Butterworth FDNR analog low-pass filter; high-rigidity and multi-insulation; independent power supplies; Optimum Servo Control Type 111; 3-beam laser; rapid direct-play system; 4 play modes; 6-mode real time display; 20-track random program memory; A-B section repeat; music skip; index search key; audible manual search; auto spacing; repeat; music calendar display; auto open switch; auto loading; headphone jack with level control; phase inverter switch. THD 0.001%, dynamic range 97 dB, sep 115 dB, s/N 105 dB (all at 1,000 Hz). 17.31 x 4.31 x 12.44 in; 22.1 lb ..... \$885



Kenwood DP-M107R

#### DP-990SG CD Player

#### DP-M107R CD Changer

Features auto-function; 6-disc magazine plus single CD; optimum servo control; 3-beam laser pickup; double oversampling digital filter; introscan; one touch disc selection; 32-track random program memory; Random Roulette Play; fluorescent display with music calendar, disc, total/elapsed/remaining time, track number and program contents indication; 2 channels; FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm 1$  dB; dynamic range > 95 dB at 1 kHz; S/N > 93 dB; THD < 0.009% at 1 kHz; S/N = 93 dB; THD < 0.009% at 1 \$ \$399

#### KINERGETICS KCD-30 Gold Series CD Player

Volume and balance controls on front panel to drive power amp directly; dynamic processing circuits; corrected-slope filter; hysteresis-distortion cancelling circuit; no capacitors in signal path; servo loop to eliminate DC offset; 3-speed search; dual D/A converters; 1-beam laser; 4times oversampling; spring-isolated transport; program memory for 226 discs; indexing; 19 rack mount. Output level 4 V; 14 lb; 19 x 3.75 x 12.6 in. \$1,495



Kyocera DA-910

#### KYOCERA DA-910 CD Player

1-beam laser; digital filtering; programming of 24 tracks in random order; display of current track number, elapsed time of current track, remaining time on disc, program stored in memory; skip forward; skip back; cancel; repeat track, disc, plirase, program; cue by track number, index number; 8-function remote control; head-phone jack (adjustable output). Max line output 5 V; THD at 1,000 Hz 0.005%; s/N 95 dB; sep 90 dB; FR 5-20,000 Hz  $\pm 0.5$  dB; 22 lb; 17 x 5.5 x 13 in .....\$1,600

#### DA-710 CX CD Player

#### LUXMAN D-03 CD Player

Drawer loading CD Player with 7-function remote. Features one-beam laser; programming of 20 tracks in random order; skip forward/reverse; fast forward/reverse; cancel; repeat track, disc, program. Displays current track/ current disc; remaining time; program stored in memory. Cues by track number, index number, time. Max line output 2 V; THD at 1,000 Hz 0,003% at 97 dB; FR 5-20,000 Hz  $\pm 0.5$  dB; 17.81 x 3.31 x 13.75 in; 18.7 lb. .....\$1,500

#### D-109 CD Player

Features full-function remote control; serial remote jacks for connections to other Luxman products; digital output sends digital signal to Luxman LV-109 integrated amp; 1-4 time display functions; programs up to 20 tracks; index scan; A-scan plays first 10 sec of music; A/B switch to mark beginning and end of selected track(s) for repeat; memory check. FR 5-20,000 Hz -0.5 dB; THD 0.003% (1 kHz); dynamic range 100 dB; 17.25 x 4 x 15.25 in; 27.5 lb ... \$1,500

#### D-113 CD Player

Double oversampling digital filter; active 3rd order analog low pass filter; 3 beam laser; system remote capability: 16 program random memory. FR 5-20,000 Hz; THD 0.007%; S/N ratio 94 dB. \$650

#### D-113D Remote Control CD Player

16 program random memory; 10 key numeric handpiece and system remote capability; 10 key direct access and multi-function display; 3-

beam low mass laser pick-up; high density magnetic disc clamper; anti-vibration laser pick-up mechanism; digital direct with optical and coax. Performance specifications are dependent on the digital direct amplifier with which the D-113D is used. \$550

#### **D-111 Remote Control CD Player**

16 program random memory; 10 key system allows direct track access from remote handpiece; rear panel serial remote jacks accommodate Luxman's unified remote control systems. 3beam low mass laser pick-up; high density magnetic disc clamper; anti-vibration laser pick-up mechanism; active analog linear phase low pass filter; dual DAC's with 2x oversampling digital filter. FR 5-20,000 Hz +0.5/-0.5; THD 0.06%; S/N ratio 106 dB; dynamic range 90 dB. \$350

## MAGNAVOX

## CDV474 CD-V/LaserVision CD Player

Remote-controlled combination player for CD-Audio, CD-Video, and LaserVision discs. Auto ID of disc type; programming. Video features include fast motion; slow motion; reverse play; freeze frame; random access ...... \$749-\$799

#### CDB650 FTS CD Player

Favorite Track Selection (FTS) memorizes programs from various disc (up to 785 tracks). Extra altered output; music scan; single play; digital output for CD graphics. CD-ROM: skip forward; skip back; 3-speed FF and reverse; 4sec record-pause insertion; anti-jamming protection; repeat track, disc, program; headphone jack with adjustable level; infrared remote control; 1-beam laser; low-order low-pass digital filtering; high-order analog filter; dual D/A converters. Cues by track number. Oversamples at 176.4 kHz. Displays current track number, elapsed time of current track, elapsed time on disc, remaining time on disc. Headphone output 0-5 V. 16.5 x 3.5 x 11.75 in; 9.75 lb......\$499



#### Magnavox CDB650

#### MARANTZ CD-94 CD Player

#### CDC-6R CD Changer

Features 16-bit, 2 times oversampling double D/A convertors: wireless remote control; random 32-track programming from any or all six discs; shuffle play; FR 5-20,000 Hz; THD 0.03%; S/N ratio 94 dB; sep 90 dB. 4.87 x 17.12 x 14 in; 13.2 lb. \$499

#### **CD-75DX CD Player**

Features dual 16-bit converters; quadruple over-

#### CDC320BL CD Changer

#### CD-40 CD Player

Features 16 track programming; 16-bit double oversampling; forward/reverse search/skip; repeat play; track/index display; THD 0.07%; S/N 90 dB; 3 x 16.5 x 10.88 in; 7.7 lb ...... \$300

#### MCINTOSH MCD 7005 CD Player

Features wireless remote control with volume control; direct-access track, index, and time selection; volume control through McIntosh Precision Ladder Attenuator; 8-bit error correction system; twin 16-bit D/A converters with quadruple-oversampling, 32 lb......\$1,599

#### MELOS AUDIO CD-T II CD Player

Dual-chassis player with 16 bit quadruple oversampling. Analog filtering an amplification: toroidal transformer and regulated power supplies contained in aluminium chassis; connectors are heavy gold plate; full function CD remote control; output 1.25 V RMS; 100 ohm output imp \_\_\_\_\_\_\$1,495

#### MERIDIAN BY MADRIGAL 207 MKII Professional 2-Part CD Player

Drawer-loading CD player with single-beam laser pick-up assembly in a spring die-cast subchassis with stainless steel guides. Two-box construction allows the electronics unit to be mounted on side or above the transport unit. Features digital to analog converters, 4-digit display with total/elapsed/remaining disc time or vol level and information on track selections; also indicates absolute-phase polarity, repeat and error correction; built-in preamplifier facilities: inputs for CD, line, tape; outputs for fixed, variable. tape and headphones; distortion <0.004%; 6.3 x 3.9 x 12.6 in; 18 lb... \$2,250

#### MISSION ELECTRONICS PCM II CD Player

Front-loading CD player with touch close disc loading tray. Features scan: A/B repeat; direct access programming; phase inversion switch; headphone jack with adjustable volume on remote: 29-function remote control; dual 16-bit D/A converters; quadruple-oversampling digital filter: 20-track random programming; 3-mode time display; 3-speed search; digital output; four independent power supplies for digital and analog electronics; gold-plated RCA connectors \$1,500

#### MITSUBISHI M-C5100 CD Player

Features dual 18-bit D/A convertors; 8-times oversampling; both optical and coaxial direct digital outputs; single master clock frequency for all digital circuits; anti-resonant construction; Phono Direct amplifier IC; automatic editing function; music calendar display of disc contents. \$600

#### DP-409R CD Changer

Auto-changer with remote control 3 beam laser; repeat track and disc skip track and 30 segment programmable; 16-function, infrared wireless remote control \$550 DM-5. 5 CD magazine for use with DP-409R. \$13



Mitsubishi M-C5100

#### M-C4100 CD Changer

#### DP-209R CD Player

Features 3 beam laser; 36 selection programmable; skip function; repeat play; 10 function remote control; adjustable headphone level \$300

## MOD SQUAD

#### Prism CD Player

Drawer-loading CD player with 16-bit digital processing. Features quadruple oversampling; wireless infrared remote control; Favorite Track Selection; 20-track random programming; repeats disc, track, program, and phrase (A-B repeat); displays elapsed time of track and remaining time on disc; digital time domain alignment; separate digital and analog power supplies; DC coupling; fixed line outputs; output level 4 V rms; headphone jack with variable output level; digital outputs. FR 0.1-20,000 Hz ±0.05 dB; s/N 110 dB; THD 0.02%; 8 lb \$1,200



Mod Squad Prism

## NAD

#### 5300 Monitor Series CD Player

Wireless remote control; dynamic range control; anibience circuit; quadruple oversampling; drawer loading; CDR circuit; separate D/A converters; error display; 3-beam laser; skip and scan forward and back; displays track number, elapsed and remaining time; repeats disc; programming \$898

#### 5170 Monitor Series CD Player

#### 5100 Monitor Series CD Player

Drawer loading; 16-bit decoding with 4x over-

sampling; CDR circuit; remote control output level; variable and fixed outputs; 8 separate analog, digital and mechanical power supply sections; normal and delete mode programming; NAD designed analog and digital circuitry; rack mountable......\$598



#### Nakamichi OMS-7AII

#### NAKAMICHI OMS-7AH Compact Disc Player

Drawer-loading CD player. Features 3-beam laser; digital filtering (resampling frequency 176.4 kHz); dual 16-bit, glitch-free D/A converters; programming of 24 tracks in random order; display of current track number, elapsed time of current track, remaining time on disc, program stored in memory; sound audible during fast forward and fast reverse; skip forward; skip back: fast forward; fast reverse; cancel; repeat disc, program; cue by track number, index number; 7-function remote control; headphone jack with adjustable level. Max line output 2 V; headphone output 35 mW; THD at 1,000 Hz 0.0025%; S/N >104 dB; sep >100 dB; FR 5-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; 16 lb, 5 oz; 17.12 x 3.94 x .....\$1,995 12.12 in. OMS-5AII. As above, no remote control or programming capability.....\$1.650

#### **OMS-4A CD Player**

#### CDP-2A CD Player

Mid-level CD player featuring 16-bit quadruple over-sampling with digital filtering; dual D/A converters; third order bessel analog filter; multi-regulated isolated-ground power supplies: 24 memory programming function; wireless remote control with 24 key transmitter; headphone jack with level control; 3-beam laser pickup; FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm 0.5/-1.0$  dB;  $s/N \ge 0.006\%$ ; 16.94 x 2.94 x 10.63 in; 8 lb ... \$529



## NEC CD-620

#### NEC CD-720 CD Player

Wireless remote control; 16-bit digital filter with quadruple-oversampling; dual D/A converters: optical decoupling; gold plated terminals; digital outputs; separate power supplies for digital and analog stages; 3-way edit; fade out; intro-scan; random play; 24-track random programming; 3-

## COMPACT DISC PLAYERS

way repeat; 10-disc memory; programming delete; variable and fixed audio outputs ... \$579

#### CD-620 CD Player

Wireless remote control; 16-bit digital filter with quadruple-oversampling; dual D/A converters; digital outputs; gold-plated terminals; separate power supplies for digital and analog stages; 24track random programmable memory; auto/ manual edit functions; random play; 3-way repeat; programming delete; intro-scan; direct aecess; 2-speed audible cue and review; headphone jack with adjustable level...... \$479

#### CD-520 CD Player

Wireless remote control; 16-bit digital filter with double-oversampling; D/A converter; gold-plated terminals; 24-track random programmable memory; automatic edit; auto space; 3-way repeat; intro-scan; direct access; 2-speed audible cue and review; headphone jack with adjustable level. \$359

#### NIKKO AUDIO CD-500 CD Player

#### CD-300 CD Player

Features remote control; 3-beam laser; 18-track random programming; index programming; pause mode. Optionally rack mountable . \$299



Onkvo Integra DX-7500

## ONKYO

#### Integra DX-7500 CD Player

CD player with 18-bit linear circuitry. Features 8-times-oversampling digital filter: separate left and right Opto-Drive D/A converters; opto-coupling: optical and coaxial digital outputs; DDAC output; fixed and variable analog outputs; separate power transformers for digital and analog stages; 3rd order GIC type analog output filters; 20-track random programming: random music calendar; integrated system remote compatible with supplied controller \$700

#### Integra DX-5500 CD Player

CD player with 18-bit linear circuitry. Features quadruple-oversampling digital filter; separate left and right Opto-Drive D/A converters; optocoupling; optical and coaxial digital outputs; fixed and variable analog output; separate power transformers for digital and analog stages; 3rd order GiC type analog output filters; 20-track random programming; random music calendar; integrated system remote compatible with supplied controller.......\$600

#### DX-C600 CD Changer

Remote-controlled magazine-loading 6-disc CD changer with opto-coupling system to electrically separate the digital and analog sections. Features programmed playback; random shuffle playback: 3 repeat modes; skip forward; skip back; fast forward; fast reverse; direct access to disc and track numbers: multi-function FL display. 17.12 x 4.5 x 13 in; 13.2 lb ...... \$600

#### DX-530 CD Player

Remote-controlled CD player with opto-coupling system to electrically separate the analog and digital sections. Features programming of 20 tracks in any order; shuffle play; repeat track, disc, program, A-B phrase, and shuffle play; direct access to tracks; auto-speed music search; index search; skip forward; skip back; 2-speed last forward and reverse; timer function; headphone jack; motorized volume control; output CMN filter; digital filtering; vibration damping; 3-beam laser; digital output terminal: printed circuit boards with specially designed insulation packet to absorb electromagnetic flux. Display indicates track number, index number, program in memory, remaining time of track/disc/program, elapsed time of track/disc/program. 17.12 x 3.62 x 14,06 in; 12.3 lb.....\$450

#### PANASONIC SL D2000C CD DI-

SL-P3900C CD Player

CD auto-changer with 6-disc magazine; 22-key, full function wireless remote control, and large 2-color FL display with music matrix. Onetouch disc selection; 36-step random access programming; random play function; high speed linear motor access system; high resolution digital filter; quadruple oversampling; high resolution laser pickup; FR 2-20.000 Hz  $\pm$  0.5 dB; S/N 96 dB; THD 0.006%; 16.88 x 4 x 12.38 in; 12.8 lb.....\$499.95

#### SL-P3800C CD Player

#### SL-P3510 CD Player

Programmable compact disc player with multifunction 2-color FL display. Features high speed linear motor access system; transport designed for 3" and 5" CDs; high resolution laser pickup; repeat function for single track, entire disc, or program contents: remote control terminal ready; 20-step random access programming; FR 2-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  0.5 dB; THD 0.006%; 17 x 3.1 x 9.5 in.......\$249.95



Panasonic SL-P3800C

#### PARASOUND D/VF-900 CD Player

Variable high frequency focus adjust CD player. Features double oversampling; digital filtering; triple beam laser; souble shock mounting; full feature wireless remote control: 36 audiophilegrade capacitors; gold-plated jacks; all metal chassis; 15 selection programming; repeat all/ track/any start-stop points; regulated power supply; high-speed audible search; headphone



Parasound D/VF-900

#### PHILIPS 960 CD Player

#### 880 CD player

#### 875 CD Changer

Features dual, 16-bit D&A converter with quadruple oversampling; six-disc changer; singledisc tray; optional six-disc magazine for new 3" singles; 40-track programming with calendartype display; FTS favorite track selection; shuffle play; A-B repeat; scan-play remote volume control; headphone volume control: LCD remote; aluminum-front, metal chassis.... \$499



#### Pioneer CLD-3030

#### PIONEER Elite PD-91 CD Player

CD player with 8-times oversampling digital filter and dual 18-bit D/A converters. Features 3rd order low-pass analog Butterworth filter; laser pickup with integral buffer amplifier; 24-track random-access programming; music window search; random play: digital fader with variable fading time; auto program edit; time edit; digital output jacks; coaxial and optical outputs; headphone jack with adjustable level; FL display; 4 separate power supplies; laminated iron plate coated with polyacetal and copper-plated honeyconib plates; coil springs with rubber dampers to support subchassis......\$1,300

#### PD-7100 CD Player

CD player with 8-times oversampling digital filter. Features remote control; dual 16-bit linear envelope D/A converters; Class-A FET buffer amplifier; coaxial and optical digital output; 24track random programming; 20-track music calendar; fade in/fade out; timer start system; digital level control: FL display; Pioneer disc stabilizing system; 2-speed manual search; nonrepeating random play: repeat disc, track, and program ......\$565

#### Changers and Combi-Players CLD-3030 CD/CDV/LD Player

Combi-player which plays 8- and 12-inch Laser-Discs, CD's. CD-video's, and CD-3's. Features remote control; quadruple-oversampling digital filter; 8-bit digital-field memory; video special effects; dual D/A converters; optical digital audio output; 20-chapter programmability; 10key direct access search; still/ step; 2-speed silent scan; frame-time search; chapter search; 9step multi-speed play......\$1,300

#### Elite PD-M900 CD Changer

Magazine-type CD changer with 6-disc capacity and remote control. Features anti-resonance honeycomb/ copper chassis; gold-plated output jacks; anti-vibration insulators: 8-times oversampling; dual D/A converters; coaxial and optical digital output; MPSS (magazine program selection system) for 256-selection programming and magazine/program labeling from remote control: time/fade edit; auto-fader; delete; nonrepeating random play; direct access disc and track selection; 2-speed manual search; repeat disc. track, and program hand-brushed lacquer finish; rosewood-finished side panels .... \$825

#### PD-M600 CD Changer

Magazine-type CD changer with 6-disc capacity and remote control. Features 4-times oversampling: dual D/A converters; MPSS (magazine progran selection system); time/fade edit, autofader; delete; non-repeating random play; direct access disc and track selection; 2-speed manual search: repeat disc, track. and program ... \$585

#### PROTON AC-300 CD Player

#### QUASAR CD8956 CD Player

Drawer-loading CD player with direct access. Features high-speed linear-motor access system; skip forward; skip back; fast forward: fast reverse; cancel; programming of 20 tracks in any order; repeat track, phrase, disc, and program; one-beam laser; single D/A converter; 96th-order

#### CD8988 CD Changer

Remote control CD player features 6-disc changer; quick response direct entry system; 36-step random access program.......\$350

## REALISTIC

## CD 6000 CD Changer

Remote-control changer plays up to 6 discs automatically; includes 6-disc magazine; 32 tracks: 2x oversampling; tri-spot laser; 3-way repeat; dual-mode LED display; auto-search; bi-directional audible skip and search .....\$360

#### CD-2400 Programmable CD Player

Programs 15 tracks; 3-spot laser; floating disc tray; 4-digit fluorescent display; repeats track, program, disc; scan forward and reverse; bi-directional auto search; repeat of program, entire disc, or single selection \$200



Revox B226

#### REVOX B226 CD Player

Drawer-loading CD player with Revox systemremote compatibility. Features 16-bit, quadruple oversampling: new generation transport and D/A converters: diplay shows track number, time remaining, time elapsed for both track and disc; fixed and variable outputs; 2-digital outputs; 19-step programing by track/index access from 1-99; audible forward/reverse search; locate function; headphone jack with adjustable level; FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm$ 0.1 dB; S/N >100 dB; 17.7 x 4.3 x 13 in; 18.7 lb ..................\$1,800 B126 CD Player. Similar to B150-S....\$1,275

## ROTEL

#### RCD-820BX2 CD Player

20 programmable selections; Repeat functions for disc, track, and entire program; 16-bit quadruple oversampling decoding system; FR 20-20.000 Hz  $\pm$  0.08 dB; THD 0.0025%; S/N 100 dB. Regulated power supplies and selected components. 7 lb. \$749

#### **RCD-850 CD Player**

Drawer-loading CD player with programming of 9 tracks in random or sequential order. Features skip forward; skip back; fast forward; fast reverse; cancel: repeat track; repeat disc; 3-beam laser; high-slope digital filtering; 3rd-order analog filtering; single D/A convertor. Oversamples at 44.1 kHz. Cues by track number. Displays current track number, elapsed time of current track. 17 x 3.81 x 11.44 in; 9 lb ...... \$379

#### SAE

#### D102 CD Player

Fully programmable, single beam laser, computer direct-line CD player. Features random ac-

cess function for 20 tracks: LED readout for track, time mode, error alert, and repeat; cueing function; bi-directional, 3-speed audible search modes; previous/next track; error correction; quadruple oversampling at 176.4 kHz through 16 bit processor; 12 function infrared remote control commander; FR 2-20,000 Hz  $\pm$ 0.3 dB; THD 0.006%; CIRC error correction..... \$599



SAE D102

#### SANSUI CD-X701i CD Player

Features 3 beam laser: oversampling digital filter. 28-key remote control; AMPS; repeat one track, point A to point B, and all tracks: random programming for up to 20 tracks; headphone output w/volume control. s/N 105 dB; FR 5-20,000 Hz. 17.56 x 3.75 x 16.13 in..... \$650

#### CD-X510M CD Changer

#### CD-X501i CD Player



Sansui CD-X501i

#### CD-X301i CD Player

CD player with double-oversampling digital filter. Features dual D/A converters: FL display; 20-track random programming; random play; 4-way repeat; Dynamic Servo System; master clock: FR 4-20.000 Hz; dynamic range >96 dB; THD (at 1.000 Hz) 0.003%. 3.75 x 17 x 11.1 in \$390

#### SANYO CPM1000 CD Changer

10-disc CD-changer with remote control. Features 10-disc magazine; single disc magazine; 24-button remote control; 32-track programmability; random play; intro-scan; 3-beam tracking mechanism; skip & search mechanism; multifunction FL display; internally-damped suspension system; mic mixing; 3-way repeat operation; 3-beam tracking system; adjustable output level from remote and front panel, timer play. 16:75 x 4.5 x 12 in; 11 lb; 14 oz.......\$500

#### CP850 CD Player

## SCOTT DA990 CD Player

#### DA1000 Dual-CD CD Player

CD player with 2 CD drawers. Features 22-key wireless remote control; 30-track random programming; CD-3 capability; skip search; index search; 2-speed manual search; 3-way repeat playback; headphone jack with volume control; CD, A/B selector with LED indicator; program selection display; 3-beam pickup; 16-bit linear D/A converter, THD 0.03% at 1 kHz, 4.4 x 17.1 x 11.75 in; 13 lb \$350

#### SHARP DX-C5000 CD Changer

Magazine-type CD changer with 6-disc capability. Features 32-track random-access programming: memory backup function; single and all repeat function; double-oversampling digital filter: FL display; APSS (auto program search system); monitor search; cushioned floating mechanism \$400

#### DX-R780 CD Player

#### DX-660 CD Player

CD player with 20-track random-access programming. Features 10-LED sound level meter; auto program search system; cue and review; repeat function; front-loading disc table ... \$230

## SHERWOOD

CDP-300R CD Player

#### **CD-1160R CD Player**

Features Sherwood Digi-Link remote capability; 3-beam laser: random programming up to 20 selections; multi-function LCD display: double oversampling digital filter; auto-space for making auto-search capable recording; 4 way repeat feature; motorized touch-sensitive disc loading; random play alternates playback sequence. 2.8 x 17.3 x 10.2 in \$249

## SHURE

### Ultra D6000 CD Player

Drawer-loading CD player with wireless remote control incuding remote volume. Programs 15 tracks in any order. Features subcode output; skip forward; skip back; fast forward; fast reverse; cancel; repeat track; repeat disc; repeat phrase; repeat program; cue by track; cue by time: 19-function remote: headphone jack; adjustable headphone; three-beam pickup; oversamples at 88.2 kHz; independent L/R digital filters 80 dB attenuation; five-pole active above 30,000 Hz analog filtering; dual D/A converters; display of current track number: display of elapsed time of current track; display of program in memory; sound audible during fast scan. Headphone output 5 V; 11 lb; 16.9 x 2.9 x 12.9 in..... \$599



Shure Ultra D6000

## SONOGRAPHE BY CONRAD-JOHNSON

### SD-1 CD Player

#### SONY CD Players CDP-707ESD CD Player

Programmable CD player with 8-times-oversampling digital filter. Features CD-3 capability; 18-bit linear dual D/A converters; independent converters for left and right channels; error prediction logic circuit: envelope differential detection system; single aspheric lens laser pickup assembly; noncogging linear motor transport; separate power supplies for digital and analog circuits: direct digital outputs capable of relaying combination digital data and subcodegraphics signals; optical digital output for transmission of data via fiber-optic cable. Also features Custom File which enables programming and storing of special data for up to 226 separate discs. Custom file is comprised of Disc Memo, a ten-character message which is input by the user and then appears on the display after disc has been loaded, Custom Index, which allows user to input 6 marked index locations on any disc, and Program Bank, which stores a particular track selection and playback sequence for each disc . \$1.800 CDP-507ESD. As above without 18-bit linear dual D/A converters and twin power transformers. Approx \$600 CDP-307ESD. As above without 8-times-oversampling digital filter, error protection logic, or coaxial and optical digital outputs ...... \$475

#### CDP-950 CD Player

CD player with Remote Commander unit. Features unilinear converter/digital filter; dual D/A converters: envelope differential detection system; monocoque chassis; 5 power supply stages;

#### CDP-207ESD CD Player

With 20-key direct selection and CD-3 capability. Features 20-selection music calendar; convenient play modes; program edit capability; delete shuffle play and automatic timer play. Comes with Remote Commander \$370

#### CDP-550 CD Player

#### CD Changers

#### CDP-C15ESD CD Changer

10-disc CD changer with DiscJockey cartridgeloading system. Features 18-bit 8-times-oversampling digital filter; dual 18-bit linear D/A converters; direct digital output; EPL (error prediction logic); left/right twin circuit configuration; 9-section multiple power supplies. Also features Custom File, which enables programming and storing of special data for up to 226 separate discs: It includes Disc Memo, a tencharacter message which is input by the user and consequently appears on the display every time disc has been loaded: Custom Index, which allows user to input 6 marked index locations on any disc; and Program Bank, which stores a particular track selection and playback sequence for each disc. Also features 10+10 key directaccess; 20-selection random music sensor; highspeed search; automatic music sensor; 4 repeat modes; music calendar ...... \$800

#### CDP-C50 CD Changer

5-disc carousel CD changer. Individual discs can be selected at the touch of a button or by using the Disc Select key on the supplied Remote Commander. Discs can be played sequentially, or up to 32 selection can be programmed to play in any order. Features unilinear converter; quadruple-oversampling digital filter: envelope differential error detection system; multiple power supplies; aspheric optical pickup; three-beam laser; shuffle play: 16-selection music calendar; timer switch; headphone output with level control. \$350



#### Sony CDP-707ESD

#### SOUNDCRAFTSMEN CD750 CD Player

CD player with differential/compander circuitry. Features high dynamic range: optional tening: spectral gradient circuit: both circuits bypassable: indexing; digital filter; all-metal chassis: audible scan; random: passage-repeat; 3-beam laser; full function infrared remote control; oversampling; multi-function flourescent display: variable volume control headphone jack; gold-plated output jacks; shock-mounted disc-handling; 19 x 3.25 x 12 in ....... \$599

#### SYLVANIA CD1473 FTS CD Player

Favorite Track Selection memorizes programs from various discs (up to 785 tracks): touchclose drawer; 24-function remote control with 10-digit keypad and volume control.....\$379

#### TANDBERG TCP 3015A CD Player

## TEAC PD-470 CD Player

3 beam laser system with twin monaural 16-bit linear D/Aconverters. 4x oversampling digital filter; 20 selection random memory programming; 20 selection memory program calendar; full function wireless remote; fluorescent diplay shows track number, index numbers, elapsed time, program or disc remaining time, remaining time of each selection, and program or disc total time. FR 2-20,000 Hz; S/N >95 dB; THD .005%; 4.56 x 17.13 x 11.19 in; 8.38 lb ... \$400

#### TECHNICS CD Players SL-P1300 Professional CD Player

CD player with 8-times-oversampling digital filter and infrared remote control. Features 4 D/A converters (2/ch); 18-bit high resolution signal processing; A/B repeat: ± 8% pitch control; optical and electrical digital outputs; 2-speed search dial: audible puse: rocker switch for mixing: cueing by direct CD time code: balanced outputs; wired remote control; 10-button keypad; auto-cue; separated digital and analog power supplies; class AA sample and hold circuit; class AA output; high-speed linear-motor access system; skip keys: 2-speed audible search; repeat track, disc, and program: headphone jack with adjustable level: line out via unbalanced (phono) pin connectors; balanced output; sub-code output: full-function FL display; cue search. 6.7 x 16.9 x 14.8 in ..... \$1.700

#### SL-P1200 Disco CD Player

Top-loading CD player for discos or production cues to any point within track. Rocker control for momentary advance or retard. Features quartz-locked pitch control ( ± 8%); 2-speed cueing: rear-panel remote jack for mixer; infrared remote control; auto cue to first note of desired track; FL display; twin high-speed D/A converter: double oversampling (88.2 kHz) digital filter: 9th-order low-pass analog filter: 1-beam laser; high-speed Linear Motor Access locates track start in <1 sec; subcode output; skip forward; skip back; fast forward; fast reverse; sound audible during fast scan; repeat track, disc, program; programming of 20 tracks in any order; headphone jack with adjustable level. Cues by track number, index number, time. Displays current track number, elapsed time of current track. elapsed time on disc. remaining time on disc,

#### SL-P990 CD Player

CD player with quadruple-oversampling digital filter and remote control. Features 4 D/A converters (2/ch): 18-bit high-resolution signal processing: auto-cue: separate digital and analog power supplies: optical and electrical digital outputs: signal output meters: oxygen-free wiring; full-function FL display: linear matrix track and programming indicator; 20-key direct access; random play: headphone jack with adjustable level; disc window; high-speed linear-motor access system; 5-layer anti-vibration chassis; 2speed audible search; peak level search for taping; CD edit; music sear: A/B repeat; track repeat; dimmer switch; gold-plated output jacks; 32-track programming; timer play ...... \$825



Technics SL-P990

#### SL-P770 CD Player

CD player with quadruple-oversampling digital filter and remote control. Features 4 D/A converters (2/ch); 18-bit high-resolution signal processing: auto-cue; separate digital and analog power supplies; optical and electrical digital outputs; signal output meters; oxygen-free wiring; full-function FL display; linear matrix track and programming indicator: 20-key direct access; random play: headphone jack with adjustable level; disc window; high-speed linear-motor acceas system; 2-speed audible search; peak level search for taping; CD edit; music scan; A/B repeat; track repeat; dimmer switch; gold-plated output jacks; 32-track programming; timer \$620

#### SL-P550 CD Player

CD player with quadruple-oversampling digital filter and remote control. Features 32-track random-access programming: dual DA converters; electrical digital output; signal output meter; full-function FL display: linear matrix track and programming indicator; 10-key direct access; random play; headphone jack with adjustable level: high-speed linear-motor access system; disc window; high speed transport; peak level search for taping; CD edit; A/B repeat; track repeat; program repeat; 2-speed audible search \$420

#### SL-P350 CD Player

CD player with quadruple-oversampling digital filter and remote control. Features 32-track random-access programming; dual DA converters; electrical digital output: signal output meter; full-function FL display; linear matrix track and programming indicator; 10-key direct access; headphone jack with adjustable level; highspeed linear-motor access system; high speed transport; peak level search for taping; CD edit; track repeat; program repeat; 2-speed audible search \$340

#### SL-P250 CD Player

CD player with quadruple-oversampling digital filter and remote control. Features 20-track random-access programming; dual DA converters; full-function FL display; linear matrix track and programming indicator; 10-key direct access; headphone jack with adjustable kvel; high-

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#### The complete report:

Sometimes products are too cheap for their own good, and people don't take them seriously: the Superphon Revelation Basic Dual Mono preamp, Rega RB300 arm, AR ES-1 turntable, Shure V15-V MR cartridge, and the B&K ST-140 power amp. They can't be any good because they cost so little, right?

#### Wrong, of course.

Adcom appears to be having the same problem with their \$299.95 GFA-535 amp. Credibility.

Now if this amplifier were imported from England and sold for \$599.95, then maybe it would be taken seriously. And highly praised, no doubt.

For the baby Adcom is one of the finest solid-state amps I have heard. No, not the best; I'm not sure what *is* the best. But it's an amplifier that is so good for so little money as to be practically a gift.

Actually, when Rob Ain from Adcom called, I was about as enthusiastic about the GFA-535 as you were before you finish reading this piece. But Rob insisted, "You've gotta hear this amp."

He brought it over the next day, along with the GFP-555 preamp (\$499.95), and we put both pieces into the rest of the system: a Shure Ultra 500 in a Rega RB300 arm on an AR ES-1 table, with Quad ESL-63 speakers on Arcici stands. Then we chatted for a half hour or so while the electronics warmed up.

And then, simultaneously, the two of us decided to shut up and listen.

"I've never heard the Quad ESL-63 sound better," Rob said. Of course, he was hardly an impartial observer, but the sound was extraordinarily clean, detailed, and musical. If it wasn't the best sound *I* have ever heard from Quads, it was pretty close.

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This humble \$300 amplifier was driving a pair of very revealing \$3000 speakers and giving a very good account of itself. (We listened first to some Goran Sollscher classical guitar.)

"So how come this product isn't flying off the dealers' shelves?" I asked Rob.

"I don't know. Everyone wants the GFA-555 with 200 watts per channel. Including people who don't need it."

"Does the GFA-555 sound any better?" I asked.

"No, it's our aim to have all our amps sound pretty much the same. You pay more money, you get more power."

Rob pointed out that while the GFA-535 is rated at 60Wpc, it puts out more like 80. And while I did not do any measurements, my experience with other amps tells me Rob's right. I suppose Adcom doesn't want to steal sales from its GFA-545, rated at 100Wpc and selling for \$200 more.

After a couple of hours, Rob left, grinning from ear to ear, and I later sat down to listen alone. True, when I tried certain Telarcs and pushed hard I could get the amplifier to clip—

Adcom GFA-535 power amplifier.

November 1987

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two LEDs quickly light up (very useful). But the Quads were running out of the ability to use the power anyway. My first impressions were confirmed: the GFA-535 is one of the best amplifiers around for driving Quads. Spendor SP-1s, too.

Suddenly, it hit me what this meant. Conventional wisdom had been dealt a severe blow. You know, the old saw that you should never power a good pair of speakers with a cheap amplifier. Here was a cheap amp—one of the cheapest on the market—that sounded good with Quads, Spendors, later Vandersteens. Probably Thiels, too—at least the CS1. What it means is you can stretch your speaker budget a bit and get the speakers you really want, then economize by buying an Adcom GFA-535 for \$299.95. True, you may be a little power shy, but probably not much. And to say the least, the GFA-535 would make a decent interim amp.

What does the GFA-535 sound like? (You thought I'd forget that part, right?) Well, this is one of the most neutral amps I've heard. While it doesn't sound particularly tubelike, it avoids the typical transistor nasties through the midrange and into the treble. I wouldn't call it sweet—there's no euphonic coloring but it isn't cold or sterile. What it is, is smooth. And detailed. Far more detailed than I would ever imagine a \$300 amplifier could be. The GFA-535 reminds me of the Eagle 2A and PS Audio 200C, amplifiers that sell, respectively, for about three and five times the price. Of course, they have more power. And they *are* more detailed. The point is, the Adcom comes close. Very close.

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The bass, like everything else, is neutral, certainly not fat and overdone. But it's here where you notice that this amp is not a powerhouse. You just don't get the solidity and extension you get with a very powerful (and expensive) solid-state amp. Nor do you get the breadth and depth of soundstage that you often find with a very powerful amp. The Adcom GFA-535 sounds a wee bit small, which it is.

My only criticism, and it's more of a quibble, is that the speaker connectors are nonstandard and unique (so far as I know). You insert bared speaker wire into a hole and twist the connector tight a quarter turn. Most speaker cables will fit, but some will not. Certainly MIT won't. Neither will the best Kimber, the kind with eight clumps of strands. The less costly four-clump Kimber will, and proved an excellent choice. My sample amp was quiet no hum—and ran cool. There are selectors for two sets of speakers. And the 535 looks nice.

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And talk about economy: If you're not into LPs anymore, you could buy a Mod Squad, dbx or Old Colony line-level switching box or possibly a B&K Pro 5 preamp, with its switchable line amp section (only \$350)—and run it with a CD player. In fact, if you are into CD only (no tape, no tuner, no phono), you could buy a CD player with a variable volume output and run it directly into the Adcom. This amplifier is so good and so cheap that I think any CD owner who buys an integrated amp is nuts.

In its price category, the Adcom GFA-535 is not only an excellent choice; it's the only choice. The real question is whether you should buy one even if \$299.95 is much *less* than you planned to spend for an amp-ie, whether you should put the money into a better CD player or pair of speakers instead.



## COMPACT DISC PLAYERS

#### CD Changers SL-P600C 6-Disc CD Changer

Plays 6 discs in magazine; wireless remote; 36track random programming; 10-key number pad on unit and remote; headphone jack with volume control; high-speed access with 2-purpose search/skip buttons; display of number of tracks, programmed tracks, current track. elapsed time; random and repeat play; floating isolation system; quadruple-oversampling digital filter.......\$470

#### SL-P300C 6-Disc CD Changer

Plays 6 discs in magazine; remote-compatible: 36-track random programming; 10-key number pad on unit and remote; headphone jack with volume control; high-speed access with 2-purpose search/skip buttons; FL display; random and repeat play; quadruple-oversamling digital filter. \$299

#### TOSHIBA CD Players XR-9037 CD Player

## XR-9018 CD Player

CD player with 16-track random programming. Features double-oversampling digital filter; 3beam laser pickup; quick-program-selector up/ down key; automatic repeat capability; LCD with track, lap, and remaining time; fast forward and reverse; integrated system remote capability; headphone jack with adjustable level....\$279 XR-9028. As above, with remote control. \$329

#### CD Changers XR-9057 CD Changer

#### VECTOR RESEARCH VCD-900 CD Player

#### VCD-650CX CD Changer/Cassette Deck

Combination 6-disc capacity CD changer and full-logic cassette deck. Features double-oversampling digital filter; synchro-dubbing; 32track random programming; auto pause; shuffle play; repeat all discs, one disc. track, or pro

Yamaha CDX-910U

#### YAMAHA CDX-10000 CD Player

Limited centennial edition compact disc player with wireless remote control. Features hi-bit quadruple oversampling digital filter; hi-bit D/A converter; 20-bit digital volume control; highspeed linear motor; internal photo-optical coupling; output level control; digital-out terminals; heavy-duty chassis; 24-track direct access play; random play; front-panel headphone jack; goldplated connection terminals. Titanium grey with walnut end panels .................\$3,000

#### CDX-5000 CD Player

Drawer-loading CD player with 44-key wireless remote control. Features hand-selected parts; double floating suspension design; super-highspeed access; hi-bit quadruple oversampling digital filter; hi-bit D/A convertor; Hi-bit digital volume control; photo-optical coupling; dualtransformer shunt-regulated power supplies; digital-out terminals; random play; index search; front panel headphone jack; integrated remote system compatible. Black; 55 lb. \$2,200

#### CDX-1110U CD Player

CD player with hi-bit direct output. Features 18-bit 8-times-oversampling digital filter; dual D/A converters; 20-bit digital volume control; microcomputer-controlled 2-way servo system; independent transformer shunt-regulated power supply; optical and coaxial digital output connectors; high-speed linear motor provides 0.8 second access speed; 3-beam laser pickup; 44-key wireless remote control; 24-track direct access; 24-track random access programming; random play; calendar display; four-way repeat; index search; three-way music search; gold-plated terminals; integrated remote control capability......\$1,199

#### CDX-910U CD Player

#### CDX-510U CD Player

CD player with hibit direct output. Features 18 bit quadruple-oversampling digital filter; 16bit D/A converter; microcomputer-controlled 2way servo system; 3rd order Bessel-type analog low-pass filter; 3-beam laser pickup; 22-key wireless remote control; 24-track random access programming; calendar display; 3-way repeat; index search; 3-way music search; gold-plated terminals; integrated remote control capability; coaxial digital output; headphone jack with adjustable level......\$329



## ACCUPHASE BY MADRIGAL T-106 AM/FM Tuner

Quartz-locked synthesis; 14-station random memory; pulse tuning; double-tuned front end; FM stereo demodulator; AM synchronous detector; signal-strength meter; peak-modulation meter; MPX filter; sel switch; muting switch. FM section: 50-dB quieting sens, mono 17 dBf, stereo 17 dBf; S/N 83 dB stereo, 79 dB mono (at 80 dBf A-wtd); FR 10-60,000 Hz +0, -0.5 dB; capture ratio 1.5 dB; sep 50 dB at 1,000 Hz; AM sup 80 dB at 65 dBf. AM section: sens 20 µV/m at 20 dB s/N; 17.5 x 5.06 x 14.56 in ..... \$2,000

#### ACOUSTIC RESEARCH AR T-02 AM/FM Tuner

Features infrared remote control of tuning functions; system remote operation; 8 AM/FM station presets: frequency-syntesized tuning; digital frequency display; smooth flywheel-assisted tuning; manual or auto station search. FM section: FM usable sens (mono) 11.2 dBf (2.0 µV); FM 50dB quieting sens 37.2 dBf (40 µV) stereo. 14.6 dBf (3.0 mV) mono; S/N 75 dB stereo; FR 30-15,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; capture ratio 1.0 dB; sep 48 dB at 1,000 Hz; AM suppression 58 dB; alt-ch sel 60 dB. AM section: FR 60-3,000 Hz ± 3 dB. 3.31 x 17 x 13 in ..... \$499

#### ADCOM **GTP-500** Tuner/Preamplifier

Preamplifier with built-in tuner can be used with Adcom or other power amps. Wireless remote control included. Remote sensors available for remote control from different rooms. Tuner section features quartz-referenced digitally synthesized tuning; auto up and down scan; 8 AM/FM presets; 5-LED signal-strength display; high-blend circuit; 2 sets of outputs (AC coupled, DC coupled). Preamp section features inputs for MM phono; tape; tape 2; CD player; tuner. S/N phono A-wtd 85 dB; IMD preamp 0.0015%; sens tuner 36.5 dBf stereo; THD tuner 0.09% stereo at 1,000 Hz; S/N tuner 75 dB stereo; sep tuner 52 dB at 1,000 Hz. 3.325 x 17 x 12.75 in ... \$600

#### GFP-555 AM/FM Tuner

Features quartz-referenced digitally synthesized tuning; auto up/down scan; instant-recall preset tuning; fluorescent digital-frequency display; 8 AM/FM presets; 5-LED signal-strength display; switchable high-blend circuit; mono/mute switch; tuning accuracy of 0.00025%. THD stereo 0.07% at 1,000 Hz; 50-dB quieting sens stereo 35.5 dBf; S/N 78 dB stereo; FR 30-15,000 Hz ±3 dB; capture ratio 1.5 dB; sep 53 dB at 1,000 Hz; AM supression 70 dB. 3.25 x 17 x 12.5 in ..... \$500

## A/D/S/ CC4 Tuner/Preamplifier

With microprocessor operating system for remote-control operation, digital volume and tone controls, and alphanumeric display. Remote IR receiver capability for multi-room remote control: RS-232 port for control by personal computer; digital-synthesized tuning with 30 AM or FM stations; optional remote control. Preamp section: max output >7 V rms into 10,000 ohms/1,000 pF; volume and balance control range 80 dB in 1-dB steps; bass and treble control range ±10 dB in 2-dB steps; low bass 0 to +6 dB in 1-dB steps. FM section; sens <13 dBf mono; 50-dB quieting sens <40 dBf stereo; capture ratio <1.5 dB; sel >65 dB; spurious rejection >100 dB; stereo S/N >70 dB; sep at 1.000 Hz >47 dB. AM section; sens for 6dB s/N  $< 10 \mu$ V; IF rejection > 50 dB; s/N 44 dB. 2.8 x 17.5 x 14.8 in; 18 lb ..... \$1,000

#### Atelier T2 Tuner

AM/FM synthesized tuner with 16 station presets and auto FM search tuning. Features flywheel manual tuning; fine-tuning control; switchable muting; high-blend control; LED frequency display; center tuning plus signal-strength displays; AC outlets. FM usable sens mono 1.0 µV (11.0 dBf) stereo 5.5  $\mu$ V (26.1 dBf); stereo 50-dB quieting sens 15  $\mu$ V (34.8 dBf); s/N mono >70 dB, stereo >65 dB; FR 10-14,500 Hz, +0, -1 dB; ch sep >38 dB at 10,000 Hz; capture ratio <1.8 dB; AM quieting sens  $<5 \,\mu V$  for 6 dB S/N; image rejection >55 dB; S/N (with 1,000-Hz 5-mV signal) >44 dB; 2.8 x 17.5 x 14.8 in; 13.2 lb. \$539

#### AKAI AT-93-B AM/FM Tuner

Quartz digital synthesized AM/FM tuner; 20-station random preset; optimum reception system; automatic select antenna A/B; band width; blend mode and hi-cut mode; open loop DC amp in audio section; resonance-free rigid chassis structure; separate power supply for RF and audio; timer program preset ..... \$599

#### AT-52-B AM/FM Tuner

Quartz digital synthesized AM/FM tuner; 16-station random preset; IF band selector; 5 step signal strength meter; preset station scan ... \$249

## ARCAM

#### Arcam Delta 80 AM/FM Tuner

AM/FM tuner with 12 presets features classic flywheel-assisted rotary knob for continuous tuning; three-color Traffic Lights FM tuning indicator; signal strength meter; sens 1.4 µV; S/N 70 dB; FR 20-12,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; capture ratio 1.5 dB. 16.93 x 10.43 x 2.36 inches ..... \$599

#### T21 Stereo FM Tuner

FM tuner has both 5 presets and continuously variable tuning. Features bar graph LED frequency scale; signal strength meter; tuning indicator; optional genuine wood veneers in teak, walnut, or rosewood finish; sens 1.3  $\mu$ V; capture ration 1.5 dB. 17.72 x 9.45 x 2.36 in .... \$399

#### AUDIO BY VAN ALSTINE Transcendence Series Two FM Tuner

FM tuner with discrete audio stage. Features electronic signal seeking; digital readout; 5 nonvolatile station presets; mono/stereo switching; variable tuning with between-step capability; isolated active output circuits; all-metal film resistors and capacitors; class-A current-sourced predrivers; separate shunt-regulated and filtered power supply. 17 x 9 x 3 in; 10 lb ..... \$825

#### Fet Three FM Tuner

FM tuner with Overload-Immune FET integrated circuitry in the audio stages. Features film coupling capacitors; optimized power supply decoupling circuits; electronic signal-seeking; tuning; digital readout; non-volatile station presets; mono-stereo switching; variable tuning; headphone jack. 17 x 9 x 3 in; 9 lb ..... \$525

#### AUDIO DESIGN ASSOCIATES FM-600A Tuner

Analog FM tuner with 6 presets and digital frequency readout. Features AFC tuning; muting; stereo-blend noise filter; stereo/mono mode all front-panel switchable; signal strength/multipath LED meter; 15-pole IF filter; rear panel left and right output level controls; servo-lock circuitry; standard EIA rack-mountable. FM section: FM usable sens stereo 1.9 mV; 50-dB quieting sens stereo 2.7 mV; THD 0.15% at 1,000 Hz; s/N 65 dB; FR 15-15,000 Hz ± 3 dB; capture ratio 1.9 dB; sep 47 dB at 1,000 Hz; adjacent-ch rejection 90 dB 12 lb; 19 x 5.25 x 13 in. \$2,395

#### AUDIO DYNAMICS T200 AM/FM Tuner

Digital-synthesis tuner with Schotz noise reduction. Features 8 AM/8 FM station presets; auto wide/narrow bandwidth switching; extended AM response; auto station scanning; frequency response 15-15,000 Hz ±0.375 dB; signal-tonoise ratio 77 dB stereo; capture ratio 1.75 dB ..... \$429

#### T2000E AM/FM Tuner

Programmable AM/FM tuner. Features remotecontrol; Schotz noise reduction; interference rejection; 10 AM/10 FM station presets; capture ratio 1.5 dB; signal-strength range 25-65 dB; sep 30 dB. ..... \$349

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# CAMBRIDGE AUDIO T75 AM/FM Tuner

# T40 AM/FM Tuner

Analog tuner with AM and two FM wavebands. Dual MOSFET tuning head, dual FM demodulator with linear IF strip, pilot tone cancelling stereo decoder and linear phase filter...... \$599

# CARVER

# TX-11a FM/AM Tuner

# TX-2 AM/FM Tuner

AM/FM tuner with Asymmetrical Charge Coupled FM Detector. FM section: FM usable sens mono 1.8  $\mu$ V, stereo 4.5  $\mu$ V; 50-dB quieting sens stereo 5  $\mu$ V; capture ratio 1.5; sep 43 dB at 1,000 Hz; AM sup 60 dB; alt-ch rej 58 dB; adj-ch rej 28 dB. AM section: sens 250  $\mu$ V with built-in antenna, 20  $\mu$ V with external antenna. \$450

# DBX

# TX1 AM/FM Tuner

# DENON TU-800 AM/FM Tuner

Features Dynamic-Twin-Drive PLL circuits; 3step IF bandwidth selection; 30-station random preset memory; MPX-NR switch; high-sensitivity digital synthesis tuning; low-impedance output; auto-scan tuning; last-channel-tuned memory; large FL display. FM 50 dB quieting sens 20  $\mu$ V (37.2 dBf) stereo, 1.6  $\mu$ V (15.3 dBf) mono; signal-to-noise ratio 96 dB mono, 86 dB stereo; capture ratio 1.2 dB; AM sup 70 dB. 3.5 x 17.09 x 12.4 in \$500

# TU-600 AM/FM Tuner

Features dynamic PLL detection with auto bandwidth selection; 20 AM/FM presets with stored bandwidth instruction from each station; lowimp outputs; auto or manual scan. Side panels standard \$400

# TU-550 AM/FM Tuner

Features front end MOSFET RF; 20-station random preset memory; 2-position IF mode selection; MPX NR switch; auto scan tuning/manual tuning; last-channel memory; fluorescent display; FM usable sens  $0.9\mu$ V; S/N mono 84 dB, stereo 78 dB; THD stereo 0.08%; image rejection 45 dB; IF rejection 85 dB; 2.79 x 17.08 x 11.41 in; 6.84 lb \$300

# HAFLER

# DH-330 AM/FM Tuner

Quartz-controlled tuner provides exact station selection with a digitally synthesized tuning system. Features multipath distortion and noisesensing circuit; 5-station memory; autosearch; digital read out; nonvolatile memory; 3 dualgate MOSFET's: 5 tuned front end circuits: tripletuned RF stage volume control and separate output on front panel for taping or headphones; kit is comprised of 4 fully assembled, tested, and aligned circuit boards which plug together. Usable sens 11.3 dBf; 50-dB quieting sens mono 15.3 dBf, stereo 36.5 dBf; dist. at 1,000 Hz, 100% modulation mono 0.1%, stereo 0.18%; capture ratio 1.5 dB; alternate ch sel 60 dB; sep 45 db at 1,000 Hz; 35 dB at 10,000 Hz; S/N, mono, 72 dB, stereo, 68 dB; assembled . . \$425

# HARMAN KARDON Citation Twenty-Three AM/FM Tuner

# TU920 AM/FM Tuner

# TU909 AM/FM Tuner

#### HITACHI HPT120AVSW

# HPT120AVSW AM/FM Tuner/Preamp

Quartz digital-synthesized tuner section; 20 AM/FM presets; unified infrared remote control with LCD display; audio inputs for phono, CD, tape; video inputs for TV, VCR, videodisc player; electronic volume and balance controls; 5-band graphic equalizer; video signal enhancer; rosewood end caps......\$450

# JVC FX1100BK AM/FM Tuner

Computer-controlled quartz-PLL digital-synthesis tuner with Opticalink system for reduced digital noise. Features 40 AM/40 FM station presets; auto memory; preset scan; variable stop level; dB signal-strength indicator; auto QSC; 6column alphanumeric display; 2 antenna inputs; program memory and monitor for recording off the air unattended; record calibration signal generator \$470

# FX555BK AM/FM Tuner

Quartz-PLL digital frequency synthesis tuner.

# KENWOOD

# kT-990D AM/FM Tuner

Features Pentacle power supply; DLRC (Direct Linear Reception Circuit); DLLD (Direct Linear Loop Director); DCC (Distortion Correcting Circuit); and DPD; usable sens 10.8 dBf; 50 dB quieting sens 16.2 dBf; S/N ratio 78 dB at 65 dBf; THD 0.009% at 1,000 Hz; alt-ch sel 60 dB; FR 20-15,000 Hz  $\pm 0.5$  dB; 17.31 x 3.06 x 13.06 in; 8.2 lb \$375

# KINERGETICS KBT-1 AM/FM Tuner

Designed to correct for hysteresis errors in electronics of broadcast station (adjustable correction); circuit designed to compensate for components used in broadcast station's electronics; remote power supply; digital-synthesis tuning; 5 AM, 5 FM presets; scan tuning; selectable IF bandwidth; inputs for 300- and 75-ohm antennas; finished in black or silver-anodized brushed aluminum. FM specs: 50-dB quieting sens 36.0 dBf stereo; THD stereo 0.05% (wide), 0.10% (narrow) at 1,000 Hz, 100% modulation, signal level 65 dBf; S/N mono 75 dB, stereo 70 dB; sep 40 dB (wide), 45 dB (narrow); capture ratio 1.5 dB; alt ch sel 70 dB (narrow), 50 dB (wide); image rej 75 dB; pilot and subcarrier rej 60 dB. AM specs: sens to 6 dB S/N 6.3 µV; image rejection 50 dB; IF rejection 50 dB; FR 4,000 -6 dB ..... \$695

# KYOCERA

# T-910 AM/FM Tuner

# LUXMAN

# T-111 AM/FM Tuner

# MARANTZ

# ST 54 AM/FM Tuner

Quartz-locked digital frequency synthesis tuner. Features 24-station preset memory (16 FM/8 AM

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plus bandwidth setting for each preset): retains memory for 2 weeks without AC or battery; switchable wide/narrow bandwidth ..... \$780

# ST-432 AM/FM Tuner

Quartz-digital synthesized AM/FM tuner. Features 24 random-access preset station memories; remote control; last-tuned station recall; non-volatile memory insures against power failure; THD 0.25%; alt-ch sel 55 dB; rejection ratio 60 dB. \$115

# McIntosh

MR-7082 AM/FM Tuner

AM/FM tuner with Signal Locked Loop tuning system. Features electronic memory for 7 AM and 7 FM stations; digital frequency readout; DMOS-FET RF amplifier; double-balanced mixer; PLL MPX decoder; audio output suppression circuits for 19 kHz and 38 kHz carrier: LED tuning meter; electronically regulated power supply; internal audio processor; memory search; wideband AM; remote control interface. FM section: sensitivity mono 13 dBf (1.3 V) for 30 dB of quieting; signal strength for 50 dB of quieting. 18/36 dBf mono/stereo; capture ratio 1.5 dB; IMD 0.08% from 20-15,000 Hz with 100% modulation or less: alt ch sel 55 dB; sep 50 dB at 1 kHz; FM suppression 60 dB; image rejection 90 dB. AM section: sensitivity 35 V; S/N 55 dB 1HF. 65 dB at 100% modulation; THD 0.2% at 30% modulation; sel 40 dB IHF; IF response 90 dB. Power requirement 120 V 50/60 Hz 10 W. 16 x 5.44 x 13 in. ..... \$1,499

# MERIDIAN BY MADRIGAL 204 FM Tuner-Timer

Instant access to 18 preset stations; scan tuning; manual tuning in 50-kHz steps; displays frequency, preset number, signal strength, or time; battery backup; timer controls 200 system. 50dB quieting sens 23  $\mu$ v stereo; sel 56 dB; capture ratio 1.5 dB; AM sup >55 dB ......\$1,100 209. Remote master control works with 204 and other Meridian 200-series components; selects FM stations; controls 8 inputs, volume, and mute; needs 9-V battery .....\$150

# NAD

# 4300 Monitor Series Tuner

# 4225 Tuner

14 random AM/FM presets; ultralinear IF filters; switchable blend circuit; S/N ratio exceeds 75 dB .....\$248

# NAKAMICHI ST-7 AM/FM Tuner

# NEC

# T-710 AM/FM Tuner

### T-610 AM/FM Tuner

Digital quartz-PLL frequency-synthesis tuner with 16 AM/FM presets. Features auto seek; memory backup; ceramic IF filters; LED signalstrength meters; MPX filter; auto scan; lownoise junction FET. Alt. ch. selectivity 60 dB; stereo separation 0.3%; S/N 50 dB; image rejection 38 dB. \$229

#### NIKKO AUDIO Gamma-400 Tuner

# ONIX AUDIO BY MUSIC HALL BWD1 FM Tuner

Designed for high sensitivity, capture ratio and AM suppression......\$885

# ONKYO Grand Integra T-G10 FM Tuner

FM tuner with 5-mode APR system. Features 20station random memory with battery-free backup; ultra high sensitivity; chassis damping; dualantenna inputs; cable FM tuning capability; timer-controlled program preset capability; remote capable with supplied controller; wood side panel \$850

#### T-4087 AM/FM Tuner

Tuner with automatic precision reception system to control 4 modes (stereo-muting on/mono-muting off, auto high-blend on/off, local/DX, and IF bandwidth wide/narrow). Features 4 separate power supplies for RF amp, IF amp, demodulator, and multiplex decoder; 20 AM/FM station presets; battery-free memory backup; MOSFET RF amp front end; PLL demodulator. Black finish only. Wood side panels included. FM usable sens 17.2 dBf ( $2 \mu V$ ) stereo; 50-dB quieting sens 36 dBf ( $17 \mu V$ ) stereo; s/N 77 dB stereo; FR 30-15,000 Hz ± I dB; capture ratio 1 dB. 18.25 x 3 x 14.62 in; 12 lb... \$420

# T-4150 AM/FM Tuner

# PARASOUND T/DQ-260 Tuner

Quartz referenced, digitally synthesized tuner

# PERREAUX

**TU3 PLL FM Tuner** 

# PHILIPS

FT 565 Tuner

Quartz-locked digital synthesis tuner with 24station random memory; 2-level automatic search tuning; multi-functional LCD display; 5bar LED signal strength indicator; FM noise reduction; optional remote control; low-noise Tetrode MOSFET front ends, with intrinsic high linearity handle strong signals without distortion, and receives weak signals clearly; FM mixer oscillator is buffered to suppress radio interference; 75 ohm coaxial and 300 ohm balanced inputs accept any type of FM aerial input. Wave range 87.5-108 MHz; sens at 75 ohm, mono 26 dB s/N 1.3 µV at 75 kHz deviation; stereo 46 dB S/N 25 µV at 75 kHz deviation; THD mono/stereo 0.2%/0.5%; FR 30-15,000 Hz +0.5 -2 dB; IF suppression 80 dB; audio output 1000 mV. 3 kilograms ..... \$259

# PIONEER

# Elite F-91 Tuner

Digital AM/FM tuner. Features ARTS (Active Real-Time Tracing System) with active IF filter; digital decoding; 4-ganged tuning capacitor; MOSFET circuit; 24 AM/FM station presets; 3-position muting level; remote compatible; honeycomb chassis. THD 0.02%; alt ch sel 85 dB; s/N 88 dB. \$550

# F-717 AM/FM Tuner

# PROTON

#### 440 Tuner

QUAD FM4 FM Tuner

FM-stereo tuner designed to be used with Quad

# TUNERS

44 preamp. Features no controls except 8 pushbuttons to store/recall station presets, tuning knob, power switch; bar-graph meter to indicate signal strength, center-channel tuning; dedicated microprocessor that recalls desired station from memory, tunes it, automatically sets muting, automatic frequency control levels. Stations stored in memory remain there for up to 5 years, even with power disconnected. Available in anthracite grey. Mono/stereo 50-dB quieting sens 2.7/25  $\mu$ V; mono/stereo S/N ratio 76/70 dB at 1 kHz, 1 mV A-wtd; mono/stereo distortion 0.05%/0.10% stereo; capture ratio 2.5 dB; sel 53 dB; image/IF rejection 80/100 dB; frequency response 20-15,000 Hz +0/-1 dB; crosstalk 40 dB at 1 kHz; pilot-tone suppression 60 dB; deemphasis switchable for 50/75 microseconds; power consumption 6 volts; 321 x 207 x 64 mm; 3 kilograms ..... \$695

# REVOX

# B260-S FM Tuner

# ROTEL

RT850A AM/FM Tuner

# SAE T101 AM/FM Tuner

Computer direct-line digital tuner. Features 16 station presets (8 AM/8 FM); auto and manual tuning; signal-strength, multipath, and level indicators; IF narrow; high blend; memory scan. FM Section: IHF sens stereo 3.9  $\mu$ V (17 dB); 50-dB quieting sens stereo 32  $\mu$ V (35.3 dBf); THD stereo 0.08% at 1.000 Hz; s/N stereo 70 dB. FR 30-18,000 Hz +1, -2 dB; capture ratio 1.2 dB; sep 55 dB at 1,000 Hz; alt-ch rejection -100 dB narrow. \$650

# T102 AM/FM Tuner

Computer direct-line digital tuner with 16 station presets; auto and manual tuning; IF narrow; high blend. FM section: IHF sens stereo 4.1  $\mu$ V; 50-dB quieting sens 34  $\mu$ V; THD stereo 0.08% at 1,000 Hz; S/N 70 dB stereo; FR 30-18,000 Hz +1, -2 dB; capture ratio 1.2 dB; sep 55 dB at 1,000 Hz; alt-ch rejection -100 dB narrow; adj-ch rejection -15 dB narrow. 19 x 3.5 x 12.5 in........\$349

# SANSUI TU-X701 AM/FM Tuner

Vintage series tuner featuring random presets for 30 FM and AM stations; numeric keypad for recall; programming two station frequencies for unattended recording; memory scan; RF mode selection; IF bandwidth selection; record calibra

# TU-X301 AM/FM Tuner

### SHERWOOD TD-7010R Tuner

# TD-1120 Tuner

Quartz PLL synthesized tuning system. Features digital display; 24-preset stations; MOSFET front end; auto-tuning; AM/FM reception; AM loop antenna; usable sens 11.2 dBf; 50 dB quieting sens 39.2 dBf; THD 0.4%; 45 dB stereo sep at 1 kHz; FR 10-15 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; capture ratio 2 dB; alt-ch sel 60 dB. 3.2 x 17.3 x 8.7 in ...... \$169

# SONY

# ST-S730ES AM/FM Tuner

Features radial power-supply design; automatic microprocessor exclusion circuit master clock; SST super sound tracking; WOIF wave optimized IF system; WODD wave optimized direct detector; WODD wave optimized digital stereo decoder; direct comparator circuitry. s/N 92 dB stereo, 100 dB mono; THD 0.0075% stereo, 0.004% mono; sens 10.3 dBf/0.9  $\mu$ v; sel (at 400 kHz) 70 dB; sep (at 1 kHz) 70 dB. 3.38 x 18.5 x 14.75 in; 12 lb, 6 oz.

# ST-S500ES AM/FM Tuner

# SOUNDCRAFTSMEN Pro-Tuner Four AM/FM Tuner

Digital quartz-PLL tuner with 16 station presets, 5-digit station readout, auto scan tuning, and active high-blend filter. 19" rack-mount front panel. IHF sens 1.6  $\mu$ V; S/N 75 dB; distortion 0.08%. 2.36 x 19 x 12 in \$349

# SUMO

# Aurora Tuner

# TANDBERG

# TPT 3001A FM Tuner

Features computer-type logic servo tuning system; 8-ganged varactor tuning diodes in front end, dual-gate MOSFET's in R-F and mixer stages; 8-station memory preset with touch-button recall and LED program readout; wide/normal/narrow IF bandwidth selector; autorange signal-strength with 1,000-meter-range LED, center tuning/preset frequency meters. Audio circuitry includes selected all-metal film resistors, polypropylene capacitors, and min negative feedback; mono, ANC, servo, mute switches with LED's; 3-circuit muting; output level control; \$/N 90 dB; narrow sel 125 dB. Rosewood side panels optional ...........\$2,000

# TECHNICS

# ST-G70 AM/FM Tuner

Stereo tuner with 39 AM/FM station presets. Features twin tuner design; automatic IF band width selection; 10-key random access; class AA operation; auto-scan; automatic preset assignment capability; FM signal-strength display; DC twin quartz circuitry; DC linear switching multiplex filter. \$380

### ST-G450 AM/FM Tuner

Digital AM/FM tuner with 24-station presets. Features preset channel scan; 10-key direct access; class AA operation; FL display; 3-point LED signal-strength indicator \$270

# Toshiba

# ST-5528 AM/FM Tuner

Features digital display; 16 station presets; preset memory recall; preset scan; automatic digital tuning lock-in for each available station; system remote control \$170

# VECTOR RESEARCH VU-1500 Tuner

# YAMAHA

# TX-1000U AM/FM Tuner

# TX-900U AM/FM Tuner

# TX-500U AM/FM Tuner



# **ACOUSTIC RESEARCH** ES-1 Manual Turntable

Manual belt-drive turntable with 24-pole synchronous motor. Features 33 and 45 rpm speeds. w&F 0.04% wrms; rumble -78 dB; effective tonearm mass without cartridge 14.5 g; effective tonearm length 229 mm; max tracking error 2.6x. 7 x 18.19 x 15.25 in (dustcover down); 18 lb. Natural cherry, with arm . . \$725 Natural cherry, without arm ..... \$550

# **EB-101 Manual Turntable**

Manual belt-drive pivoted-arm turntable with fully isolated 3-point suspension. Arm and platter on subchassis formed by pressed-steel T-bar spring-suspended and damped at 3 points, 33.33 and 45 rpm. Features 12-pole synchronous motor (500 rpm at 50 Hz, 600 rpm at 60 Hz); 3.9-lb platter; detachable carbon-fiber headshell with clamping screw on arm; base finished in oiled walnut veneer. w&F 0.05% DIN; rumble -72 dB DIN; effective tonearm mass without cartridge 12 g; cartridge weight range 3-9 g; effective tonearm length 229 mm; overhang 16 mm; vertical and horizontal friction <100 mg; 7 x 18.19 x 15.25 in (dustcover down); 13.5 lb..... \$500

# ADC

# LT 60 Automatic Turntable

Linear-tracking belt-drive P-mount turntable. Features 33.33 and 45 rpm; soft-touch electronic controls: illuminated electronic strobe with pitch control; anti-feedback suspension. 5.0 x 16.5 x 15.5 in: 15.5 lb ..... \$150

# LT 34 Automatic Turntable

Compact linear-tracking belt-drive P-mount turntable. Features 33.33 and 45 rpm; 2 DC-servo-controlled motors; anti-feedback suspension. 3.5 x 13.25 x 13.75 in; 9.5 lb. .... \$120

# A/D/S/ Atelier P4 Automatic Turntable

Can be controlled by remote when used with a/d/s/ R4 receiver or CC4 tuner/preamp. With quariz-crystal-controlled direct drive; pivoted arm; ultra-low-mass tonearm; 33.33 and 45 rpm; variable speed control with strobe; holds platter and tonearm on a subchassis that floats on 4 tuned mounts. W&F ±0.025% wrms; rumble -75 dB DIN B, 53 dB DIN A; effective tonearm length 8.69"; max tracking error 2.2°; 4.53 x 17.5 x 14.25-in (dustcover down); 11 lb. . \$700



# AKAI

**AP-A305 Belt-Drive Turntable** 

Semi-auto operation; DC-servo motor; beltdrive system; T4P type plug-in cartridge; front panel operation control ..... \$99

# **BANG & OLUFSEN** Beogram 5500 Automatic Turntable

Automatic turntable with short tangential tonearm features both standard playing speeds of 33.33 and 45 rpm; silver and black; remote controlled by B&O Master Control Panel; repeats play up to 7 times; leaf-spring suspension; compatible with B&O micro-cross cartridges; auto record-size sensing; auto interior light. w&F 0.06% DIN, 0.03% wrms; DIN-weighted rumble 80 dB: 12.5 x 3 x 12.75 in: 11.6 lb .... \$499

# Beogram 9000 Turntable

Tangential tracking tonearm features both standard playing speeds of 33.33 and 45 rpm: Optimum Pivot Point tonearm suspension; 3-point leaf spring and pendulum suspension system; integrated low-mass tonearm/cartridge combination; accepts all MMC 1-5 cartridges; servocontrolled DC motor; W&F less than 0.03% wrms. 16.5 x 3 x 12.75 in; 11.7 lb ..... \$450

# Beogram 3300 Belt-Drive Turntable

Belt-drive tangential tonearm features standard playing speeds of 33.33 and 45 rpm; remote control with Terminal 3300 remote. Master Control Link, or Datalink system; black plexiglass and brushed aluminm; can be wall mounted with optional shelves; repeat; interior light; auto pause at end of tape, and cassette deck pauses at end of LP; leaf-spring-suspended subchassis; neoprene belt; electronic speed control; 16.5 x 3 x 12.75 inches; 11.7 pounds .... \$439

# Beogram TX-2 Automatic Turntable

Tangential-tracking automatic turntable with belt-drive features both standard playings speeds of 33.33 and 45 rpm; fixed headshell. Recommended tracking force 1-1.5 g; Wow and flutter 0.03% DIN; rumble -80 dB; 16.5 x 3 x 12.75 in; 11.6 lb ..... \$352

# Beogram RX-2 Automatic Turntable

Belt-drive turntable with pendulum-suspended chassis and straight pivoting tonearm; 33 and 45 rpm; fixed headshell. Recommended tracking force 1-1.5 g; w&F 0.035% D1N; rumble -75 dB; 16.5 x 2.5 x 17.9 in; 13.2 lb... \$249

# DENON

**DP-59L Direct-Drive Turntable** Features massive wood base with isolation: 5.5lb platter with high-torque direct-drive AC motor. Lift only..... \$695

# **DP-47F Direct-Drive Turntable**

Features dynamic servo tracer: flat-twin direct drive; full auto plus locate function; thick wood base ..... \$450 **DP-35B** Automatic Turntable

Features dynamic servo tracer; flat-twin direct drive; high-density compound base. Black \$325 **DP-23F** Turntable . . . . . .

Full-size automatic turntable with o	dynamic ser-
vo tracer. Black	\$275
DP-7F Turntable	
P-mount automatic turntable with o	dynamic ser-
vo tracer. Black	\$200

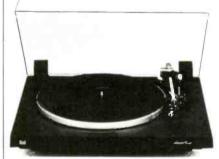
# DUAL BY ORTOFON

CS 7000 Semiautomatic Turntable

Belt-drive turntable with 24k gold-plated finish. Features Optimum Pivot gyroscopic gimbal tonearm system; carbon fiber headshell; fixedand variable-VTA tonearm; heavy metal feet; full-floating subchassis; resonance-damped diecast aluminum platter; auto stop; three standard operating speeds at 33.33, 45, and 78 rpm. w&F <0.025%; S/N 80 dB. 17.5 x 5.25 x 15.25 inches; 

#### CS 505-3 Semiautomatic Turntable

Belt-drive, heavy-mass platter and acoustic mat. Features floating chassis design; variable-pitch; carbon fiber headshell on ULM tonearm. Walnut or black wood base ..... \$350



Dual CS 505-3

# HEYBROOK BY D'ASCANIO AUDIO

# TT-2 Series II Turntable

Hand-assembled belt-drive 33.33- and 45-rpm armless manual turntable with removable armboard. Features low-speed synchronous motor driving massive 2-piece platter; adjustable 3point spring-suspension subchassis of cast aluminum; laminated armboard; massive wood base. Finished in real walnut or gloss black. w&F <0.1% DIN peak wtd; rumble -73 dB wtd DIN-B. 6.25 x 17.5 x 14.25 in; 26 lb. \$650

# TURNTABLES

# Нітасні

# HTMD46 Automatic Turntable

# JVC

# ALFQ555BK Direct-Drive Turntable

Features coreless DC-servo direct-drive motor; fully-automatic operation with automatic record size and speed selector; low-mass straight tonearm; high-stability cabinet support system; large insulators; arm cueing control; double-servo quartz control; illuminated strobe on platter perimeter; plug-in cartridge connector ... \$240

# ALF353BK Automatic Turntable

Automatic turntable features automatic record size and speed selector; DC-servo motor; arm cueing control; plug-in cartridge connector system; low-mass straight tone-arm. \$175

# KENWOOD

# **KD-77FC** Direct-Drive Turntable

Features linear tracking; 7-song random access programming: auto-disc size & speed selection; fully automatic mechanism; dual magnet type cartridge included; system remote controllable; auto function; coreless and slotless FG servo motor; 2 speeds; wow and flutter less than 0.025%; frequency response 20-20,000 Hz. 4.06 x 16.56 x 15.13 inches; 12.6 lb ...... \$249

# **KD-47F Belt-Drive Turntable**

Belt-drive turntable with fully-automatic mechanism. Features system remote controllable ability; T-4P cartridge compatible tonearm; FG servo motor; 2 speeds; Wow and flutter 0.05%; 4.31 x 16.56 x 13.5 inches; 7.5 lb ...... \$119

# **KD-37R Belt-Drive Turntable**

Belt-drive turntable with auto return mechanism. Features T-4P cartridge compatible tonearm; DC servo motor; 2 different playing speeds; w&F 0.05%; frequency response 20-20,000 Hz;  $3.94 \times 16.56 \times 13.06$  in; 8.2 lb . \$79

# KYOCERA PL-910 Manual Turntable

# LINN PRODUCTS

# LP12 Manual Single-Play Turntable

Belt-drive 33.33-rpm turntable with manual tonearm; 24-pole synchronous motor;  $12^{\circ}$  zincaluminum alloy die-cast platter with felt mat; 1point oil-bath bearing; hardened tool-steel spindle; adjustable 3-point spring-suspension subchassis; heavy-gauge stainless-steel base plate; solid hardwood base; optional 45-rpm adapter. rumble-60 dB unwtd; speed accuracy  $\pm 0.04\%$ ; 5.5 x 17.5 x 14 in ...... \$1,165

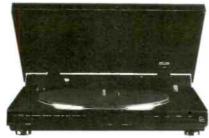


Linn Axis

# Axis Manual Turntable

With Class A amplifier; belt-drive; pivoted arm. Plays 33.33-rpm LP's and 45-rpm singles. Speed accuracy 0.1%; W&F 0.05%; rumble -75 dB DIN; effective tonearm length 284 mm; 16 lb . \$740

# LUXMAN P-102 Belt-Drive Turntable



Luxman P-102

# MARANTZ

TT-451 Linear-Tracking Turntable Automatic linear-tracking turntable. Features auto-speed/-size selector; P-mount compatible; 33.33 and 45 rpm; w&F 0.05% wrms; rumble 70 dB. 3.75 x 16.36 x 13.56; 9.5 lb ...... \$230

# TT-185CTBL Belt-Drive Turntable

Belt drive turntable features semiautomatic DCservo motor; damped cueing; P-mount cartridge; straight low-mass tonearm; front panel controls. 3.87 x 16.5 x 13.5 in; 9.5 lb.... \$139

# MICRO SEIKI BY ANALOG EXCELLENCE

# **RX-1500VG Thread-Drive Turntable**

# **BL-99V Manual Turntable**

Belt-drive turntable with light-force vacuum

hold-down; walnut finished cabinet; 33.33 and 45 rpm; variable speed control; 7-lb aluminum platter; 4-lb tonearm base drilled to individuals' specifications. w&F 0.025% wrms; S/N 78 dB Awtd. 7.5 x 21.5 x 17.5-in (dustcover down); 35 lbs \$\$1,895\$

# RX-1500 Basic Turntable

Belt-drive nonresonant zinc-alloy turntable with ability to mount 2 tonearms simultaneously. Features 33.33 and 45 rpm; variable speed control; aluminum platter. w&F 0.025 wrms; S/N 78 dB A-wtd. 6 x 19 x 13-in; 40 lbs.....\$1,495

# NIKKO AUDIO

# P-5 Semiautomatic Turntable

Direct-drive semiautomatic turntable with 20pole, 30-slot brushless DC 3-phase motor. Features die-cast aluminum platter; straight-line tonearm; ± 3% pitch control. w&F 0.085% wrms; rumble 38 dB weighted .......\$220



Nikko P-5

#### P-3 Semiautomatic Turntable

# ONKYO

# CP-1057FB Integra Automatic Turntable

Computer-controlled quartz-PLL direct-drive turntable. Features pivoted arm; strobe; 33.33 and 45 rpm; triple-stage isolation; floating sub-chassis on 3-point suspension; gimbal-support tonearm bearings; computer-controlled tonearm functions; separate motor for tonearm; 2-speed search; straight low-mass tonearm; Polysorb vibration absorbing compound for record mat and cabinet feet; gold-lacquered platter; gold-an-odized tonearm, opto-electronic record-end detector; black finish. Remote control optional. Wow and flutter 0.023% weighted root mean square; rumble <80 dB; effective tonearm square; rumble <80 dB; effective tonearm length 226 mm; max tracking error  $+3^{\circ}$ ,  $-1^{\circ}$ , 17.44 x 6.25 x 16.12 in; 20 lb ....... \$360

# **CP-1046FB** Automatic Turntable

# TURNTABLES

# ORACLE AUDIO Premiere Mark III Manual Turntable

# Delphi MK III Manual Turntable

Belt-drive turntable without tonearm. Features 33.33 and 45 rpm; hi-torque DC motor; adjustable spring-suspension system; record-coupling system; tonearm/cartridge protractor and strobe disc included. 19 x 6 x 14 in; 35 lb ... \$1,395 Dephi Aluminum. Aluminum/24k gold plating......\$1,995 Delphi Black. 24k gold plating.....\$2,295

# Alexandria Mark III Manual Turntable

# PARASOUND

# T/FS-880 Semiautomatic Turntable

# PIONEER

# Elite PL-90 Automatic Turntable

Direct-drive turntable with coreless, quartz-PLL DC-servo motor with stable hanging rotor. Features straight tonearm made out of alumina-ceramics; 33½ and 45 rpm play speeds; 14¾6-inch platter. w&F 0.018%. 8.5 x 23.5 x 17 in... \$950

# **PL-910** Automatic Turntable

Belt-drive turntable with DC servo-motor. Features statically balanced linear tracking tonearm with DRA: 33/3 and 45 rpm play speeds; integrated IM type cartridge; .6 mm diamond stylus. w&F 0.06%. 16.5 x 4.1 x 14 in; 6 lb, 3 oz. \$400

# PL-670 Automatic Turntable

# RCA

# MTT230 Linear Tracking Turntable

Dimensia turntable with remote-control operation and on-screen status indication when used with Dimensia monitor. Features belt-drive design; P-mount cartridge; programmable track selection; system record-protection logic; auto size and speed selection: cue muting. S/N 65 dB; w&F <0.06%. 14.63 x 3.5 x 14.25 in .... \$249

# REALISTIC

# LAB-2200 Direct-Drive Turntable

Automatic linear-tracking turntable with Realistic/Audio-Technica dual-magnet P-mount cartridge, repeat button, straight tonearm, strobe, variable speed control, 33.33 and 45 rpm. w&F 0.065% wrms; rumble 62 dB DIN; effective tonearm length 132 mm \$150

# LAB 450 Semiautomatic Turntable

# **REVOLVER BY MUSIC HALL** Revolver Belt-Drive Turntable

# **Revolver Rebel Turntable**

Turntable including tonearm and cartridge. Gray metallic finish......\$379

# REVOX

# **B291** Linear-Tracking Turntable



Revox B291

# SANSUI P-1000 Automatic Turntable

Automatic turntable features low-mass straight tone-arm; auto-return operation; precision DC motor; cue operation; remote capability. Signalto-noise ratio 72 dB; cartridge frequency response 20-20,000 Hz; 0.6-millimeter diamond stylus; 1.5 x 16.5 x 13.5 inches; 7.7 lb ... \$145

#### P-900E Semiautomatic Turntable

Features belt-drive; low-mass straight tonearm; automatic return and power on/stop; cue; cut: pitch control and stroboscope. No cartridge. Wow and flutter less than 0.1% weighted root mean square; signal-to-noise ratio greater than 72 dB. 3.6 x 16.5 x 13 inches; 8.8 lb ..... \$90

# SCOTT PS4004 Automatic Turntable

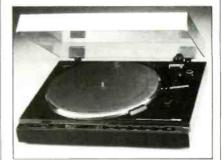
Belt drive: 33.33 and 45 rpm; soft-touch controls; integrated low-mass magnetic cartridge; pitch control with electronic strobe; frequencygoverned DC servo motor; insulating feet; LED speed indicators; gold-plated output plugs. w&F 0.06% wrms; rumble <62 dB DIN B; 16.8 x 5 x 14.6 in (dustcover down). \$200

# **PS70B** Semiautomatic Turntable

Features low-mass P-mount tonearm; fullydamped cueing; auto return and shutoff; pitch control with strobe; frequency-governed DC motor; hinged, adjustable dustcover. 4.4 x 16.5 x 13.25 in (dustcover down)......\$120

# SHERWOOD

ST-887R CP Automatic Direct-Drive Turntable Digi-Link remote compatibility with other Sherwood products. P-mount cartridges; direct readout stylus pressure indicator; DC servo motor; front-panel access to controls; 33.33/45 rpm variable pitch; illuminated strobe; hinged tinted dust cover......\$180



Sherwood ST-887R CP

# **PF-117OR Automatic Turntable**

DC-servo motor direct drive; front-panel operating controls; fully automatic start, stop, return; repeat feature; pitch control with strobe; maximum tracking error  $\pm 2.6^\circ$ ,  $-1^\circ$ ; die-cast alloy platter; 45 rpm center adaptor; 2 speeds; w&F 0.06%; 4.6 x 17.3 x 15.0 in...... \$179

#### PM-1270 Turntable

Belt-drive turntable with MTD straight-line tonearm system. Features auto stop; dic-cast alloy platter; pitch control with strobe; cueing control; straight-line tubular static balanced ton-earm; maximum tracking error  $+2.6^\circ$ ,  $-1^\circ$ ; 2 speeds; w&F 0.08%; 3.0 x 13.0 x 9.0 in ... \$169

# SONOGRAPHE BY CONRAD-JOHNSON

#### SG-3 Manual Turntable

Belt-drive turntable without tonearm. Tuned suspension, resonance-free polymer platter. w&F < 0.02% wrms; rumble -65 dB; 6.75 x 18.25 x 14.5 in. (dustcover down); 23 lb . \$449

# SONY

# **PS-FL7II** Automatic Turntable

Front-loading linear-tracking automatic turntable. Features direct drive, PLL, quartz-lock, Pmount compatible; 33.33 and 45 rpm; remote control capability. 17 x 3.88 x 15.12 in; 16 lb.....\$350

# **PS-LX520** Automatic Turntable

Fully automatic linear-tracking turntable. Features direct drive, PLL, quartz-lock, P-mount compatible, 33.33 and 45 rpm; gel-filled feet; renote control capable. w&F 0.035%; s/N 75 dB; effective tonearm length 3 inches; max tracking error ±0.1°. 17 x 3.62 x 14.36 in; 11 lb. \$270

# TURNTABLES

# **PS-LX430** Automatic Turntable

Belt-drive P-mount turntable with pivoted arm. Features 33.33 and 45 rpm, cueing lever, antiresonance base, disc size selector, remote control capability. w&F 0.046%; rumble 70 dB. 17 x 4.5 x 14 in (dustcover down); 9 lb ..... \$180

# SOTA INDUSTRIES Cosmos Turntable System

Belt-drive turntable. Features inverted Sapphire bearing; massive 12 lb platter on 22 lb subassembly; 4 point corner weights and matching 4 spring design; regulated DC-drive, fully damped, fully isolated motor; vacuum hold-down; vinyl-format Vinyl-Mimic; rigid arm support; one-piece-design platter block; motor hard-mounted to subassembly. Comes with vacuum, reflex clamp, electronic flywheel, and deluxe tone arm board. w&F 0.03 wrms; rumble -88.2 dB; speed accuracy  $\pm$  0.2%; speed adjustment 5%, 20.25 x 16.5 x 7.5 in. Grey Corian with wood in-lay..........\$3,500 High-gloss black......\$4,000

# Star Sapphire Turntable

Manual 2-speed belt-drive turntable with variable speed control and strobe. Features vacuum hold-down; heavyweight (22 lb) sub-assembly for maximum isolation; exclusive inverted bearing with sapphire disc; single piece (11 lb) platter, rim drive; vacuum hold-down system: low-level pressure, continuous through play, adjustable vacuum. Includes acrylic vacuum supermat. All-wood top and speed-control panel; heavy-duty dust cover, oak finish w&F 0.03 wrms; rumble -88.2 dB; speed accuracy  $\pm$ .02% speed adjustment 5%. 20.25 x 16.5 x 7.5 in; 44 lb; oak finish .........\$1,600 Exotic woods ......\$1,750 to \$1,900 Black satin finish .........\$2,000

# **Deluxe Sapphire Turntable**

# TECHNICS

# SL-M3 Automatic Direct-Drive Turntable

# SL-1200MKII Direct-Drive Disco Turntable

Quartz-controlled 33.33- and 45-rpm manual turntable. Features  $\pm 8\%$  quartz-locked pitch control; quick start and stop; pop-up stylus light; gimbal-suspended tonearm with height adjustment; brushless DC motor; aluminum die-cast cabinet; anti-resonant viscoelastic main base. w&F 0.025\% \$570

# SL-M2 Manual Direct-Drive Turntable

# SL-MA1 Automatic Direct-Drive Turntable Features PLL quartz lock; P-mount; 33.33 and

# SL-J33 Programmable PLL Turntable

# SL-L20 Automatic Linear-Tracking Turntable

# SL-QD33 Automatic Direct-Drive Turntable

# SL-BD22 Semiautomatic Turntable

#### Turntables Without Tonearms SP-10MK3 33/45/78-rpm Turntable

Quartz-controlled direct-drive turntable with high torque for full speed in 30° of rotation; electronic, mechanical braking for speed change in 0.3 sec; high-precision integral rotor-platter quartz motor; quartz-locked pitch control (0.1% steps to  $\pm$  9.9% all speeds). Separate power supply in remote-control unit with numeric LED speed, pitch displays; soft-touch switches (start/ stop duplicated on turntable). w&F 0.015% wrms  $\pm$  0.001%; 14.22 x 14.22 x 4.44 in; turntable weight 40 lb; power supply/control unit 13.2 lb......\$2,840 SH-10B5. Optional turntable base....\$1,230

#### SP-10MK2A 33/45/78-rpm Turntable

# SP-15 33/45/78-rpm Turntable

Quartz-controlled direct-drive turntable that

# THORENS BY EPI

All Thorens turntables are belt-driven, singleplay units having straight tubular tonearms for maximum rigidity, gimbal suspension; antiskate control; 9.12" effective tonearm length; tracking error <0.18°/cm (<0.46°/in).

# TD 520 Semiautomatic Single-Play Turntable

#### TD 320 Semiautomatic Single-Play Turntable

# TD 318 Semiautomatic Single-Play Turntable

# TOSHIBA

# SR-5638 Automatic Turntable

Automatic, belt-drive features front panel cueing. start; stop; power select; speed select; magnetic cartridge plays 45 and 33.33 rpm ... \$129

# YAMAHA

# PF-800B Semiautomatic Turntable

# TT-500U Automatic Turntable

Direct-drive turntable with RS integrated remote system compatibility. Features straight tonearm design; resonance absorbing turntable mat; disc clamper. Black; 15 lb....... \$269



# ACOUSTIC RESEARCH TSW-910 4-Way Speaker

# TSW-710 3-Way Speaker

Floor standing columnar acoustic-suspension speaker with Tetra-Helix tweeter mounting plate. Features two 8" filled polypropylene cone long throw woofers; 6.5" filled polypropylene cone midrange in its own subenclosure; .75" titanium dome liquid cooled tweeter. Power range 15-175 W; imp 4 ohms: S/N -3 dB (halfpower) points at 40 Hz and 40,000 Hz; scns 90 dB sPL with a 2.83 VRMS drive level input at 1 meter on axis. Solid American hardwood top and bottom (walnut or oak) with black vinyl veneer cabinet and black cloth space frame grille; 38.5 x 14.1 x 13.4 in; 46 lb ..... \$1,300/pr



# Acoustic Research TSW-710

# TSW-510 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing acoustic-suspension speaker with Tetra-Helix tweeter mounting plate. Features 10" woofer: 6.5" midrange; 0.75" titaniumdome liquid-cooled tweeter with acoustic lens. Power range 15-150 W; imp 4 ohns; FR -3 dB (half-power) points at 44 Hz and 40,000 Hz; sens 90 dB with 2.83 V rms input at 1 meter on axis. Solid walnut or oak top and bottom with black-vinyl-veneer cabinet and black cloth grille, 30.13 x 14.06 x 13.31 in; 49 lb.. \$800/pr

### STC 666 Subwoofer/Satellite System

New STC (Series Tuned Cavity) system. The STC subwoofer is small enough to be hidden leaving only the satellites visible. AR's propriety enclosure uses two tuned cavities in a series configuration. Uses a newly developed set of enclosure parameters to eliminate unwanted high frequencies that would allow the ear to pinpoint the position of the subwoofer. The first cavity works to increase efficiency of the loudspeaker in the bass frequencies and minimizes distortion by limiting woofer excursion near resonance. The second cavity acts as a high frequency output from the two 6" woofers. The satellites feature a black cabinet with a choice of oak or walnut wood trim. Satellites have shielded drivers for use near TV's. ..... \$649/system

# TSW-410 3-Way Speaker

Bookshelf acoustic-suspension speaker with Tetra-Helix tweeter mounting plate. Features 8" woofer; 6.5" midrange; 0.75" titanium-dome liquid-cooled tweeter with acoustic lens. Power range 10-100 W; imp 4 ohms; FR -3 dB (halfpower) points at 46 Hz and 40,000 Hz; sens 89 dB with 2.83 V rms input at 1 meter on axis. Solid walnut or oak top and bottom with blackvinyl-veneer cabinet and black cloth grille. 24.5 x 12.31 x 11.72 in; 30.5 lb............\$600/pr

#### TSW-315 3-Way Speaker

Bookshelf acoustic-suspension speaker with Tetra-Helix tweeter mounting plate. Features 6.5" woofer; 6.5" woofer/midrange; .75" titanium dome liquid cooled tweeter with Tetra-Helix mounting plate. Power range 10-100 W; imp 4 ohms; FR-3 dB points at 48 Hz and 40,000 Hz; sens 89 dB with 2.83 V rms input at 1 meter on axis. Solid walnut or oak top and bottom with black-vingl-vencer cabinet and black cloth grille. 22.5 x 12.31 x 11.72 in; 30.5 lb . \$550/pr

#### **Powered Partner Speaker**

# TSW-210 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf acoustic-suspension speaker with Tetra-Helix tweeter mounting plate. Features 8" woofer; 0.75" titanium-dome liquid-cooled

# TSW-110 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf acoustic-suspension speaker with Tetra-Helix tweeter mounting plate. Features 6.5" woofer; 0.75" titanium-dome liquid-cooled tweeter with acoustic lens. Power range 10-75 W; imp 8 ohms; FR -3 dB (half-power) points at 68 Hz and 40,000 Hz; sens 88 dB with 2.83 V rms input at 1 meter on axis. Solid walnut or oak top and bottom with black-vinyl-veneer cabinet and black cloth grille. 14.94 x 9.81 x 8.4in; 14 lb. \$280/pr

# A/D/S/ Monitor Series

# M15 Floor-Standing 3-Way Speaker

Vertically aligned "unison" drivers (2 10" woofers and 5.25" midrange in separate subenclosure, 1" dome tweeter); woofers near floor, midrange at top, to control boundary effects; copolymer diaphragms; 4th-order (24 dB per octave) Linkwitz-Riley crossovers at 200 and 2,000 Hz; stainless-steel voice-coil former; magnetic cooling fluid in midrange and tweeter for high power handling and dynamic linearity; frameless perforated-steel grilles; walnut veneer or black. FR 30-22,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 47.3 x 11.5 x 15.8 in; 105 lb ... \$3,000/pr M12, Similar to M15 except 8" woofers; FR 36-22,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; 43.3 x 10.5 x 14.2 in; 85 lb. ..... \$1,900/pr M9. Similar to M12 except 1 10" woofer: 33.7 x 11.5 x 13 in; 80 lb ..... \$1,400/pr

# Compact Monitor Series

# CM7 3-Way "Unison" Speaker

7" woofer, 1.5" dome midrange, 1" dome tweeter; copolymer diaphragms; 4th-order Linkwitz-Riley crossovers at 700 and 2,000 Hz; voice-coil formers of stainless steel for woofer and Kapton for midrange and tweeter; magnetic cooling fluid in midrange and tweeter for high power handling and dynamic linearity; enclosure molded from polymer resin filled with metallic mineral for high density and inertness; frameless perforated steel grille. Black or white. FR 40-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; 16.4 x 8.8 x 10.9 in; 45 lb \$1,400/pr CM6. Similar to CM7 except 2-way, with 6" woofer and 1" tweeter; FR 50-22,000 Hz ± 3 dB; 12.7 x 7.3 x 8.9 in; 33 lb ..... ... \$900/pr CM5. Similar to CM6 except 5.25" woofer; FR 65-22,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; 9.7 x 5.7 x 6.9 in; 22 lb ..... \$650/pr

# B8 Two Way Speaker

Bookshelf 2 way speaker with 1" dome tweeter and 8.5" Stifflite woofer. Power handling 15-125 W; FR 44-22,000 Hz; imp 4 ohms; crossover freq. 2,000 Hz; 19.7 x 11.4 x 10.3 in; 25 lb; black \$500/pr

# **B7** Two Way Speaker

Bookshelf 2 way speaker with 1" dome tweeter and 7.7" Stifflite woofer. Power handling 15-100 W; FR 46-22,000 Hz; imp 4 ohms; crossover freq 2,400 Hz; 17.1 x 10 x 9.1 in; 19 lb \$420/pr

#### Miniature Speakers

300CC 2-Way Acoustic-Suspension Speaker

5.25" high-compliance long-excursion Stifflite woofer, 1" soft-dome tweeter. Features aluminum enclosure (black textured urethane with convex-steel grille). Available on special order in 6 custom colors with matching grilles and brackets (black, light grey, dark grey, beige, mocha, white). FR 65-20.000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; crossover 2.000 Hz with 12 dB/octave slope; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; rated input 50 W continuous, 75 W peak program; imp 4 ohms.........\$430/pr

#### 200CC 2-Way Acoustic-Suspension Speaker

# ADVENT

# The Advent Maestro

# The Advent Legacy

Acoustic-suspension floor-standing liquidcooled speaker with solid-pecan top and base with wrap-around grille. Features 10" high-excursion cone woofer with aluminum-coil form; 1" ferrofluid-filled soft-dome tweeter. FR 42-23,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; min power 100 W rms; max power 500 W peak; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Black texture vinyl finish over dense fiberboard. 46.5 lb; 28.25 x 16 x 9.75 in \$399/pr

# Mini-Advent Satellite/Subwoofer System

#### Advent Prodigy Tower

# ALLISON ACOUSTICS IC-20 Image-Control Speaker

Triangular acoustic-suspension tower speaker with 1 side facing wall, 1 side facing in, 1 facing out; each side facing away from wall has 10" woofer, 2 3.5" convex midranges, 2 1" convex tweeters; relative balance of mids and tweeters on each panel may be adjusted by remote control or with switch on rear to direct more sound in (for precise imaging with more direct and less reflected sound), out (for open and spacious ambience with more reflected and less direct sound), left, right, or centered (for equal amplitude at off-center listening positions); level of each panel has 3 possible settings; LED's on center of speaker display setting; drivers positioned to minimize room interaction; inside woofer pointed into cabinet, outside woofer pointing out; separate inputs for woofers and for mids and tweeters for easy biamping; auto-resetting resistors in each crossover: cabinet panels 0.75"-1.25" thick, braced front-to-back and between panels; interior damped with glass fiber; passive parallel half-section crossovers at 350 and 3,750 Hz; oak, walnut, or black. FR -3 dB at 28.5 Hz, -8 dB at 21 Hz; imp 6 ohms nominal, 8 average, 5 min; power range 30-400 W/ch; sens 87 dB spL/2.83 V/m; 48 x 21 x 12 in; 100 lb . . . . \$4,900/pr

# CD9 3-Way Floor-Standing Speaker

# CD8 3-Way Floor-Standing Speaker

#### CD7 2-Way Floor-Standing Speaker

Stabilized-radiation-loading speaker with 8" woofer, 1" convex-diaphragm tweeter, designed for placement against single wall. LC crossover network with premium chokes, computer-grade capacitors; walnut- or oak-veneer cabinet with hand-rubbed lacquer finish. Crossover 2,000

# Altec Lansing Model 55



# ALTEC LANSING

# **Bias 550 Pentamplified Speaker System**

Six speaker system with two 10" carbon fiber subwoofers, 8" carbon fiber woofer, 6" carbon fiber upper midrange coupler, diamond-coated polyimide 2" upper midrange, and 1" tweeter. Amplification (five way powered system), subwoofer 250 W 4 ohms, woofer 125 W 8 ohms, midrange 125 W 8 ohms, upper midrange 125 W 8 ohms, tweeter 75 W, 8 ohms. FR 20-22,000 Hz  $\pm 2$  dB.......\$12,000

### 510 3-Way Tower Speaker

Acoustic suspension speaker with bi-amp capability and adjustable crossover with two 10" carbon fiber woofers, 2" midrange, 1' dome tweeter, each with polyimide vacuum deposited titanium. Power range 150 W nom.- 300 W max; sens 93 dB W/m; imp 4 ohm; 46 x 12 x 13.5 in........\$1,500/pr

# 305 3-Way Acoustic Suspension Speaker

#### 205 3-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension speaker with 8" carbon fiber woofer, 2" midrange and 1" polyimide/titanium tweeter. Power handling 75 W nom - 150 W max; sens 91 dB W/m; imp 6 ohm 22 x 12 x 9 in ...... \$550/pr

# 95 3-Way Speaker

Acoustic suspension speaker with 8" carbonfilled polypropylene woofer; 4" midrange; 20mm polyimide dome tweeter. FR 35-22,000 Hz; power handling 75 W nom-150 W max; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; 22 x 12 x 9 in . \$300/pr

### 55 Weatherproof Speaker

Compact indoor/outdoor speaker. 2-way acoustic suspension with 4" carbon fiber cloth woofer reinforced with epoxy and a 20mm polyimide dome tweeter. FR 85-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB power range 40 W nom-80 W max; nominal impedance 4 ohm; 9.38 x 7 x 5.31 in ...... \$250/pr

# AMBRIA BY PARASOUND S-2000 5-Piece System

# AMERICAN ACOUSTICS PSW-200 Powered Subwoofer

#### D9550 5-Way Tower Speaker

12" 5-way speaker. Features 12" polymer foam

surround woofer: 2-5" sealed back with ferrofluid midrange: | soft-dome polymer tweeter; | 3" cone tweeter: crossover frequency 600 Hz; FR 32-22.000 Hz; sens 99.5 dB/W/m; imp 8 ohm; peak power handling 410 W; warm oak or black ash finish; 40.88 x 15.94 x 14.56 in ... \$400 ea

# D8550 3-Way Sneaker

Vented speaker with 15" polymer coated woofer; 5" sealed back ferrofluid damped midrange; soft dome polymer ferrofluid tweeter. FR 37-22.000 Hz; sens 98.5 dB W/m; imp 4/8 ohm: crossover frequency 700 Hz, 5,000 Hz; power handling 205 W/rms. 410 W/peak; 30.38 x 18.5 x 14.5 in ...... \$350 ea

# **APOGEE ACOUSTICS**

# Diva 3-Way Ribbon Speaker

Full-range ribbon speaker with adjustable seamless crossover. Features trapezoidal woofer ribbon; separate midrange and tweeter ribbons. SPL 115 dB; imp 4 ohms. 73 x 31 x 3 in; 150 lb ea.....\$7,500/pr

# Scintilla Full-Range Ribbon Speaker

Full-range ribbon speaker with internal seamless crossover. Features trapezoidal woofer ribbon; integrated, coalescent midrange/tweeter ribbon that utilizes filed magnetic and electromagnetic constraints. SPL 110 dB; imp 4 or 1 ohms. 57 x 30 x 3.5 in; 140 lb ea . . . \$3,995/pr

# Duetta 2-Way Ribbon Speaker

Mid-size 2-way full-range ribbon speaker. Utilizes ribbon transducers for both midrange/ tweeter and woofer. Features trapezoidal woofer ribbon; combination midrange/tweeter ribbon; internal seamless crossovers. SPL 100 dB; imp 4 ohms. 58 x 26 x 3 in; 115 lb ea .... \$3.495/pr

#### Caliper 2-Way Ribbon Speaker

Mid-size 2-way full-range ribbon speaker. Features trapezoidal woofer ribbon; narrow-canted combination midrange/tweeter ribbon; seamless crossover circuitry. SPL 105 dB; imp 3 ohms. Taupe or grey. 48 x 24 x 2 in. ..... \$2,395/pr

# ARCAM

# Arcam One+ Speaker

Solid-construction. reflex-loaded cabinets with ultra-rigid medite front baffles. Features genuine wood veneers: polymer cone bass-midrange drivers match proprietary dome tweeters via 8element crossovers; FR 35-20,000 Hz; 100 W power handling; imp 8 ohms; walnut or black finish. 10.15 x 12.48 x 20.20 in. ..... \$799/pr

# Arcam Two+ Speaker

Solid-construction, reflex-loaded cabinets with ultra-rigid medite front baffles. Features genuine wood veneers; polymer cone bass-midrange drivers match proprietary dome tweeters via 8element crossovers, which may be biwired; FR 42-20.000 Hz: 70 W power handling; imp 8 ohms: optional walnut or black finish. 8.77 x 11 x 14.88 in ..... \$599/pr

# AUDIO PRO BY SONIC RESEARCH A4-14 Biamplified Speaker System

Biamplified 3-way bass-reflex bookshelf speaker incorporates Ace-Bass subwoofer with two 5" down-firing rear-mounted woofers and own amp, flush-mounted 4.5" cone midrange, 1" soft-dome tweeter with separate amp. Features room-matching bass control, tweeter control, sens control (100 mV-50 V range), L/R signal

pushbutton, bass-blend push-button control, power on/off signal-actuated in automode; walnut or black-ash finish; speaker stands included. FR 30-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB; crossovers 300 and 2.5 kHz; distortion 2% at 96 dB SPL/half-space/m at 30 Hz: 20.5 x 2.12 x 10.5 in ... \$1,950/system

# AUDIOSOURCE

# LS-Twelve Speaker

Floor standing/bookshelf 2-way speaker with 6.5" polypropylene woofer and 1" soft dome ferrofluid cooled tweeter. FR 40-20,000 Hz; sens 93 dB; imp 8 ohms; power capacity 90 W; available in oak veneer, black or white enamel over high density particle board with metal grille; 22.88 x 8.63 x 7.88 in; 17.5 lb ..... \$380/pr

# LS-Nine Speaker

Box speaker intended for bookshelf placement. Features L-C crossover at 3.5 kHz. Contains 8" polypropylene woofer; 1" tweeter. FR 65-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; max power 80 W; sens 88 dB; imp 6 ohms; white oak with cloth grille; 11.36 x 17.62 x 8.31 in ..... \$320/pr

# LS-Eleven Speaker

Compact acoustic suspension speaker with two 4' polypropylene woofers and 1" ferrofluid cooled soft dome tweeter. Video shielding for hi-fi video applications. FR 60-20.000 Hz; sens 89 dB; imp 8 ohms; power capacity 80 W; available in oak or walnut veneer, or black or white enamel over high density particle board with metal grille. 14.5 x 5 x 5.75 in; 8.75 lb. \$260/pr

# AXIOM AX-5 Reference Monitor

# Floor-standing speaker combines a two-way system for the range from 180-22,000 Hz with a rear-mounted 10" subwoofer in a separate subenclosure vented with a tuned port in front. Overall response 32-22,000 Hz +2 dB; sens 87

dB SPL; power handling 40-350 W; nom imp 4 ohms. Biamplifiable. Finish natural, dark, or black oak. 30 x 12 x 11.25 in ..... \$1,549/pr

# AX-2 Reference Monitor

Floor-standing two-way speaker with 8" woofer and dome tweeter in rear-ported enclosure. FR 40-22,000 Hz +2 dB; sens 89 dB SPL; power handling 12-250 W; nom imp 6 ohms. Biamplifiable. Finish natural, dark, or black oak. 24 x 10 x 9 in ..... \$749/pr

# AX-1 Reference Speaker

Bookshelf two-way speaker with 4.5" dome woofer and dome tweeter. FR 70-22,000 Hz +2 dB; sens 87 dB SPL; power handling 30-100 W; nom imp 4 ohms. Finish natural, dark, or black oak. 11.5 x 6.5 x 5.75 in ..... \$599/pr

# **B&W LOUDSPEAKERS 808** Ported Speaker

Floor-standing speaker with two 300-mm thermoplastic cone woofers, two 100-mm polyamide matrix-cone midranges, 32-mm polyamide dome tweeter. Features computeroptimized drivers and cabinet; Audio Powered Overload Circuit: 4th-order Butterworth crossover; sep terminals for bi and triamping. FR 30-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; min power 100 W; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m: imp 8 ohms; walnut, or black ash finish; 41.25 x 25.75 x 20 in; 80 lb . . . . \$8,000/pr Rosewood finish..... \$9,000/pr

# Matrix 801 Series 2 Speaker

Floor standing 6th order Butterworth vented sytem with vertically aligned drivers to minimize time delays. APOC to prevent driver damage. FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB; imp 8 ohms; power range 50-600 W. 39.75 x 17 x 22 in; 110 lb ea. Available in walnut or black ash ... \$5,000/pr Rosewood finish. ..... \$6,000/pr

# CM2 Matrix Mini Tower

Floor standing 4th order Butterworth vented system consisting of CMI head unit crossing over at 150 Hz into subwoofer section forming the stand B&W matrix enclosure is employed in both stand and head module. APOC system. Imp not less than 4 ohms; power range 50-200/W. 39.19 x 6.38 x 8.31 in; base width 10 x 9.5 in. Finish of column-black, white, nextel grey, walnut ..... \$1,750/pr Rosewood finish. ..... \$2,100/pr

# Matrix Series 2 Speakers

All Matrix speakers feature an electronic time delay overload protection, homopolymer polypropylene bass/mid drivers, and ferrofluidcooled tweeters. Matrix enclosure comprised of a honeycomb structure of interlocking perforated cross members bonded to the outer walls and filled with acoustic foam for resonance-free environment for drivers.

# Matrix 3 Series 2

Floor-standing speaker with two 200-mm cone woofers (one for lower bass and other for bass/ mid frequencies); 26-mm polyamide tweeter; heavy magnet assemblies in mid/bass drivers (5 lb ca). FR 70-25,000 Hz ± 2 dB; min power 25 W rms; no upper power limit due to overload protection: sens 90 dB SPL/ W/m; imp 4 ohms. Available in walnut and black ash finishes. 35.75 x 10.25 x 16 in: 64 lb. .... \$2,500/pr \$2,900/pr Rosewood finish..... Matrix 2 Series 2, Bookshelf speaker with 200mm cone woofer; 26-mm polyamide dome tweeter, FR 80-25,000 Hz ± 2 dB; min power 25 W: no upper power limit due to overload protection sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Available in walnut or black ash. 23.5 x 10.25 x 12.25 in; 35 lb ..... \$1,600/pr Rosewood finish..... \$1,900/pr Matrix 1 Series 2. Bookshelf speaker with 1500mm cone woofer, 26-mm polyamide dome tweeter. FR 80-25.000 Hz  $\pm 2$  dB; min power 25 W: no upper power limit due to overload protection; sens 85 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Available in walnut or black ash. 16 x 9 x 12.25 in; 35 lb. \$1,200/pr Rosewood finish. \$1,500/pr

# **Digital Monitor Series**

# DM1800.

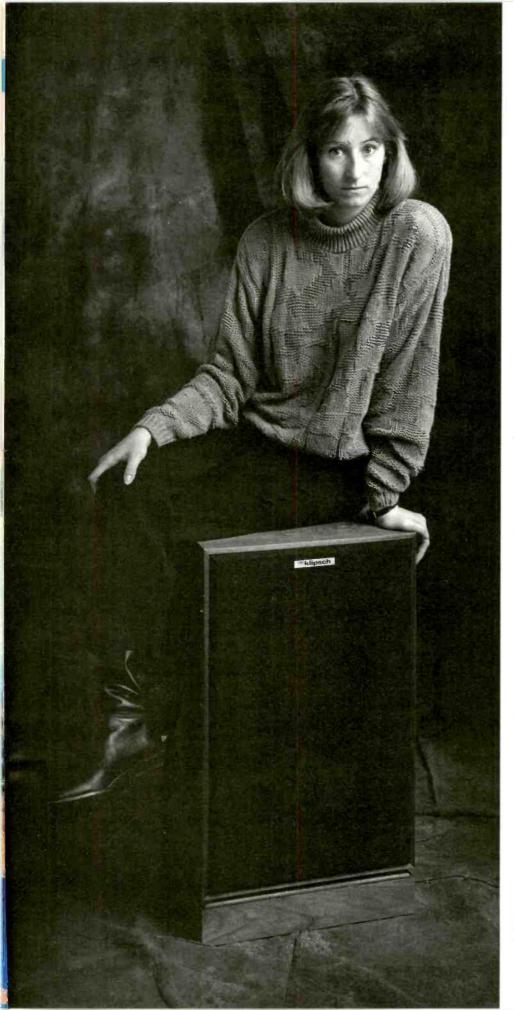
Features low density version of Matrix enclosure; finite analysis metal dome tweeter. Larger motor assembly and cabinet enclosure than DM1600. Power rating 30-200/W. 19.25 x 9.25 x 11.75 in; 26.5 lb; Black ash or wal-nut.......\$1,200/pr

#### DM1600.

Features low density Matrix enclosure; finite analysis metal dome tweeter. Power range 30-200/W. 25 x 9.25 x 16 in: 24.25 lb: black ash or walnut.....\$980/pr

#### DM580

Two 200mm bass/midrange with composite short fibre cone, 26mm coil on hi-temp former. One 26mm aluminum dome tweeter. FR 38-30.000 -6 dB points. Sens 91 dB 2.83 volt, 1 m: imp 8 ohm nom; simulated vencers of oak or black ash: 34.9 x 9.3 x 16 in; 40.7 lb . . \$900/pr



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# DM570

#### DM550

# BANG & OLUFSEN

#### **RL 140 Speaker**

# Beovox S-80.2 Speaker

3-way speaker in infinite-baffle cabinet with 8" woofer, 3" dome phase-link midrange, 1" tweeter; baffle moldings designed for min diffraction; vertically aligned drivers; auto driver protection; rosewood veneer (other finishes available). Max power 80 W rms; dispersion 100x \$770/pr

#### RL 60.2 Speaker

### RL 35 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

# BOSE 01 Series

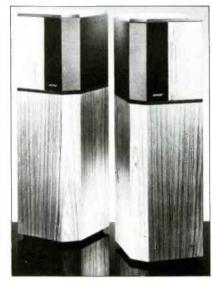
# 901 Series VI Speaker System

Direct/reflecting acoustic-matrix speaker with active equalizer and 8 rear-facing, 1 front-facing 4.5" full-range drivers. Features pentagonshaped cabinet with multi-cell injuection-molded core external panels of hardwood veneer and walnut finish; active equalizer with fixed EQ; midbass and midtreble shelf control; tape monitor switch. Power range 10 W to unlimited; imp 8 ohms; dynamic range 106 dB. Equalizer: 13 x 2.75 x 4.88 in. Speaker: 21 x 12.63 x 13 in. Price includes EQ......\$1,500/pr

# 601 Series III Speaker System

Floor-standing Direct/Reflecting with all tweet-

ers and one woofer mounted above main enclosure in Free Space Array configuration for lifelike stereo imaging. Features two 8" Digital Dynamic Range cone woofers; four 3" cone tweeters; subport enclosure system with slotted port. Crossover points at 1,500 and 2,500 Hz. Min power 10 W; max power 200 W; imp 8 ohms. Hardwood veneer with walnut finish. 12.31 x 30 x 12.5 in; 45 lb....... \$1,026/pr



Bose 10.2 Series II

# 501 Series IV Speaker System

Floor-standing Direct/Reflecting speaker system with two 3" tweeters mounted in Free Space array and a 10" long-excursion woofer. Features teak-grain vinyl veneer finish; power range 20-125 W continuous; nom imp 8 ohms; 25 x 16 x 14 in. Sold only in stereo pairs......\$750/pr

# 301 Series II Speaker System

Direct/Reflecting ported bookshelf speaker system with 8" woofer, two 3" tweeters in Free Space Array. Features dual-frequency crossover to allow woofer and tweeter to operate simultaneously over nearly a full octave; tweeter protection circuit; particle-board cabinet with walnut-grain vinyl veneer finish. Crossover frequencies 3 kHz woofer, 1.2 kHz tweeter; power range 10-60 W/ch continuous; impedance 8 ohms; 17 x 10.5 x 9.5 in. Sold only in stereo pairs \$422/pr

#### **101 Music Monitor**

Indoor/outdoor ported spcaker. Features highimpact polystrene cabinet for environmental applications; 4.5" full-range driver; optional multi-purpose mounting arms and brackets available at extra cost. Power range 10-60 W; Finished in black or white with white, blue, red, or green grilles; 10 lb/pr; 9 x 6 x 5 in. Approx.....\$239/pr

# .2 Series

# **10.2 Speaker**

# 6.2 Bass-Reflex Speaker

Bookshelf speaker with controlled-dispersionpattern design for Stereo Everywhere. Features 8" woofer; two 3" tweeters; Stereo Targeting system; dual-chamber sub-ported bass venting system; interactive crossover network; hardwood veneer with teak finish. Min power 10 W rms; max power 100 W rms; imp 4 ohms. 20 x 10 x 9.62 in; 19.5 lb. \$599/pr

# 4.2 Bass-Reflex Speaker

Compact bookshelf speaker with Stereo Everywhere. Features 8" woofer; 2.5" axial-mounted tweeter; Stereo Targeting system; dual-chamber bass venting system with slot-port exit; auto tweeter protection circuit; vinyl veneer with teak finish. Min power 10 W rms; max power 75 W rms; imp 8 ohms. 18 x 9.5 x 10 in; 15 lb. Optional speaker stand extra cost ....... \$419/pr

# 2.2 Stereo Speaker System

Compact bookshelf speaker with Stereo Everywhere. Features 6" long-excursion woofer; 2" magnetic-fluid-cooled tweeter: slot-port bass tuning system; teak vinyl finish. Power range 10-75 W; max power handling 60 W continous; imp 8 ohms. 9.88 x 14.75 x 7.5 in; 12 lb. \$299

# AM-5 Acoustimass Three-Piece System

# BOSTON ACOUSTICS T Series Speakers

# T1000 Series II 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing acoustic-suspension speaker with 2 active 8" copolymer-cone woofers, 6.5" copolymer-cone midrange in an internal subenclosure, and 1" CFT5 ferrofluid-cooled tweeter. Features tapered-grille design to eliminate sonic diffraction; tall slender enclosure for minimum floor space: oak and walnut veneers, black ash vinyl. Power range 15-150 W rms; FR 38-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover frequencies 250 and 2,500 Hz. 10.25 x 42.5 x 11.5 in. Wood veneer.....\$1,200/pr Vinyl......\$1,000/pr

# T930 3-Way Speaker

# T830 3-Way Speaker

# 360 2-Way Speaker

Flush-mount speaker with 6.5" copolymer-cone woofer and 1" CFT4 ferrofluid-cooled softdome tweeter. Woofer is specially designed to provide full bass without needing a special enclosure. Power-handling range 5-60 W rms; FR 48-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB; imp 8 ohms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. 12.06 x 8.63 in; mounting depth 3.25 in......\$350-\$450/pr

# 350 2-Way Speaker

# A Series Speakers

# A150 Series III 3-Way Speaker

#### A100 Series III 2-Way Speaker

# A60 Series II 2-Way Speaker

#### A40 Series II 2-Way Speaker

# BOZAK BY N.E.A.R.

CS-310B Concert Grand Contemporary Speaker Three-way speaker with 4 B-199B woofers, 2 B-2098 midranges, and 8 tweeters in an array. Power range 60-350 W; imp 8 ohms. Matte walnut enclosure. 52 x 36 x 19 in ..... \$4,599/pr

# Symphony No. 1 CS-4000A Modern Speaker

Infinite-baffle 3-way floor-standing speaker with 2 woofers, a 6.5" midrange, and 8 2" tweeters in array. Max power 250 W; crossovers 400 and 2,500 Hz at 6 dB/octave; imp 8 ohms. Walnut enclosure; 44.5 x 26.25 x 15.62 in ... \$2,599/pr

# Concerto V CS-302M

Infinite-baffle 3-way floor-standing. Features 1-12" woofer; 1-6" mid-range; 2-2" tweeter; max power 150 W; x-over pts 400 and 2,500 Hz; 8 ohms; walnut finish; 28 x 26 x 15 in \$1,600/pr

# SPEAKERS

# CAMBRIDGE SOUNDWORKS Ensemble by Kloss

# CANTON

# CA 30 Active Speaker

### CT 120 Floor-Standing Speaker

### CT 90 Floor-Standing Speaker

3-way bass-reflex speaker features 10" woofer; 5" midrange; 1" titanium-dome tweeter. Power handling 150 W continuous/250 W peak; imp 4 ohms; crossover frequencies 450/4,000 Hz. 12.2 x 35.5 x 12.9 in. Available in oak, walnut, black and white ash, matte mahogany, custom \$2,250/pr

#### CT 80 Floor-Standing Speaker

3-way bass-reflex speaker features 8.5" woofer; 5" midrange; 1" titanium-dome tweeter. Power handling 100 W continuous/150 W peak; imp 4 ohms; crossover frequencies 450/4,000 Hz. 11 x 31.5 x 11.5 in. Available in oak, walnut, mahogany, black or white ash, custom ..... \$1,650/pr

# Karat 40 Bookshelf Speaker

3-way speaker features 220-mm woofer; 120mm midrange; 25-mm titanium-dome tweeter; power handling 90 W continuous/130 W peak; imp 4 ohms. 10.9 x 20.1 x 10.9 in. Available in oak, walnut, mahogany, white, black \$1,290/pr

# Karat 30 Bookshelf Speaker

# Karat 20 Bookshelf Speaker

2-way speaker features 200-mm woofer; 25-mm titanium-dome tweeter; power handling 50 W

# GL 300 F Speaker

#### Plus S Speaker

2-way bookshelf minispeaker suitable as satellite in connection with Canton Plus Beta and Plus C subwoofers. Features 110-mm cone woofer; 25-mm dome (weeter; flush wall mount; removeable grill. FR 45-30,000 Hz; minimum power 20 W; max power 80 W; sens 87.2 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. 4.72 x 8.07 x 3.94; black, white, brown finishes \$340/pr Walnut finish \$495/pr

#### Plus C Subwoofer

# CELESTION

# SL700 Speaker

2 way sealed box design, using Aerolam cabinet of 12 liter volume. 120 W program power handling and using an integral stand. Metal dome tweeter and 2 part roll surround on the woofer w/stands \$3,000/pr

# SL600 Si

#### SL12 Si

Two and a half way speaker system using a one piece metal dome tweeter and a 6" bass/midrange unit. Cabinet has figure-8 bracing and separate bass enclosure. \$1,500/pr

# SL6 Si

# DL10 Series 2 - 3-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex speaker with separate midrange enclosure. 10" woofer, 6" midrange; 1.25" aluminum dome tweeter, and a 6" bass unit with integral dust cover and roll surround..... \$929/pr

# DL8 Series 2 - 2-Way Speaker

Sealed cabinet speaker with 8" celoprene cone woofer and 1" metal tweeter. Designed for stand mounting, uses a figure 8 cabinet brace and is available in simulated American walnut or black finishes \$540/pr

# Cello

Amati Speaker Compact speaker for wall, shelf, or stand mounting; available in many finishes. 27 x 20 x 10 in \$3,500/pr

# CERWIN-VEGA Digital Series Speaker Systems D-9 3-Way Speaker System

# D-7 3-Way Speaker System

### D-3 3-Way Speaker System

# D-1 2-Way Speaker System

#### SW-12B Subwoofer

Vented direct radiating subwoofer compatible with most 4/8 ohm speakers. Features 12" floor facing woofer built on a die cast aluminum frame with 7 lb magnet; power range 5-125 W; sens 92 dB W/m; woodgrain vinyl veneer finish. 13.25 x 25.5 x 16.25 in; 48 lb ...... \$320/ca

# AT Speaker Series

# AT-15 3-Way Speaker

3 way bass reflex speaker includes fuse protection. Features 15" woofer, 2 5" midranges, dome tweeter, power handling capacity 5-400 W; sens 102 dB W/m; imp 4 ohms; 36.5 x 19.0 x 18.5 in; 85 lb \$1,080/pr

### AT-12 3-Way Speaker

# AT-8 2-Way Speaker

2-way version of above with 8" woofer, dome tweeter. Features power handling capacity 5-100 W; sens 94 dB; imp 6 ohms. 21.0 x 12.0 x 10.0 in; 26 lb. \$410/pr

#### SE Speaker Series

380SE Floor-Standing Speaker

Floor-standing bass reflex speaker with 15" cone woofer. Features 2 7" polyolefin cone midranges: 1" VC elliptical tweeter; FR 29-20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; min power 5 W rms; max power 405 W rms; sens 102 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; black vinyl. 36 x 17.5 x 19.5 in; 90 lb .... \$1,080/pr

# 300SE Floor-Standing Speaker

# 250SE Floor-Standing Speaker

# 200SE 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

# CLEMENTS AUDIO RT-7 Reference Speaker

# **RB-8.0 Speaker**

Speakers feature 200 W/ch: FR 32-40,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; sens 88 dB/W/m; max power rating 200 W; imp 6.5 ohm; compression line bass loading; 8" high power polypropylene cone woofer; 7" direct inductance planar-ribbon midrange; crossover frequency 2,000 Hz; 26 x 13.5 x 15.5 in; high density fibre wood with oak veneer ......\$1,495/pr

#### **RB-6.5 Speaker**

Speakers feature FR 38-40,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; sens 87 dB/W/m; max power rating 150 W; imp 6.5 ohm; compression line bass loading; 6.5" high power polypropylene cone woofer; 7" direct-in-ductance planar-ribbon midrange; crossover frequency 2,000 Hz; 24.5 x 13.5 x 13.25 in; high density fibre wood with oak veneer . \$1,095/pr

# DAHLQUIST

DQ-20 Speaker

Three-way vertical-phase-array speaker intended for floor placement. Speaker contains 250-



mm cone wooter; 120-mm cone midrange; 20mm dome tweeter. Min power 70 W rms; imp 4 ohms. Oak with black or white grille \$1,800/pr

#### **M** Series

#### M-909 Floor-Standing Speaker

#### M-907 Acoustic Suspension

Real wood walnut enclosure, spaced grille with solid walnut trin. 3 way with 10° woofer, 5° midrange, 1° dome tweeter, damped enclosure. Sens 88 dB; power range 40-150 W; FR 30-24,000 Hz. 28 x 14.5 x 12.5 in ...... \$940/pr

# M-905 Tuned-Port Speaker

# M-903 Tuned-Port Speaker

Front-firing tuned-port 2-way speaker. Features nom imp 8 ohms; power range 20-70 W; 6.5" cast-frame woofer; 1" dome tweeter; FR 48-24,000 Hz; sens 90 dB; 5-way binding posts; accepts banana plugs; 17 x 8.5 x 10.38 in; 16 lb, Available in black or oak woodgrain . \$450/pr

# DBX

# Soundfield 50 Speaker

#### Soundfield 150 Speaker

3-way lloor-standing vented speaker. Features 10" woofer; 4.5" midrange; 2 .5" tweeters; phased-arrangement; Listen Anywhere imaging; wrap-around speaker grilles. FR 39-20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; sens 91 dB; nom imp 4 ohms; power range 30-250 W/ch; 20.5 x 16 x 39.5 in; 60 lb. Available in charcoal grey/black or beige/walnut. \$1,500

#### Soundfield 1500 Speaker

3-way floor-standing vented speaker. Features 8" woofer; 4.5" midrange; 2.5" tweeters; phasedarrangement; Listen Anywhere imaging; wraparound speaker grilles. FR 44-20,000 Hz  $\pm$ 3 dB; sens 92 dB; nom imp 4 ohms; power range 30-250 W/ch. 16 x 14 x 33 in; 35 lb. Available in charcoal grey/black or beige/walnut. \$1,000/pr

#### Soundfield 2500 Speaker

3-way floor-standing vented speaker. Features 6.5" woofer; 2.5" midrange; 2.5" tweeters; phased-arrangement; Listen Anywhere imaging; wrap-around speaker grilles. FR 49-20,000 Hz; sens 90 dB: nom imp 6 ohms; power range 25-150 W/ch at 4 ohms. 12 x 8 x 29 in; 21 lb. Available in charcoal grey/black or beige/walnut......\$580/pr

# DCM

# Time Window 3-Way Speaker

# Time Frame TF1000 3-Way Speaker

Tapered transmission-line speaker. Mirrored image with 8" woofer, .75" soft plastic dome tweeter, acoustic anti-defraction lens, 4" midfrequency driver, transmission line termination. Max power rating 50 W rms pink noise continuous/300 W peak program; 8 ohm imp; sens 91 B W/m; 49 lb; 49 x 19.5 x 8 in \$999 to \$1,099

# Time Window 1A Speaker

# Time Frame TF500 Speaker

# Time Frame TF 350 Speaker

# DENNESEN ELECTROSTATICS Dennesen Nine 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing bass-reflex electrostatic speaker designed for minimal edge refractions and reflections. Features electrostatic tweeter system;  $8^{\circ}$  bextrene woofer; 6.5° midrange; six 3° electrostatic tweeters. Phase corrected and time aligned. Includes separate electronic crossover for bi-amping in stereo. FR 20-35,000 Hz  $\pm 3$ dB; min power 50 W rms; max power 200 W rms; sens 89 dB; imp 8 ohms ..... \$1,800/pr

# **DESIGN ACOUSTICS**

PS 103 Floor-Standing Speaker

Acoustic-suspension speaker with down-firing 10" woofer housed in a separate enclosure within the cabinet. 6" midwoofer and .75" dome tweeter in the upper portion of the cabinet. Five-way binding posts will accept bare stranded cable up to 8 gauge, looped wire, banana plugs, spade lugs, and terminal pins. Cabinet is mounted on casters. Sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; power range 30-250 W/rms; imp 8 ohms . . \$950/pr

# PS-10 3-Way Bookshelf Speaker

# PS-8b 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Acoustic-suspension speaker. Features 8" woofer; 1" soft-dome tweeter; mirror-image drivers; acoustically treated baffle; crossover at 2,000 Hz; FR 50-20,000 Hz; sens 90 dB; power range 15-200W \$370/pr



Design Acoustics PS-8b

#### PS-5 Speaker

Acoustic-suspension 2-way miniature bookshelf speaker with 5" woofer, 1" dome tweeter. Features midrange, tweeter level controls. FR 80-16,000 Hz ± 1.5 dB; crossover 2.5 kHz; sens 85 dB; power range 15-50 W; imp 4 ohms \$350/pr

#### **PS-LF** Bass Module

Down-firing dual voice coil, long-throw 12" woofer with twin crossover networks at 18 dB/octave, 140 Hz. Features input for use with PS-5 satellites (below); biamp inputs for other satellites. FR to below 40 Hz; power range 15-250. \$375/ea

# PS-30 3-Piece Speaker System

# EMINENT TECHNOLOGY LFT-III Planar Doublet Speaker

#### ENERGY Reference Connoisseur

2-way bass-reflex mirror-imaged speakers, matched 0.12 dB left and right. 6 different exotic matched wood veeners available. 7" polypropylene cone woofer with PVC-stitched suspension; 1.5" dual hyperdome tweeter. FR 25-20,000  $H^{2}_{2} \pm 1.5 \text{ dB}$  off axis; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; power range 20-200 W; 35.36 h x 11 x 14 in.; 80 lb; priced according to finish from \$1,600-\$3,300/pr

#### Reference

# EPICURE PRODUCTS (EPI) Epicure Model 1 System 4-Way Speaker

### Epicure Model 2 Four-Way Speaker

# Epicure Model 3 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing speaker with an 8" woofer in a vented cabinet, a 4" midrange and a 1" tweeter. The air mass loaded cabinet is integrated into the cabinet base. FR 42-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; crossovers at 500. 2,500 Hz; recommended power 10-150 W; imp 6 ohm; 30 x 12 x 13 in \$700/pr

#### Epicure Model 4 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker with an 8" woofer in a vented cabinet and a 1" tweeter. The flared cabinet vent is integrated into the cabinet base. FR 48-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; crossover at 2,000 Hz; recommended power 10-100 W; imp 8 ohm; 20 x 11.75 x 12 in ......\$450/pr

# Epicure Model 5 2-Way Speaker

Epicure Model 5V 2-Way Speaker. Same as above but with vinyl veneered cabinet \$300/pr

# ESM BY ENERGY ESM-1s Bass-Reflex Speaker



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# SDFAKERS

power range from 12-100 W; 23 x 11 x 11 in; 24 \$400/pr lb ea. \$400/pr ESM-3. Similar to ESM-2 except FR 45-22.000 Hz; power range 10-80 W; 20 x 10 x 9 in.; 20 lb \$300/pr each. ESM-4. Similar to ESM-3 but with 6.5" woofer; 0.75" dome tweeter. FR 60-20,000 Hz ± 3dB power range 10-80 W; 14 x 10 x 10 in.; 11 lb ea.....\$230/pr

# ESS AMT-Monitor Speaker

Floor-standing passive radiator speaker with 21.5" x 21.5" Heil air motion transformer with mylar articulated diaphragm. Features 12" cone passive rad; 12" cone woofer. FR 35-23,000 Hz ±3 dB; minimum power 35 W rms, max power 400 W rms; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; oiled walnut finish; 82 lb; 18.5 x 41 x 12.....\$1,140/pr

# AMT 1D Speaker

Floor-standing passive-radiator 2-way speaker with 12" polypropylene woofer, 12" passive radiator. Features 21.5" x 21.5" Heil air motion transformer with mylar articulated diaphragm; midrange presence, brilliance controls; oiledwalnut finish; black-brown grille. FR 35-23.000 Hz ±3 dB; crossover 800 Hz; max power 400 W; imp 6 ohms; horizontal/vertical dispersion 120°/30° sens 91 dB sPL/W/m; 35.25 x 16.25 x 16.25 in; 85 lb ..... \$1.040/pr

# PS-1220 Speaker

Floor standing passive radiator speaker system with 12" woofer. Heil air-motion transformer tweeter with 10.4" x 10.4" radiating area. dynamic 4" midrange with hi-temp voice coil. FR 28-23,000 Hz ±1 dB at midband; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohm; power range 10-200 W; solid walnut finish ..... \$488/pr

# **PS-920 Bookshelf Speaker**

Passive radiator speaker system with 8" woofer, Heil air-motion transformer tweeter-midrange with 10.4" x 10.4" radiating area. FR 38-23.000 Hz ±1 dB at midband: sens 91 dB SPL/W/m: imp 4 ohm; power range 5-100 W; solid walnut finish.....\$368/pr

# FISHER

# STV-440M 3-Way Speaker System

Features 15" woofer; 5" ferrofluid midrange; 3" ferrofluid tweeter; magnetic field compensated; 150 W rms max. 17.8 x 38.6 x 12.8 in. \$600/pr

### STV-430M 3-Way Speaker System

Features 15" woofer; 4" ferrofluid midrange; 3" ferrofluid tweeter; magnetic field compensated; 100 W rms max. 17.8 x 36 x 12.8 in; oak vinyl veneer finish.....\$400/pr

# FOCUS SPEAKER SYSTEMS **High-Definition Tower Speaker**

2-way staggered-transmission-line speaker with 3 phase-aligned drivers; 1.25" inverted Kevlar dome tweeter with 3-lb magnet; 2 8" woofers; lead-lined cabinet; cabinet made of 14-layer epoxy-pulp sleeve; internal bracing; rounded baffle: subenclosure for tweeter; solid oak bases, tops, side rails: 1st-order crossover at 1,000 Hz; crossover components matched to better than 1% tolerances: adjustable and removeable spiking system. FR 35-20.000 ±2 dB; group delay better than ±0.2 msec; nominal imp 4 ohms, min imp 3.2 ohms; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; power range 30-200 W/ch; 14 x 64 x 16.5 in; 115 lb.....\$2,950/pr

# **High Definition Monitors**

Two-way, floor standing speakers. Cabinets constructed from 14-layer Pox-Pulp sleeve braced inside, wrapped with 1/4" foam on outside and capped with solid oak end pieces. Features phase aligned drivers in separate sub-enclosures to improve imaging; 1 8" woofer, 1 1.25" tweeter; FR 32-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 89 dB sound-preasure level at 1 meter with 1 W input; imp 8 ohms; amp power 30-200 W/ch; adjustable and removable spiking system directly couples speakers to any type floor; 47 x 12 x 12 in ..... \$1,450/pr

# .7 High-Definition Monitor Speaker

2-way computer-matched time-aligned speaker with Pox Pulp internally braced cabinet; 8" woofer; 1" dome tweeter; contoured port; hardwired crossovers. FR 37-19.000 Hz ±2 dB; nominal impedance 8 ohms, minimum impedance 4.8 ohms; maximum power handling 150 W/ch: sensitivity 90 dB SPL/W/m; 12 x 28 x 12 in: 37 lb. ..... \$995/pr

# 5 High-Definition Monitor Speaker

Bookshelf speaker with Pox Pulp cabinet; 8" woofer: 1" dome tweeter. FR 45-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; nominal imp 8 ohms, min imp 4.8 ohms; power range 30-150 W/ch; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; 12 x 19 x 12 in; 27 lb. ..... \$750/pr

# FOSTEX

H-3 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker system. Features patented RP tweeter which operates in piston motion; 2 8" woofers. 30 x 11 x 10 in ...... \$499/pr

# H-2 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker system. Features patented RP tweeter which operates in piston motion; 8" woofer. 21.5 x 9.5 x 9 in ..... \$399/pr

#### H-1 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker system. Features patented RP tweeter which operates in piston motion; 6" woofer. 16.5 x 8 x 7 in. ..... \$299/pr

# FRIED PRODUCTS

G/3 3-Way Speaker Floor-standing transmission-line speaker with series crossover networks and duocone drivers. Features full-free-flow transmission-line loading of midrange and aperiodic-design principles for linearity and dynamic range. 10" polypropylene duocone woofer; 6.5" midrange; 0.75" dome tweeter. FR 23-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; power range 10-200 W rms; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Walnut and oak finishes. 16 x 44 x 18 in; 100 lb ..... \$2,320/pr

Studio IV 3-Way Speaker "Flow-resistance" floor-standing speaker with duocone drivers and series networks. Features 8" duocone woofer; 2" duocone midrange; 1.75" dome tweeter. FR 26-22.000 Hz ±3 dB; power range 10-1,000 W; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Walnut finish, 12 x 39 x 18 in; 75 1b.....\$1,350/pr

# R/4 3-Way Speaker

Column loudspeaker with built-in tilt back pedestal with line loading for midrange and linetunnel loading for bass. Features 10" polypropylene woofer with vented pole piece; 5.25"

polypropylene mid driver cone with vented pole piece; 1" dome tweeter with ferrofluid damping; FR 32-20,000 Hz ±3 dB power range 25-100 W/ch; sens 90 dB; imp 8 ohms. 32 x 12 x 10.5 in; 35 lb ea ..... \$950/pr

#### A/3 2-Way Speaker

Features 8" polypropylene woofer; 1" soft-dome tweeter; edge-on free-flow filters; line tunnel. FR 45-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; power range 25-100 W; imp 8 ohms; crossover frequency 2,000 Hz; sens 89 dB sPL/W/m. 23 x 13 x 10.5 in; ... \$650/pr

### Beta Full-Range Speaker

Full-range speaker of mini-monitor proportions with polypropylene cones and linear crossovers. Features 6.5" polypropylene woofer; composite tweeter with 2" cone and 0.62" dome; series filter crossover; distributed bass-loading free-flow filter system. Walnut or black-ash finish. 13.5 x 8 x 8 in: ..... \$325/pr

# Duo Subwoofer

"Flow-resistance" floor-standing subwoofer with dual-voice-coil polypropylene driver. Features 10" cone woofer. FR 30-100 Hz ±3 dB; power range 20-200 W; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Walnut or black-ash finish..... \$330 ea

# HEYBROOK BY **D'ASCANIO AUDIO** HB-3 3-Way Speaker

Hand-assembled acoustic-suspension speaker with 10" doped-cone woofer; 4.5" doped-cone midrange and 0.75" soft-dome tweeter; removable rear panel for bi- and tri-amping. FR 35-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; power range 15-200 W. Real walnut, or gloss-black finish. 25 x 13.36 x 11.36 in; 46 lb. ..... \$1,498/pr

#### HB-200 2-Way Speaker

Dual-reflex-tuned speaker with 6.5" woofer and metal-dome tweeter. Features FR 34-22.000 Hz; sens 88 dB; imp 8 ohms; power range 15-100 W; 18 x 11 x 9 in. Black ash or walnut ... \$999/pr

# HB-150 2-Way Speaker

Dual-reflex-tuned speaker with 6.5" woofer and metal-dome tweeter. Features FR 40-22,000 Hz; sens 88 dB; nom imp 6 ohms; power range 15-100 W, 16 x 9 x 9 in. Black ash or walnut fin-\$799/pr ish . .

# HB-100 2-Way Speaker

Infinite-baffle speaker with 8" woofer and metal-dome tweeter. Features FR 50-20,000 Hz; sens 89 dB; nom imp 8 ohms; power range 15-100 W: 19 x 11 x 10 in. Black or woodgrain finish ..... \$599/pr

#### HB-1 2-Way Speaker

Hand-assembled acoustic-suspension bookshelf speaker with 8" doped-cone woofer; 1" dome tweeter. Features removable rear panel for biamping. FR 42-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 8 ohms; power range 10-75 W; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m. Walnut vinyl or gloss-black finish. 18.75 x 11.5 x 9.25 in; 19 lb ..... \$399/pr

# HITACHI

# HSA4040 3-Way Tower Speaker

12" woofer; 3" midrange; 2" tweeter; 12" passive radiator in rear; max power 120 W; wood cabinet; detachable grille cloth. ..... \$300/pr

# HSA3050 3-Way Tower Speaker

10" woofer; 3" midrange; 2" tweeter; max power 60 W; detachable grille cloth ..... \$250/pr

# HSA2028 2-Way Tower Speaker

Bass reflex; 8" woofer; 2" tweeter; max power 30 W; wood cabinet ......\$150/pr

# IMAGE

All speakers have nominal impedance of 6 ohms. minimum impedance 4 ohms, and black grilles. Concept 200 Ported Speaker

2 6.5" woofers; 0.75" damped hyperbolic cotton dome tweeter; crossover at 2,100 Hz; Italian black walnut vinyl. FR 30-23,000 Hz  $\pm 2$  dB; sens 87 dB; power range 35-200 W; 43 x 10 x 15 in ......\$1,000/pr

# Concept 100 Ported Speaker

# Reference Two Ported Speaker

# INFINITY

**IRS Series V Reference Speaker** 

Modular 4-piece 3-way floor-standing speaker. Features 2 woofer modules with six 12" woofers in feedback loop of servo amp (2 1,800-W woofer amps); 2 midrange/tweeter modules with 12dipole midrange drivers; 36 tweeters in dipole line-source array (24 front/12 rear-facing); bass variable low-pass filters; low-pass variable damping; woofer level controls; selectable input imp midrange/tweeter amp control; woofer phase switch; servo bass on/off circuit; Monster Cable wiring for midrange and woofer. FR 16-40.000 Hz ±2 dB; crossovers 70 Hz nominal, 60-120 Hz at main control unit woofer/midrange, 5.000 Hz midrange/tweeter; midrange/ tweeter amp input range 100-500 W/ch; oiled and "Grand Piano" indian rosewood finish; 100-ft cable for hookup of midrange/tweeter to midrange/tweeter amp. Woofer modules: 76" h x 18" square; midrange/tweeter modules 76" h x 40" w (with hollow and sand-filled curved wing sections) ..... \$50,000/system

# IRS Series

# **IRS Beta Speaker**

Includes (per side) four 12" woofers with servocontrolled polylpropylene/graphite fiber injection molded cones; 2 upper bass/midrange (70 Hz-60 kHz) planar push-pull drivers which act as a dipole; low-mass EMIT with neodymium magnets for upper midrange; low mass/neodymium EMIT's from 1RS V (in a dipole configuration) for the lower treble; SEMIT (a smaller aperture EMIT) which extends response beyond 44 kHz. The system operates in a bi-amp mode and includes the IRS V servo control \$10,500/pr unit. IRS Gamma. Similar to Beta with 2 woofers and 1 upper-bass midrange..... \$6,950/pr IRS Delta. Similar to Gamma with accelerometer servo system ..... \$5,500/pr

# Kappa Series

9 Kappa Reference Standard Speaker

5-way design features 2 12" cast frame L/C tuned woofers; SEMIT K supertweeter; rear-firing EMIT K tweeter; 3" polydome rear radiator; polygraph K composite polypropylene/graphite 5" mid-bass dome; 3" edgewound polydome K

midrange; internal crossovers; bi-ampable; oak solids and veneer with high-density particle board with a furniture-grade lacquer finish. FR 29-45,000 Hz ± 3 dB; crossover frequencies 80, 800, and 4,500 Hz; power rating 60-340 W/rms; sens 89 dB; imp 4-6 ohms. 59.5 x 21.5 x 8 in ......\$2,898/pr

### 8 Kappa Speaker

4-way design similar to 9 Kappa without supertweeter, rear-firing tweeter and radiator, and 1 woofer. FR 33-45.000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; power rating 50-250 W/rms; sens 89 dB spL/W/m; imp 4-6 ohms. 47.5 x 20.5 x 8 in ....... \$1,998/pr

# 7 Kappa Speaker

3-way design similar to 8 Kappa with 12" woofer, 3" polydome K midrange, and EMIT K tweeter. Power rating 40-200 w/rms; FR 37 Hz-45,000 Hz. 37 x 17 x 12 in .......\$1,398/pr

# **6 Kappa Speaker**

3-way design similar to 7 Kappa except the woofer is 10". Power rating 30-150 W/rms; FR 39 Hz-45,000 Hz. 25 x 15 x 10.5 in..... \$998/pr

# RS Series

# RS 6000A 3-Way Speaker

Features 2 10" cone woofers, 2" dome midrange, EMIT planar tweeter. FR 41-44,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; min power 35 W rms; max power 200 W; 15 x 37 x 10 in ... \$938/pr

# RS 5000A 3-Way Speaker

# RS 4000A 3-Way Speaker

#### RS 3000 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf acoustic-suspension speaker with 8" cone woofer and 1" polycell dome tweeter. FR 45-22.000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; min power 20 W rms; max power 100 W rms; sens 89 dB sPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; oak vinyl; 12 x 20.75 x 10.25 in ......\$358/pr

# JAMO

# Concert V Loudspeaker System

3-way bass reflex speaker. Features 6.5" woofer; 1" dome tweeter; continuous power 110 W; peak power 160 W; sens 93 dB/W/m; FR 30-22,000 Hz ± 3 dB; cross-over frequencies 150/3500 Hz; imp 6 ohms; overload protection; 24K gold-plated binding posts; 31.5 x 14 x 11 in; 42 lb; mahogany or stained black ash .. \$1,396

 sens 91.2 dB SPL/W/m; FR 30-22,000 Hz ± 3 dB: crossover frequencies 890 and 4,900 Hz; imp 8 ohms. 27.5 x 13.75 x 11.75 in; 37.5 lb.......\$798/pr

Professional 400, Features 15" woofer: 5" horn midrange; 5-1" horn tweeters. Peak power 560 W; continuous power 400 W; sens 95 dB SPL/W/m; FR 25-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; crossover frequencies 900 and 4,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms; max sound pressure 121 dB. 35.5 x 20.5 x 16.75; 92.6 \$1.800/pr lb. Professional 300. Features 12" woofer; 5" horn midrange; 3-1" horn tweeters. Peak power 420 W; continuous power 300 W; sens 94 dB SPL/W/m; FR 30-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; crossover frequencies 1,000 and 5,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms; max sound pressure 118 dB. 29.5 x 17.33 x 13.33: 57.3 lb . \$1.200/pr Professional 200. Features 10" woofer; 5" horn midrange; 1" horn tweeter. Peak power 280 W; continuous power 200 W: sens 93 dB sPL/W/m; FR 35-20.000 Hz ± 3 dB; crossover frequencies 1,200 and 6,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms; max sound pressure 116 dB. 25.6 x 14.75 x 11.5; 42 lb.....\$800/pr

# SW-50/Monitor One Subwoofer/Satellite

# Art Wall Loudspeaker System

C120. Bookshelf 3-way bass-reflex speaker with 8" dual-magnet woofer, 5" midrange, and 1" dome tweeter. FR 38-20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; peak power 140 W; continuous power 120 W; sens 92 dB sPL/W/m; erössover frequencies 1,200 and 5,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms. Black or white finish. 16.5 x 10.25 x 8.75; 14.3 lb......\$338/pt

# JBL

# Everest DD55000 3-Way Speaker

# Cascade

# **Ti Series**

250 Ti 4-Way Speaker

Floor-standing speaker with 14" woofer, 8" lower midrange, 5" polypropylene midrange, and 1" titanium-diaphragm tweeter. Mirrored-image SFG magnetic structure. Max power 400 W; nominal imp 8 ohms; crossovers 400, 1,400, and 5,200 Hz; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. Hand-oiled Burmese teak finish. 52 x 22.5 x 14.25 in; 126 lb.....\$2,195 ea

#### 240 Ti 3-Way Speaker

# 120 Ti 3-Way Speaker

Features 12" woofer: polypropylene midrange; ultra-low-mass pure-titanium-diaphragm tweeter; SFG magnetic structure. Max power 250 W; nominal imp 8 ohms: crossovers 900 and 4,000 Hz; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m. Hand-oiled Burmese teak; 24.5 x 14.5 x 11 in; 54 lb ...... \$645 ea

# 18 Ti 2-Way Speaker

# LT Series

# L100T 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing speaker with 12" aquaplas-laminate woofer, 5" high-polymer-laminate midrange, and 1" pure-titanium-diaphragm tweeter. Max power 200 W continuous, 800 W peak; crossovers 800 and 4.500 Hz; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m. Oiled hardwood veneer or black laequer. 36.5 x 16 x 13.25 in; 70 lb.... \$625 ea

# L80T 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing speaker with 10" aquaplas-laminate woofer; 5" polymer-laminate midrange; 1" pure-titanium-diaphragm tweeter. Power handling: 150 W continuous, 600 W peak; crossovers 800 and 4,500 Hz; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. Oiled hardwood veneer or black lacquer. 33.5 x 14 x 11.75 in; 53 lb ...... \$465 ea

#### L60T 2-Way Speaker

# JBL Series

Features optional Santa Rosa Oak finish. JBL 830 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing bass-reflex speaker with 2 8" high-polymer-laminate cone woofers, and 1" titanium-laminate dome tweeter. FR 40-25,000 Hz ± 3 dB; minimum power 10 W rms, max power 200 W rms; sens 94 dB sPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; rosewood vinyl finish: 53 lb; 39.75 x 016.75 x 8.75 in ......\$325 ea

# JBL 630 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing bass-reflex speaker with 2 6.5" high-polymer cone woofers and 1" titaniumlaminate dome tweeter. FR 42-25.000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; min power 10 W rms, max power 150 W rms; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; rosewood vinyl finish. 40 lb; 15 x 35.75 x 8.25 in......\$245 ea



JBL L60T

# Signature Series

#### S-2 2-Way Speaker

Pedestal speaker with 8" high-polymer-laminate woofer and 4.75" titanium-laminate tweeter. Features omnidirectional enclosure; woofer fires upward: hidden terminals. Imp 8 ohms; sens 88 dB; FR 40-20.000 Hz; 100 W max power. 40 x 10 x 10 in; 40 lb...... \$550 ea

#### S-4 2-Way Speaker

Wall-mount speaker with 1" titanium dome tweeter and 6.5" high-polymer-laminate woofer. Features flush-mounting capability; can be used with S-1 subwoofer. Imp 8 ohms; sens 88 dB; FR 125-22,000 Hz; 100 W max power. 12 x 8.75 x 3.6 in; 16 lb \$295/pr

### Pro III 2-Way Speaker

Audio/video monitor with 1" titanium-dome tweeter, 5" high-polymer mid/low driver, and high-spatial-identification dividing network. Features magnetic shielding; die-cast enclosure material; polypropylene structural foam surround. Sensitivity 87 dB SPL/W/m: maximum power handling 100 W rms. 9.5 x 6.25 x 5.63 in.....\$285/pr

# JENSEN

# Model 3150 Concert Series

3 way speaker with 15" woofer, 5" midrange, and 3" dynamic cone tweeter. FR 33-21,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms. 32 x 18.5 x 11.5 ...... \$350/pr

# JRM

# Transparency Satellite Tower

Triamped sealed satellite features eight 6" woofer, horn nidrange;  $1.87^{\circ}$  horn tweeter; FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm 2$  dB; 98 sPL/W/m; min amp power 200 W; nominal impedance 8 ohms: optional finish; optional grille color and material. 8 x 16 x 66 in......\$1,700/pr

#### Monitor

Powered speaker with 6" woofer: 3" cone midrange; horn tweeter; separate level controls for woofer, midrange, tweeter and supertweeter; FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB. Optional oiled walnut finish \$1.200/pr

# Transparency Subwoofer S18B

# J. S. ENGINEERING Model 4

# Infinite Slope Model 1 Loudspeaker

# Infinite Slope Model .8 Speaker

Floor standing speaker with patented phase shift bass loading and Infinite Slope crossover. Features 2-8" cone woofer, 1" dome tweeter, impedance 8 ohms; available in walnut, oak, or black lacquer;  $12 \times 29 \times 14.5$ ; 50 lb... \$899/pr

### Infinite Slope Model .6 Speaker

Floor-standing ported speaker with infinite slope crossover 100 dB octave. Features 8" cone woofer; 1" dome tweeter. FR 40-20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$ dB; power range 5-150 W; sens 91 dB sPL/W/m; impedance 8 ohms; walnut, oak. or black lac quer finish; 11 x 23 x 13 in: 35 lb ... \$599/pr

# JVC

# SX911WD 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing 3-way speaker with 3-part crossover network. Features 12" cross carbon woofer: 4.5" cross carbon midrange; 1.2" amorphous-diamond coated tweeter; low-resonanace/-vibration die-cast aluminum speaker frames: highdensity conifer-based particle-board enclosure; round-cornered front baffle; computer opti-

mized speaker layout; 300 W max power handling \$720/pr

# SX-A6 4-Way Speaker

# KEF

# Reference Series

Model 107 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing coupled-cavity bass-loading speaker uses 2 woofers operating into a resonant chamber vented at top of enclosure to combine sensitivity of bass reflex with accuracy and bassextension of acoustic suspension. Features 2 10" cone woofers: 4" polypropylene-cone midrange;

### 104/2 3-Way Speaker

#### 103/3 3-Way Speaker

Bookshelf coupled-cavity bass-loading speaker with woofer operating into a resonant chamber vented at bottom of enclosure to combine sensitivity of bass reflex with accuracy and bass-extension of acoustic suspension. Features 8" cone woofer; 6" polypropylene-cone midrange; 1" ferrofluid-cooled soft-dome tweeter; hybrid crossover network with built-in passive crossover and outboard KUBE active bass EQ with controls for contour and extension. Conjugate load-matched passive crossover presents amp with uniform imp at all frequencies. FR 50-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB; min power 50 W rms; max power 200 W rms; sens 92 dB spL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Walnut, black ash, rosewood. Includes feet for shelf mounting. 10.5 x 22.75 x 12.5 in; 38 lb ..... \$1,390/pr

# C95 3-Way Speaker

Floor standing speaker features KEF Uni-Q2way driver; 8" woofer and tweeter; coupled cavity bass loading; 8" unit mounted vertically inside cabinet is loaded at the front by a tuned cavity; conjugate load matching; separate connecting terminals allow one to bi-amplify driving the bass unit separately; FR 50-20.000 Hz; sens 90 dB; imp 4 ohms resistive; 34.3 x 9.7 x 12.4 in; 41.6 lb; grain-matched real walnut, black ash \$1,290/pr

# C75 3-Way Speaker

Floor standing loudspeaker just over half a square foot; uses the same KEF Uni-Q driver as C95: second 200mm bass unit on matching diecast chassis; FR 57-20,000 Hz; sens 91 dB; imp 4 ohms; closed box enclosure; 28.4 x 9.7 x 10.1 in; simulated walnut or black ash ...... \$750/pr

### C55 3-Way Speaker

# C35 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker. Features KEF Uni-Q driver; improved stereo imaging, enhanced phase integrity, reduced diffraction; can be placed upright or on its side with no effect on horizontal dispersion; .75" polymer-dome tweeter: 8" polymer cone woofer; sens 90 dB; FR 64-20,000 Hz; imp 4 ohms; closed box enclosure; 14.8 x 9.7 x 8.1 in; simulated walnut or black ash....\$440/pr

#### C15 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker. Features 5" polymer cone bass unit with die-cast chassis; .75" metal dome tweeter: recessed, gold-plated terminals; tweeter's fluid cooling and bass unit's high-temperature voice coil handle up to 60 W and produce  $\geq 100 \text{ dB}$ : FR 68-20.000 Hz; sens 85 dB; imp 4 ohms; closed box enclosure;  $10.4 \times 7.1 \times 5.9$  in; 7 lb; simulated walnut or simulated black ash.....\$240/pr

### CR200F 2-Way Full-Range Speaker

# CR200F + CR200SW 3-Way Speaker

# KENWOOD LS-P9100 4-Way Speaker

# LS-P5100 4-Way Speaker

Basic series floor-standing speaker with 13" passive radiator. Features 8.5" polypropylene woofer; 4" polypropylene midrange, flat-leaf supertweeter plus 2" cone tweeter in wide dispersion Ton-Saule vertical array; high-grade crossover network; auto-resetting overload protector; high rigidity enclosure; simulated rosewood finish; max input power 150 W; sens 90 dB/W/m; crossover FR 800, 5,000, 10,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms. 35.44 x 14.56 x 10.69 in; 40 lb.....\$480/pr

#### KINDEL AUDIO PLS-B 2-Way Speaker

Floor-standing line-source speaker with 6 6.5" woofers; 12 1" tweeters; bi-amp, bi-wire terminals, does not require separate crossover: imp 4 ohms; minimum power 50 W; 120 lb; 74 x 11 x 10 in; stand standard.......\$1900/pr

# P-105 Speaker

#### P-55 Speaker

# KINETIC AUDIO Titan 6-Way Speaker

Floor-standing ported speaker. 12" polypropylene cone subwoofer; 12" polypropylene cone woofer; 6.5" polypropylene cone mid/woofer; 2" textile-dome midtweeter; 1.12" synthetic-dome tweeter; 0.75" synthetic-dome supertweeter. Crossover points 60, 90, 500, Hz; linear-phased driver arrangement in mirror-image pairs; frontmounted fuse and noninductive level controls. Interconnecting harness of color-coded highperformance speaker cables: 5-way heavy-duty binding posts. Mirror-matched high-grade walnut veneer. Black grille with nonresonant frame. FR 12-22,000 Hz ± 1.5 dB; min power 35 W. max power 250 W: sens 90 dB sPL/W/m: imp 4 or 8 ohms; 245 lb; 18 x 60 x 22 in. Grilles, stands, and casters included ..... \$5,000/pr

# Trapezoid 4-Way Speaker

Floor-standing ported speaker. 12" polypropylene-cone woofer; 6.5" polypropylene-cone midrange; 1.12" synthetic-dome tweeter with magnetic-liquid cooling/damping; 0.75" syntheticdome supertweeter with magnetic-liquid cooling/damping. Crossover points 90, 2,000, 7,000 Hz; linear-phased driver arrangement in mirror-image pairs; front-mounted fuse and noninductive level controls. Interconnecting harness of color-coded high-performance speaker cables; 5-way heavy-duty binding posts. Mirror-matched high-grade walnut veneer. Black grille with nonresonant frame. FR 18-22,000 Hz ± 1.5 dB; min power 20 W, max 200 W; sens 92 dB sPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; 115 lb; 16 x 40 x 14 in.....\$2,000/pr

# KIRKSAETER

# Monitor Tower 260 4-Way Speaker

Floor-standing acoustic-suspension speaker with 2 10" long-excursion woofers, 4.5" coatedcone lower midrange, 2" soft-metal midrange with 2.3-lb magnet; 0.75" titanium-dome supertweeter with Ferrolluid: 8 wood or 4 glossy

# SDEAKEDS

lacquer finishes. Power range 10-250 W; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4-8 ohms ..... \$1,995/pr

# Monitor 141 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing or bookshelf infinite-baffle speaker. Features 12" long-excursion woofer; 2' soft-metal dome midrange; 0.75" titaniumdome tweeter. FR 20-32,000 Hz ± 5 dB; imp 4-8 ohms: walnut. mahogany, teak, cherry, black/ white/antique/dark/natural-oak finishes; 13.75 x 22.88 x 10.62 in ..... \$1,245/pr

# Amadeus 120 Tower 3-Way Speaker

3-way floor-standing speaker with 8.5" long-excursion polypropylene woofer and 4" polypropylene midrange. Features ferrofluid-cooled titanium-dome .75" tweeter; sealed cabinet; power range 85-120 W; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; FR 28-30,000 Hz; banana-plug compatible. 10.25 x 10.25 x 33 in; 28 lb ..... \$995/pr

# Concept 100 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

2-way bookshelf speaker with ported enclosure. Features 7" long-excursion woofer; 1" textilecovered tweeter; 100 W/ch max power handling: sens 89 dB SPL/W/m: FR 39-22.000 Hz: crossover at 2,000 Hz; imp 4-8 ohms. 8.66 x 10.25 x 17.66 in; 19 lb. . . . . . . . . . \$750/pr

# KLIPSCH

# Klipschorn 3-Way Speaker

Fully horn-loaded speaker requiring corner placement. Sens 104 dB SPL/W/m; power handling 100 W; FR 35-17,000 Hz ±5 dB. 52 x 31.25 x 28.5 in. Priced depending on finish from approx.....\$3,198/pr

# Belle Klipsch 3-Way Speaker

Horn-loaded floor-standing speaker using Klipschorn drive components. Sens 104 dB SPL/W/m; power handling 100 W; FR 45-17,000 Hz ±5 dB. 35.62 x 30.12 x 18.75 in. Available in exotic woods. Priced depending on finish; from approx . \$2,598/pr La Scala. Fully horn-loaded 3-way speaker similar to Belle Klipsch but available only in natural birch, stained birch, or black finishes. Specs same as Belle Klipsch. 35.5 x 23.75 x 24.5 in. Priced depending on finish from approx.....\$1,706/pr

# Cornwall II 3-Way Speaker

Features 15" woofer in ported enclosure; hornloaded compression tweeter and midrange. Sens 100 dB SPL/W/m; power handling 100 W; FR 38-20,000 Hz ±3 dB. 35.75 x 25.5 x 15.5 in. Available in exotic woods. Priced depending on finish from approx ..... \$1,638/pr

# Chorus 3-Way Speaker

15" professional heavy-duty woofer in ported enclosure; horn-loaded compression drivers for







tweeter and midrange; sens 101 dB SPL/W/m; power handling 100 W; FR 45-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB 10 dB at 36 Hz); 39 x 18.5 x 15.5 in; 89 lb; walnut, oak or exotic woods. Priced according to finish from approx ..... \$1,490/pr

# Forte 3-Way Speaker

Features horn-loaded compression drivers for tweeter and midrange; 12" woofer; 12" passive radiator mounted on rear of cabinet. FR 32-20,000 ±3 dB; sens 98 dB SPL/W/m; power handling 100 W. 35.38 x 16.5 x 12 in. Available in exotic woods. Priced according to finish from approx......\$1,180/pr

#### Heresy II 3-Way Speaker

Features horn-loaded compression tweeter and midrange; 12" woofer in sealed enclosure. FR 50-20.000 Hz ± 3 dB; max handling power 100 W: sens 96 dB SPL/W/m. 21.36 x 15.5 x 13.5 in. Available in exotic woods. Priced depending on finish from approx..... \$882/pr

# Kg4 2-Way Speaker

Floor-standing speaker with 12" rear-mounted passive radiator, 2-8" polymer-cone woofers, and horn-loaded tweeter. FR 38-20.000 Hz ±3 dB; max power 100 W; sens 94 dB SPL/W/m. 24.25 x 15.75 x 10.75 in. Available in oak and walnut finishes. From approximately. . \$598/pr

# Koss

# JCK/5000 Wireless Speaker System

Infrared wireless speakers with tone/volume controls on each cabinet: on/off power switch; battery recharger (batteries not included); 2' tweeter: 6.5" woofer; FR 40-20,000 Hz. 15 x 9 x 5 in.....\$350/pr

#### M/100 Plus Powered Speaker

Built-in 20-watt amp allows amplification from the headphone jack of TV, portable tape, or CD player. FR 50 Hz-30,000 Hz; S/N 80 dB; THD <5% at 1 kHz; 4 ohm imp. 27 lb/pr . . \$260/pr

#### M/90 Plus Double Woofer Speaker

Features 2 4.5" woofers; and 1" dome tweeter. FR 50-30,000 Hz; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; 4-6 ohm imp; max power 20 W continuous. 100 W peak. 12.88 x 5.25 x 5.5 in; 30 lb/pr. ..... \$220/pr

# LINN PRODUCTS

# **DMS Isobarik Floor-Standing Speaker**

Isobarik-loading 3-way speaker with 12", 9" woofers. 5" midrange, two 0.75" dome tweeters. Can be triamped. FR 25-20,000 Hz ±1.5 dB; crossovers at 375 and 3,000 Hz; instantaneous dynamic range 54 dB; imp 4 ohms; power range 50-500 W; 30 x 15 x 16.5 in ..... \$3,995/pr

# S.A.R.A. Isobarik Bookshelf Speaker

Isobarik-loading 2-way speaker with two 8" woofers, 0.75" dome tweeter. Cast structural foam housing. FR 36-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; imp 4 ohms; 17 x 13 x 10 in ..... \$1,695/pr

# Nexus LS 250 Floor-Standing Speaker

Ported 2-way system with 8" carbon-loaded polypropylene woofer, .75" soft-dome tweeter; integral 14" spiked pedestal. FR 50-20,000 Hz ±2.5 dB; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m. 10 x 12 x 22 in (plus stand height) ..... \$1,195/pr

#### K.A.N. Acoustic-Suspension Speaker

2-way bookshelf speaker with 5" woofer, 0.75" dome tweeter. FR 70-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; imp 8 ohms; 12 x 7.5 x 6.5 in ..... \$695/pr



Linn Nexus LS 250

# Index Acoustic-Suspension Speaker

Floor or bookshelf placement; 8" KEF B200 cone woofer; 1" dome tweeter; cabinet of full 0.75" high-density particle board; 50 strand 20 amp cable. FR 60-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; power range 15-50 W; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 17 x 11 x 8 in; 17 lb ..... \$525/pr

# MAGNASPHERE BY MAGNAT

Delta II. Gamma, and Beta speakers have softmetal domes; ribbon-wire voice coils of oxvgenfree copper wound on aluminum cores; spherical, baffle-free midrange and tweeter spheres for omnidirectional dispersion; black perforated steel grilles

# Delta II Floor-Standing Speaker

6-sided acoustic-suspension speaker with 6 5.25U long-throw woofers; gray or black enamel. FR 32-29,000 Hz ± 3 dB; power range 30-150 W; imp 4 ohms; sens 88.5 dB SPL/W/m; 13.8 x 44 x 13.8 in; 65 lb ..... \$3,290/pr

#### Gamma Floor-Standing Speaker

4-sided pyramid-shaped speaker with 2-8" woofers, 2-5.25" midwoofers (1 front, 1 back); European mahogany or black-oak veneer. FR 32-29,000 Hz ± 3 dB; power range 30-150 W; imp 4 ohms; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; 14 x 50 x 14 in; 67 lb ..... \$2,490/pr

# Beta Floor-Standing Speaker

4-sided pyramid-shaped speaker with 8" woofer, 5.25" midwoofer. European mahogany or blackoak veneer. FR 37-29,000 Hz ±3 dB; power range 30-120 W; imp 4 ohms; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; 13 x 43 x 13 in ..... \$1,990/pr

# Magnastar System

3-piece satellite/subwoofer system featuring passive subwoofer using 2-8" woofers operating in compound principle, mated to 2 MSP 10 minispeakers; FR 36-27,000 Hz ± 3 dB; power range 25-150 W/ch; imp 4 ohm; sens 88 dB/W/m; Magnastar subwoofer 12 x 10 x 20 in; satellites 5.7 x 8.9 x 6.9 in ..... \$795

# **MSP** Series Speakers

Acoustic-suspension and bass reflex speaker system with ribbon-wire voice coils; soft-metal dome tweeters: haffles electrostatically coated with flocking to reduce high-frequency ripples: tweeters and midranges cooled with ferrofluid; cabinets of extra-heavy-duty high-density multi-layer wood with internal bracing.

MSP 300. Floor-standing speaker with 2-8" long-fiber-pulp woofers, 3" cone/dome mi-drange, 1" tweeter; European walnut or blackoak veneer, top plate 8-layer hand-finished

black lacquer. FR 32-29,000 Hz ±3 dB; power range 25-150 W; imp 4 ohms; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; 11.5 x 42.3 x 11 in; 60 lb. \$1,690/pr MSP 110. Floor-standing speaker with 8" longfiber-pulp woofer, 3" cone/dome midrange, 1" tweeter; European walnut or black-oak veneer, top plate 8-layer hand-finished black lacquer. FR 39-29,000 Hz; power range 25-120 W; imp 4 ohms; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; 11.5 x 31 x 11 in; 42 lb . .....\$1,090/pr MSP 70. Bookshelf speaker with 10" woofer, 2.75" midrange, 1" tweeter; black woodgrain vinyl. FR 39-29,000 Hz ± 3 dB; power range 25-100 W; imp 4 ohms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; 12.6 x 22.9 x 11.5 in; 33 lb ..... \$790/pr

#### Monitor Series Speakers

Bookshelf acoustic-suspension 3-way speakers with low-resonance, high-rigidity diaphragms designed for low coloration. Crossover networks use low-dissipation capacitors designed for improved imaging and texture. Magnat Ribbon-Wire voice coils used in tweeter for 40% increased winding density and improved transient response. All woofers are cone shaped; all midranges are 4-inch cones; all tweeters are dome shaped. All monitor series speakers feature cabinets finished in black wood-grained vinyl with black metal grilles.

C. 8" long-throw woofer: 4" midrange; 1" softmetal tweeter. FR 46-29,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; power range 10-90 W rms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4-8 ohms. 14.62 x 22.5 x 13.75 in ... \$470/pr B. 8" long-throw woofer; 4" midrange; 1" softmetal tweeter. FR 54-29,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; power range 10-80 W rms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4-8 ohms. 14.12 x 20.5 x 14.12 in ... \$390/pr A. 8" long-throw woofer; 4" midrange; 0.75" Supronyl tweeter. FR 54-20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; power range 10-60 W rms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 14.12 x 19.36 x 14.12 in .... \$300/pr

# MAGNEPAN Magneplanar Tympani-IVa

Planar-magnetic speaker with reduced-mass midrange driver, .00025". Features 5-ft-long, 2.5microns-thick foil tweeter. 3 panels per side; 71 x 18 x 1 in .....\$3,800/pr

# Magneplanar MG-IIIa Speaker

Floor-standing full-range bipolar panel speaker with planar-magnetic and ribbon-driver design. Can be bianiplified. Drivers are 1 planar-magnetic woofer ( $620^{\circ}$  sq.); 1 planar-magnetic midrange ( $170^{\circ}$  sq.); 1 line-source 5' bipolar ribbon tweeter ( $14.25^{\circ}$  sq.). Imp 4 ohms; off-white cloth. oak frame; 55 lb ea.......\$1,995/pr

# Magneplaner MG 2.5/R Speaker

#### Magneplanar MG-IC Speaker

# Magneplanar SMGa Speaker

Full-range 2-way speaker with 0.5-mil diaphragm driven by Magneplanar magnetic field. Features oak side rails; optional grille fabric. FR 50-16,000 Hz  $\pm$ 4 dB; power range 20-100 W rms; imp 4 ohms purely resistive; crossover 2.4 kHz; 48.56" h x 24.25" w x 1.75" d ... \$495/pr

# MARTIN-LOGAN

# Statement Electrostatic Speaker System

Floor-standing system consisting of 2 visuallytransparent curvilinear electrostatic panels used in conjunction with two woofer towers and blended by an electronic crossover. Each electrostatic element measures 3 x 6-inches and is curved and housed in a massive frame; each woofer tower houses four 12" woofers mounted in individually sealed anti-resonant chambers; dual-mono crossover consists of four separate chassis; 2 chassis contain power supplies; 2 chassis contain crossover using a proprietary discrete classs-A differential FET buffer topology and pure-current source voltage regulation system; can play at volumes up to 120 dB. FR 16-25,000 Hz ± 1.5 dB; power range 50-1,000 W; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Electrostatic section: 39.5 x 84 x 6 in. Woofer towers: 15 x 84 x 30 in. Available in a variety of finishes. System weighs 1/2-ton ..... \$40,000

### Monolith Electrostatic Speaker

Floor-standing curvilinear electrostatic panel speaker mounted atop a tuned subwoofer box. Designed for wide dispersion without the use of delay lines of lenses. Constant voltage crossover provides phase coherency. Features 2' x 4' electrostatic cell for 100-24,000 Hz and a 12" polypropylene-cone subwoofer with 2" voice coil that is down 3 dB at 16 Hz. FR 28-24,000 Hz  $\pm 2$  dB; power range 30-500 W; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Available in a variety of finishes. 25 x 75 x 13.5 in; 165 lb ea \$5,000/pr

### Sequel Electrostatic Speaker

Floor-standing electrostatic/subwoofer system. Features visually transparent electrostatic transducer that operates from 200-24,000 Hz; 30 degrees seam less horizontal dispersion in a vertical line-source format; 1' x 4' electrostatic cell; super-low-mass 10' subwoofer in a tuned chamber with a matrix voice coil to create linear field in large excursion modes. FR 26-24,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; power range 30-300 W; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Oak and black finish. 14,5 x 74 x 13.5 in; 110 lb ea..... \$2,250/pr

#### **CLS Electrostatic Speaker**

Floor-standing curved electrostatic speaker. Features wide-dispersion format for full-range reproduction; 2' x 4' electrostatic cell to repro-

# Martin-Logan Monclith



# MB QUART MB 980S 3-Way Speakers

#### MB 480 Convex Speakers

3-way acoustic suspension floor standing loudspeaker. Features front baffle curved convexly; dispersion >180 degrees radiating surface; 1° titanium dome tweeter; 2" aluminum dome midrange; 10" butyl suspension, long throw woofer; crossover frequencies 500 Hz/2500 Hz; min. power 35 W/ch; imp 4 ohm; FR 32-32,000 Hz; sens 87 dB/W/m; 12.6 x 22 x 14 in; 37 lb 6 oz; genuine walnut or oak, white or black laquer finishes......\$1,199

#### MB 390 3-Way Speakers

3-way acoustic suspension bookshelf speaker. Features 1" titanium dome tweeter; 4" butyl suspension midrange ; 10" butyl suspension, long throw woofer; crossover frequencies 400 Hz/1800 Hz; min. power 35 W/ch; imp 4 ohm; FR 40-32,000 Hz; sens 88 dB/W/m; 12 x 20.5 x 12 in; 28 lb 10 oz; comes in genuine walnut or oak, matte laquer white or black finishes \$849

#### MB 220 2-Way Speakers

2-way acoustic suspension bookshelf speaker. Features 1" titanium dome tweeter; 6.5" butyl suspension. long throw woofer; crossover frequeacy 1500 Hz; min. power 20 W/ch; imp 4 ohm; FR 60-32,000 Hz; sens 87 dB/W/m; 9 x 12 x 8 in; 11 lb; comes in genuine walnut or oak, matte lacquer black or white finishes.... \$449

# McIntosh

### XRT-22 Speaker System

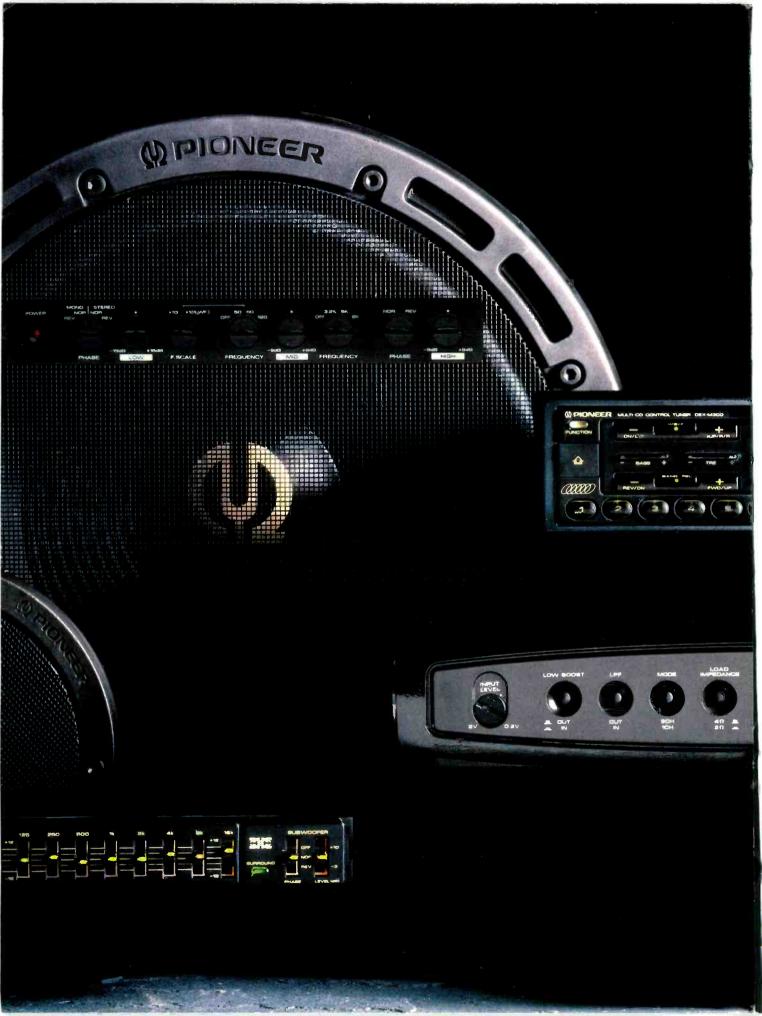
2-piece speaker consisting of a bass cabinet containing 2 12" woofers and an 8" midrange, and a tweeter column containing 23 1" tweeters. Bass cabinet:  $40.75 \times 25.75 \times 12.75$  in; tweeter column:  $79.5 \times 10.5 \times 1.63$  in; oak finish \$4,000 ea Walnut finish \$4,250

#### XRT18 Speaker System

2-piece speaker consisting of a bass cabinet containing a 12" woofer and 6" midrange and a high-frequency column frame containing sixteen 1" dome tweeters. Features 3-ampere fast acting fuse for tweeters. Cabinet constructed of 48-pound density fiber board with walnut veneer exteriors. Sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; max power 150 W continuous program power, 500 W peak; min power 30 W; imp 8 ohms; crossover frequencies 350 and 1,500 Hz. Bass cabinet 27.22 x 17.5 x 11.75 in, tweeter column 57.31 x 10.5 x 1.63 in; total weight 92 lb ...... \$2,250 ea

### XR 1052 4-Way Speaker

4-way speaker. Features 10" woofer with copper voice coil; 5" midrange isolated from woofer; 1"



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McIntosh XR 1052

# XD 717 3-Way Speaker

# MERIDIAN BY MADRIGAL M100 3-Way Powered Speaker

#### M20 2-Way Powered Speaker

# M30 2-Way Powered Speaker

Compact Inter-Active speaker with 5" woofer, 1.25" tweeter; time-delay correction; power supply; power amps. FR 38-20,000 Hz  $\pm$ 3 dB; max output 100 dB free-standing, up to 103 dB on shelf; 14.5 x 12 x 7 in. Walnut, teak, or black ash finish; with amps.......\$1,950/pr

# MILLER & KREISEL MX-1000 Pedestal Subwoofer

Magnetic shunt powered pedestal subwoofer. Internally amplified acoustic-suspension subwoofer; 2 12" high-performance drivers; magnetic design and pedestal shape allow use as stand for large monitor televisions; 26 x 28 x 22 in; 115 lb. \$1,395

#### Satellite 1B 2-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension speaker with 2 5" polypro-

# SPEAKERS

pylene woofers and 2 1" soft-dome tweeters. Features 36 tonal balances through midrange; tweeter character switches. Walnut or oak finish with black grille. FR 70-22,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; power range 7.5-400 W; imp 4 ohms. 21 x 7.75 x 7.62 in; 19 lb ......\$725/pt

# Satellite 2B 2-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension speaker with 6.5" polypropylene woofer and 1" soft-dome tweeter. Features selector for 36 tonal balances; midrange, treble character switches. Walnut or oak finish with black grille. FR 65-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; power range 15-100 W. 10.5 x 6.5 x 7 in . \$550/pr

# Satellite 3B 2-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension speaker with 5" polypropylene woofer and 1" soft-dome tweeter. Features selector for 4 tonal balances via multiple inputs. Black finish with black grilles. FR 100-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; power range 15-100 W. 10.5 x 7 x 6.5 in; 9 lb. \$395/pr Walnut veneer with black grilles \$\$450/pr

#### SX-7 2-Way Satellite Speaker

#### Subwoofers

#### VX-4 Subwoofer

# VX-7 Subwoofer

### MIRAGE ACOUSTICS

All speakers are ported; nominal imp 6 ohms (min 4); black knit grilles; dome tweeters with crossover point of 2,200 Hz.

# MI Floor-Standing Speaker

2 8" polypropylene woofers (1 front 1 rear) with 38-oz magnets crossing over to 2 4" cone midranges (1 front, 1 rear at 300 Hz; 2 0.75" soft dome tweeters (1 front, 1 rear); black lacquer. FR 20-22,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; min power 100 W; max power 400 W; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; 120 lbs; 60 x 19.5 x 9 in..... \$4,000/pr

# M2 Floor Standing Speaker

# MISSION ELECTRONICS Argonaut Floor-Standing Speaker

2-way speaker with time-aligned drivers and transverse-folded cabinet. Optimum placement near rear wall; 2 reinforced homopolymer 8" cone woofers;  $I^{\#}$  super-elipse cavity-loaded tweeter; spikes. FR 35-20.000 Hz ± 3 dB; power range 50-200 W; sens 94.5 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4

#### Freedom 2-Way Speaker

Time-aligned drivers; integral locking stand; transverse-folded cabinet with visco-elastic dampings; optimum placement near rear wall; 8" reinforced homopolymer cone woofer; 1" super-ellipse cavity-loaded tweeter. FR 40-20.000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; min power 20 W; max power 150 W; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; black. grey. walnut; 28 lb; 11 x 24.5 x 12 in .... \$1,199/pr

# Renaissance Two-Way Speaker

# MONITOR AUDIO BY KEVRO R952/MID Reference Monitor

Floor-standing, scaled enclosure speakers. Feature 1" aluminum-dome tweeter; 2 6" polypropylene woofers; FR 45-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; imp 8 ohm; sens 89 dB/W/m; amp power 15-180 W; crossover 6 dB/octave slope; foam lined cabinets; 13.5 x 9 x 12.5 in; 88 lb; kenya black, oak, walnut, or black ash finish ...... \$1,549/pr

# R852/MD Speaker

#### R452/MD Loudspeaker

# R352/MD Loudspeaker

Bass-reflex speakers feature .75" metal-dome tweeter; 8" woofer; FR 50-20,000 Hz  $\pm$ 3 dB; imp 8 ohm; sens 91 dB/W/m; amp power 15-120 W; foam lined cabinet; 25.25 x 10 x 12.5 in; 57 lb; walnut, oak, black ash finish ... \$899/pr

# **R700/MD** Loudspeaker

#### **R252 Speaker**

# MOREL ACOUSTICS

# Duet 2 Way Double Magnet Speaker

New MDT-33 tweeter. 28 mm soft dome design with double-magnet structure. Hexatech technique winding (aluminum wire, wound hexagonally) and ferrofluid cooled. MW-164 6" double magnet woofer also using the Hexatech voice

coil. FR 40-22,000 Hz ±2 dB; power handling 150 W rms; 8 x 15 x 12 in; 20 lb ..... \$995/pr

### MPL-203 2-Way Speaker

2-way linear-phase speaker with sealed cabinet. FR 45-28.000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; power handling 150 W; 6" MW-164. double magnet, 3" voice coil woofer; 1.1" ferrofluid-cooled soft-dome MDT-30 tweeter; 8 x 16 x 9.5 in; 18 lb; walnut, red walnut, teak. or black finish ....... \$695/pr



Morel Acoustics Duet

# CR-7 2-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension bookshelf speaker with an asymmetrical cabinet design to eliminate internal standing waves and improve dispersion and flatness of frequency response. Features 6" treated paper-cone woofer with metal grille; 1" soft-dome tweeter with metal grille. Available in mirrored pairs. Black finish. FR 70-25,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; min power 20 W rms; max power 200 W rms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4-8 ohms. 11 x 7.5 x 4.75 x 7 in; 10 lb ea...........\$395/pr

# MTX BY MITEK Pro 215 Floor-Standing Speaker

Bass-reflex speaker with computer-aided Thicle/Small-aligned cabinet. Features 2-15" cone woofers; 2-5" PL-5 cone midranges; 3" horn-loaded tweeter. FR 50-21,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; power range 5-400 W rms; sens 102.2 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; heavy-duty aviation carpet; 125 lb; 18.5 x 46.5 x 16 in ... \$800 ea

#### Pro 115 Floor-Standing Speaker

# Pro 110 Bass-Reflex Monitor Speaker

# NAD 300A 3-Way Speaker

Internally braced acoustic-suspension tower speaker with 10" long-throw woofer with butyl surround, 1.5" midrange, 1" soft-dome tweeter. Large magnets for powerful bass and no overhang. Power range 10-150 W/ch; nominal imp 4 ohms; crossovers at 900 and 3,000 Hz; reso

# NEC

# RS-1000 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing 3-way speaker. Features FR 40-20,000 Hz at  $\pm 4$  dB; sens 92 dB; 130 W max power handling; nominal impedance 8 ohms; one 34-inch dome tweeter; one 5-inch polypropylene midrange; two 10-inch polypropylene woofers. 37 x 12.25 x 13.5 in; 46 lb... \$800/pr

# SW-400 Three-Piece System

Magnetically-shielded speaker system with powered subwoofer and full-range satellite speakers. Features bass-reflex, 12" subwoofer with built-in 60-W power amp; low-pass filter; 4" full-range speaker; 3-level turnover switch; front-channel variable output control . \$599 ea

# RS-500 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing acoustic-suspension magnetically-shielded speaker with mirror-image design. Features 12" cone woofer; 5" polyvinyl acetatecone midrange; 1" soft-dome tweeter. FR 40-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; power range 15-130 W rms; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Teton oak finish. 14 x 27 x 10.75 in...... \$499/pr



Ohm Acoustics CAM 32

### OHM ACOUSTICS Walsh 5 Vented Speaker

# 4XO Floor-Standing Speaker

Bass-reflex speaker features inverted conical surface driver; gold-plated 5-way binding posts; gold internal connectors; lead-lined cabinet; Monster Cable internal wiring; casters; tufflex transmission block; ferrofluid cooled; protection circuits; acoustical attenuator for controlled dispersion, sonically transparent circular metal grill. Standard finish walnut and oak, available in Scandinavian rosewood, black, or white lacquer. FR 32-23,000 Hz  $\pm 4$  dB; sens 91 dB SPL/m/2.83 V; power range 30-500 W; peak handling 700 W; imp 8 ohms. 40° h x 15.5° x 15.5" at base tapering to 11.75" x 11.75" at top; 63 lb ..... \$2,000/pr

# 3XO Floor-Standing Speaker

# 2XO Floor-Standing Speaker

Bass-reflex speaker features inverted conical surface driver; press-connector inputs accept banana plugs or up to 12 gauge wire; sub-bass activator; tufflex transmission block; ferrofluid cooled; protection circuits; acoustical attenuator; circular metal grill. Standard finish walnut and oak, available in Scandinavian rosewood, black, or white lacquer. FR 44-21,000 Hz  $\pm 4$  dB; sens 90.2 dB SPL/m/2.83 V; power range 15-120 W; peak handling 200 W; imp 8 ohms. 32.5 x 11.5 x 11.5 in. at base tapering to 9.25 x 9.25 in. at top; 29 lb.

# 1XO Floor-Standing Speaker

# CAM 42 Speaker

# CAM 32 Speaker

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# CAM 16 Speaker

Two-way vented speaker. Features egg shaped tweeter system mounted on top of cabinet and adjustable; bevelled cabinet; frameless grills; 6.5'' woofer; FR 46-20.000 Hz ±4 dB; power range 15-85 W; sens 89 dB; imp 8 ohms; enclosure volume 16 l; 9 x 11 x 17.25 in; brushed bronze vinyl finish......\$300/pr

### PRO 250 Sound Cylinder Loudspeaker

**PRO 200.** Similar to PRO 250 but FR 39-20,000 Hz; Power rating 10-750 W; sens 91 dB; imp 8 ohm;  $39^{\circ}$  h x 11.5° diameter...... \$950/pr **PRO 150.** Similar to PRO 250 but FR 42-20,000 Hz; power rating 10-125 W; sens 91 dB; imp 8 ohm;  $34.5^{\circ}$  h x 11.5° diameter...... \$750/pr

# ONKYO S-70 4-Way Speaker

# S-60 4-Way Speaker

Floor-standing bass-reflex speaker with self-resetting overload protection. Features 15" subwoofer; 12" polypropylene-cone woofer; 5" PVAtreated ferro-fluid-cooled cone midrange; 1" polycarbonate-dome ferrofluid-cooled tweeter. 150 W max power handling; FR 32-22,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Oak vinyl finish. 16.5 x 40 x 10 in; 45 lb ... \$400/pr

# PHASE TECHNOLOGY Phase Coherent Series PC-1000 4-Way Speaker

# PC-800Ho 3-Way Speaker

# Phase Tech 745 ES



# PC-600Ho 2-Way Speaker

### PC-60 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf phase-coherent acoustic-suspension speaker with met-polypropylene bypass capacitors; accepts banana plugs; solid hardwood and veneers; removable minimum-diffraction grille; speaker protection. 6" solid-piston RPF woofer; l" soft-dome tweeter. FR 55-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; power range 15-100 W; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; walnut, or oak finishes; 8 x 13.5 x 8 in.....\$480/pr

#### Euro Series 745 ES 3-Way Speaker

#### 325 ES 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf acoustic-suspension speaker with angled projected front baffle for minimum diffraction. Features 6.5" cone woofer; 0.5" dome tweeter; removable minimum-diffraction grille; rubber surround on woofer. Accepts banana plugs. FR 55-20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; min power 15 W rms; max power 80 W rms; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Woodgrain-vinyl finish. 8 x 17.25 x 8.75 in .......................\$240/pr

# PC-60/50 Subwoofer/Satellite Set

3-piece acoustic-suspension subwoofer system with down-firing floor-loaded woofer and 2-way compact phase-coherent satellites. Features met-polypropylene bypass capacitors; feet extenders for heavy carpet; tweeter level control; accepts banana plugs; solid hardwood and veneers; removable minimum-diffraction grille; speaker protection. 10" solid-piston subwoofer, 6" solid-piston midrange, 1" soft-dome tweeter. FR 30-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB; power range 25-200 W; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; walnut, stained oak, light oak finish; satellites 8 x 13.5 x 8 in: subwoofer 13 x 14 x 15 in: 60 lb \$830/set

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# Monitor 200 3-Way Speaker

Bookshelf acoustic-suspension speaker. Features 12" polypropylene woofer; 4.5" polypropylene midrange; 0.75" polycarbonate fluidome tweeter. Push-spring terminals and removable black-knit grilles. FR 38-21,000 Hz ± 3 dB; min power 10 W/rms; max power 100 W/rms; sens 92 dB sPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Woodgrain vinyl finish. 13.25 x 23 x 12 in; 35 lb ..... \$449/pr

# PN8 Compact 3-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension speaker with 0.75" ferrofluid polycarbonate tweeter, 4.5" polypropylenecone midrange, and 8" polypropylene-cone woofer. FR 60-21,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; min power 10 W rms; max power 80 W rms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; Hickory vinyl veneer; 9.75 x 15.25 x 8.88 in; 32 lb/pr. .....\$279/pr

### **PN7 3-Way Speaker**

Bookshelf bass-reflex speaker with 6.5" polypropylene woofer, 1" convex fabric-dome tweeter, 0.75" polycarbonate fluidome supertweeter. Push-spring terminals and removable black-knit grilles. FR 55-21,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; min power 10 W/rms; max power 70 W/rms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Hickory vinyl finish. 9.25 x 14.5 x 8.5 in; 26 lb/pr.....\$249/pr

# PN 5+ 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker with Diaduct-port design. Features 0.75" polycarbonate ferro-fluid tweeter; 5.25" polypropylene-cone woofer. FR 65-21,000 Hz; sens 86 dB SPL; power range 10-50 W; imp 6 ohms; 6.75 x 11.25 x 6.88 in; 17 lb/pr ......\$169/pr

# PIONEER

# DSS-9 3-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex speaker with 12" polymer-graphitecone woofer, 2.62" boron-cone midrange; beryllium ribbon tweeter. Features mirror-image driver alignment; Pioneer's LDMC (linear drive magnetic circuit), EBD (electronic bass drive), and DRS (dynamic response suspension). Nominal imp 6 ohms; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; max power 240 W. Walnut-grain vinyl finish. Sold only in mirror-imaged pairs. 26.75 x 15.4 x 13.9 in....\$1,100/pr

# CS-V910 3-Way Speaker

Magnetically-shielded 3-way speaker. Features 12" cone woofer; 44" titanium-dome midrange; 1" titanium-dome tweeter; aluminum die-cast frame in woofer and midrange; round-cornered baffle. FR 25-30,000 Hz; imp 6 ohms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; 150 W max power handling. Dark oak veneer finish. 35.69 x 16.13 x 15.31 in; 75 lb......\$1,040/pr

# CS-707 4-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex speaker with 15.75" dual-voice-coil woofer, 4.75" midrange, horn tweeter with acoustic lens, and twin-piezo supertweeter. Features EBD (electronic bass drive); 3-position tone selector; LED power indicator. Imp 8 ohms; sens 98 dB SPL/W/m; max power 300 W. Walnutgrain vinyl finish. 28.6 x 17.7 x 10.6 in \$760/pr

# Elite DSS-E6 3-Way Speaker

# POLK AUDIO

SDA-SRS 1.2 Signature Reference Speaker

Floor-standing speaker that incorporates coherent Line-Source True Stereo (SDA) technology

### SDA-SRS2 Signature Reference Speaker

Floor-standing smaller-version SDA-SRS. Features Line Source Polk SDA True Stereo Technology for 3-dimensional imaging; 15° planar sub-bass radiator; 6 6.5° trilaminate polymerbass/midrange drivers; 3 1° silver-coil polymerdome tweeters. Recommended amplifier range 10-750 W/channel; 6 ohms nominal impedance. Oiled oak or walnut finish. 55 x 20.62 x 13.12 in; 155 lb. \$1,100/cach

# SDA-1C 3-Way Speaker

### SDA-2B 3-Way Speaker

# RTA 11t Monitor 3-Way Speaker

# SDA-CRS+ 3-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker with SDA technology for lifelike three-dimensional imaging; features 2 6.5" trilaminate polymer bass/midrange drivers; 1" polymer dome tweeter; 10" passive cone radiator. FR 24-25.500 Hz; recommended amplifier range 10-250 W; 6 ohms nominal impedance. Black ash, walnut or oak vinyl finish. Genuine walnut or oak veneer finish available at extra cost. 20 x 12.5 x 12 in; 36 lb...... \$425/each

# Monitor 10B 3-Way Speaker

Sub-bass radiator/sealed floor-standing speaker with 10" fluid-coupled subwoofer; 2 6.5" trilaminate polymer bass/midrange drivers; 1" polymer dome tweeter. FR 22-25,000 Hz; recommended amplifier range 10-250 W; 6 ohms nominal impedance. Black ash, walnut and oak vinyl finish. Genuine walnut and oak veneer finish available at extra cost. 28" h x 16" w x 11.5"d; 48 lb.......\$330/cach

#### RTA 8t Monitor 3-Way Speaker

Real-Time-Array floor-standing speaker with 2 6.5" trilaminate polymer bass/midrange drivers; 1" silver-coil polymer dome tweeter. FR 22-26.000 Hz; recommended amplifier range 10-200 W; 6 ohms nominal impedance; Black ash, walnut and oak vinyl finish. Genuine walnut and oak veneer finish available at extra cost. 28"h x 16"w x 9.25"d; 48 lb ...... \$260/each



Polk Audio SDA-SRS 1.2

#### Monitor 7C 3-Way Speaker

# AB-7 2-Way Speaker

# Monitor 5 Jr.+ 3-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker with 1" silver coil dome tweeter; 6.5" trilaminate polymer bass/midrange driver; 8" fluid coupled subwoofer. FR 29-26,000 Hz; power range 10-100 W; 6 ohms nominal impedance. Black-ash, walnut and oak vinyl finish. 17 x 9 x 8.87 in; 41 lb . 340/pair

#### Monitor 4.5 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker with 6.5" trilaminate polymer bass/midrange driver; 1" ferro-fluid cooled dome tweeter; isophase crossover network; terminated transmission duct that loads bass/midrange driver into deep-bass range. FR 30-25,000 Hz; power range 10-100 W; 6 ohms nominal imp. 17 x 9 x 8.87 in; 22 lb...... \$245/pair

#### Monitor 4A 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker with trilaminate polymer bass/midrange driver; 1" ferro-fluid cooled dome tweeter; isophase crossover network; terminated transmission duct that loads bass/ midrange driver into deep-bass range. FR 55-21,000 Hz; power range 10-80 W; 6 ohms nominal imp. 14.5 x 8.5 x 7.36 in; 16 lb......\$200/pair

# PRECISE ACOUSTIC LABORATORIES Monitor 10 Speaker

3-way bass reflex speaker with tuned-port design. Features 10" woofer; 6.5" midrange; 1" soft-dome tweeter; FR 20-35,000 Hz; 250 W max power handling. Natural oak veneer finish \$750 ea

#### **Monitor 9 Speaker**

2-way floor-standing speaker with 8" woofer, 1" tweeter, and 10" passive radiator. Features 150 W max power handling; imp 6 ohms; sens 91 dB .....\$330 ea

#### Monitor 7 Speaker

2-way bass-reflex speaker. Features 8" woofer, 1" tweeter; FR 28-35,000 Hz; 100 W max power handling; imp 6 ohms; sens 91 dB.... \$230 ea

#### **Monitor 5 Speaker**

2-way passive radiator speaker with 8" woofer and I" dome tweeter. Features 80 W max power handling; 9-element crossover; FR 32-35,000 Hz .....\$180 ea

#### Monitor 3 Speaker

2-way bass-reflex speaker. Features 6.5" woofer and 1" tweeter ......\$140 ea

#### PSB SPEAKERS Stratus Tower Speaker

# 50 MKII Speaker

# 40 MKII Speaker

2-way speaker system with 34" textile dome tweeter; 8" polypropylene woofer; rated impedance 8 ohms; black or brown finish... \$400/pr

# 20 MKII Speaker

2-way speaker system with 1/2" polydome tweeter; 6" woofer; black or brown finish... \$200/pr

# QUAD

# ESL-53 US Monitor

# RCA

# SPK500 Dimensia 3-Way Speaker

# SPK400 Dimensia 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing acoustic-suspension speaker with Zero Magnetic Distortion. Features 12" nylon-coated woofer; 4" resin-coated midrange; 1" soft dome tweeter. FR 35-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; max input power 120 W rms; imp 8 ohms......\$399/pr

#### REALISTIC

Nominal imp of all Realistic speakers is 8 ohms. Mach Two 3-Way Speaker

# **Optimus** Speakers

1000. Floor-standing bass-reflex tuned-port speaker with 15" high-compliance woofer, 5' midrange, 3" tweeter. FR 50-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; max power 100 W rms; sens 92 dB sPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Oiled-walnut finish. 17.3 x 31.8 x 11.6 in; 44 lb ..... ...\$400/pr 900. Floor-standing bass-reflex tuned-port speaker with 12" high-compliance woofer, 4" midrange, 2.5" Ferrofluid tweeter. FR 50-20.000 Hz ±3 dB; max power 100 W rms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Oiled-walnut finish. 14 drange; 2.5: cone; 100 W; sens 91 dB. . \$240/pr 600. Bass-reflex speaker; 8" woofer; 4" midrange; 2.5" cone tweeter; removable cloth grille; recessed color-coded spring-loaded terminals. Max power 70 W; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. Oiled walnut vencer. ..... \$200/pr

# Nova 15 Speaker

Walnut-veneered vented speaker with 2.5" tweeter. Max power 60 W; 19 x 16.75 x 7.5 in.....\$160/pr

# MC-1800 Acoustic-Suspension Speaker

Bookshelf speaker with  $8^{"}$  high-compliance woofer and 2.5" wide-dispersion tweeter. FR 70-20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; max power 50 W rms; imp 8 ohms. Oiled-walnut finish. 10.9 x 17.75 x 6.9 in ......\$120/pr

# RECOTON

# Wireless 100 Speaker System

# REVOX

# Agora B Amplified Speaker

Floor-standing triamplified active ported speaker incorporating three 100-watt amps with active dividing networks in each enclosure. Designed to be driven from preamp or direct from high-level sources such as CD player. Features push-pull dual woofer design with one woofer facing into enclosure to eliminate even-order harmonic distortion. Two 8" cone woofers; 4.75" cone midrange; .75" titanium dome tweeter. Low-frequency amp utilizes feedback to compensate for back-EMF. Also features 4-step bass and treble controls; bass blend switch; auto power on/off. FR 30-21,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 110 dB SPL/W/m: real walnut veneer finish with brown grille or polished ebony finish with black grille. 16.75 x 29 x 16.75 in; 68 lb . . \$5,000/pr Black lacquer finish ..... \$5,900/pr

# Symbol MK-II 3-Way Speaker

# Atrium MK-II 3-Way Speaker

Floor-standing bass-reflex speaker features 10.2" woofer; 4.8" midrange; 1" tweeter; screw-lock connection terminals; fuse overload protection. Max power input 140 W continuous, 180 W peak; imp 4 ohms; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m. Dark walnut veneer finish; 13.5 x 33.6 x 14.5 in; 84 lb.....\$2,900/pr

### Plenum MK-II 3-Way Speaker

### Forum MK-II 3-Way Speaker

#### **Piccolo Miniature Speaker**

# SANSUI

# Vintage SP-100i

# S-2000U 3-Way Speaker

3-way design with passive radiator. Features 12" cone woofer; 4" cone midrange; 3" cone tweeter; 12" cone passive radiator. Power 160 W; sens 92 dB W/m; imp 8 ohms. 15.25 x 41 x 11 in; 44 lb.....\$526/pr

### SP-X3U 3-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension 3-way speaker. Features rounded cabinet baffles; oak cabinets; 10° carbon-filled polypropylene woofer with butyl rubber surround; 5° carbon-filled polypropylene midrange cone; 34° ferrofluid cooled dome tweeter; silicone carbon-oxide core coil crossover network; gold-plated 5-way binding posts; FR 35-23,000 Hz.  $\pm 3$  dB; 250 W max power; imp 8 ohms. 21.25 x 14 x 10.38 in... \$400/pr

# SCOTT

All Scott speakers use acoustic-suspension enclosures with PVA-coated woofers and constant-impedance crossover networks.

#### S12T6 Multidirectional Speaker

# S153 Floor-Standing 3-Way Speaker

# 10.3 3-Way Bookshelf Speaker

10" woofer; ferrofluid-cooled 4.5" midrange; 1.75" center-mounted ferrofluid-cooled tweeter; hickory vinyl finish. FR 45-20.000 ±4 dB; power range 10-100 W rms; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; 12.5 x 23.25 x 9 in..... \$260/pr

# **SDM BY SOUND DYNAMICS**

All speakers are bass reflex, with 5" cone midrange, 1" horn tweeter, crossovers at 2,000 and 5,000 Hz, nominal impedance of 8 ohms, minimum impedance of 4 ohms, in walnut or black vinyl with black knit grilles.

# Monitor Three Speaker

# Monitor Two Speaker

10" woofer. FR 30-22,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 97 dB SPL/W/m; power range 10-112 W; 24 x 14 x 9in; 29 lb each \$400/pr

#### Monitor One Speaker

# SHAHINIAN ACOUSTICS Diapason Module Speaker

# **Obelisk 3-Way Speaker**

Folded double-prism 50" hybrid transmission line speaker with 8" asymmetrically placed high temperature voice coil poly woofer, 10" massloaded-membrane viscous damped polypropylene passive radiator, two 1.36" cambric ultra light exposed dome midranges, four 0.36" "W" shaped polymid-dome tweeters. Imp 4 ohms nominal; min power 50 W; max power 500 W. Walnut and oak standard finishes. 29 x 14.5 x 12.5 in; 55 lb ..........\$1,750/pr

### Lyre 3-Way Speaker

# Elf 2-Way Speaker

Forward firing small monitor with tuneddamped vent enclosure. 5.25" polypropylenewoofer with rubber edge; 1" polypropylenedome tweeter. FR 55-18,000 Hz -3 dB; imp 6 ohms nominal; min power 25 W; max power

150 W. Natural medium or dark oak finish. 12.5 x 6.62 x 7.75 in; 26 lb/pr. ..... \$375/pr

# SIGNET

# SL-100 Definitive Image Speaker

# SNELL ACOUSTICS Type A-III-Improved 4-Way Speaker

Floor-standing acoustic-suspension speaker with curved baffle to eliminate diffraction, mechanically isolated midrange enclosure, floorloaded woofer, and rear-loaded supertweeter for accurate room response. Hand-adjustment of crossover values for specific drivers assures acoustic performance virtually identical to reference speaker. Features 12" high-power longexcursion mass-loaded mechanically-isolated cone woofer; 5" mechanically-isolated cone midrange: 1" individually adjusted controlled-dispersion dome tweeter; 0.75" low-mass ferrofluid-cooled dome supertweeter. Dual goldplated inputs allow biwiring or biamping with or without electronic crossover. FR 24-26.000 Hz ±3 dB. 38-18,000 Hz ±1 dB; power range 80-400 W rms; imp 4 ohms. Hand-sanded. hand-rubbed matching oak or walnut veneers. 23.5 x 50.75 x 14 in; 148 lb. Oak ... \$4,680/pr Walnut ..... \$4,490/pr

# Type C-II 3-Way Speaker

# Type E/II 2-Way Speaker

# Type Q 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf speaker designed for stand placement. Each speaker is individually adjusted to match a reference speaker within a fraction of a dB. Features 6.5" polypropylene cone woofer; 1" rear-firing textile-dome tweeter and a .75" rearfiring tweeter; flush grille to eliminate diffraction. Crossover frequency 2,200 Hz. Cabinets are hand-sanded and rubbed in matched pairs with oak or walnut veneer finish.  $10.5 \times 15.5 \times 6.75 \dots \times 780/pr$ 

# Type J/II 2-Way Speaker

# Type K-II 2-Way Speaker

Bookshelf acoustic-suspension speaker with 8" polypropylene cone woofer and 0.75" ferrofluidcooled soft-dome tweeter. Designed for accuracy of both early-arrival sound and listen-room power response. Hand-adjusted crossover values for specific drivers assures acoustic performance virtually identical to reference speaker. Dual inputs for optional biwiring or biamping. Oak, walnut, or black veneers. Imp 8 ohms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; power range 10-100 W rms. 18 x 11 x 9 in. Oak or walnut ... \$465/pr

# SONOGRAPHE BY CONRAD-JOHNSON

# SL 21 Mini-Monitor Satellite Speaker

# SW 1000 Stereo Subwoofer

# SONY

#### APM-66ES 3-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex speaker with APM (Accurate Pistonic Motion) driver technology that incorporates a light, rigid, flat-diaphragm design. Features 66 sq-in APM woofer; 7.4 sq-in APM midrange; 1.4 sq-in APM tweeter; built-in circuit breaker for tweeter protection; heavy-duty cabinet construction with rounded edges. Includes speaker cord. FR 30-30,000 Hz; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; power capacity 100 W nominal. 200 W peak; nominal imp 6 ohms; crossover frequencies 600 and 4,500 Hz. 15 x 26 x 14.38 in ... \$1,100/pr

# APM-22ES 2-Way Speaker

# SOTA INDUSTRIES Panorama 2-Way Monitor

Time-Domain speaker with bass extension of 45 Hz  $\pm$  3 dB. Features truncated pyramid enclosure; 7" woofer; 1" hard-dome tweeter; 1.25"

walls; hard/soft structural damping on woofers;
FR 45-22.000 Hz ±3 dB; max power handling
150 W/ch; nom imp 6 ohms; sens 90 dB; cross-
over at 3,200 Hz; 12 x 18 x 6 in; 35 lb. Oak or
cherry
Brazilian rosewood, ebony \$1,795
Black

# SPEAKERLAB

DAS Series Speakers All DAS speakers are available in ebony, walnut,

light oak, or high-gloss lacquer finishes. DAS-8. Floor-placement speaker with Inverse Axis Alignment (IAA); computer-designed rear vent, and rear-mounted subwoofer. Features one 10° and one 12° woofer; 1° dome tweeter; one 6.5° cone and one 3° dome midrange. Crossover 150, 350, 1,500, 5,000 Hz; sens 94 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; FR 23-21,000 Hz ±3 dB; power range 20-300 W rms/ch. 46 x 16 x 13 in.....\$1,998/pr DAS-7. Floor-placement speaker with IAA.

DAS-7. Floor-placement speaker with IAA, computer-designed rear vent, and rear-mounted subwoofer. Features 10" and 12" woofers; 1" dome tweeter; 6.5" cone midrange. Crossover 180: 350, 3,000 Hz; sens 94 dB SPL/W/m; impedance 4 ohms; FR 25-21,000 Hz ± 3 dB; power range 20-275 W rms/ch. 38.5 x 14 x 16 in; 86 .... \$1,198/pr lb -DAS-6. Floor-placement speaker with IAA. computer-designed rear vent, and rear-mounted subwoofer. Features one 8" and one 10" woofer; 1" dome tweeter. Crossover 180, 2,500 Hz; sens 94 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; FR 30-21,000 Hz ±3 dB; power range 20-275 W rms/ch. 36 x ...... \$958/pr 12.5 x 14 in: 62 lb .... DAS-5. Bookshelf or floor-placement speaker with IAA, computer-designed rear vent, and rear mounted subwoofer. Features one 8" and one 6.5" woofer; 1" dome tweeter. Crossover 180. 2,500 Hz; sens 93 dB sPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; FR 34-21,000 Hz ± 3 dB; power range 20-175 W rms/ch. 31 x 11 x 13 in; 47 lb . \$718/pr DAS-4. Bookshelf or floor-placement speaker with IAA and computer-designed rear vent. Features 8" woofer; .75" dome tweeter. Crossover 2,500 Hz; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohmis; FR 36-21,000 Hz ± 3 dB; power range 20-100 W rms/ch. 28 x 10 x 12 in; 39 lb . \$478/pr

# SPECTRUM LOUDSPEAKERS Model 410 2-Way Speaker

# SPICA

# Angelus Floor Standing Speaker

# TC-50 Bookshelf Speaker

Acoustic-suspension bookshelf speaker with triangular shape allowing system to be within 15x of absolute phase from 350-5,000 Hz. Features 6" cone woofer, 1" dome tweeter. FR 60-16,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; power range 25-50 W, 100 W peak;

sens 83 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; 13 x 15.55 x 11.75 in. Oak or walnut veneer ...... \$550/pr

# SUMO

# Opus Two 2-Way Speaker

Floor-standing acoustic-suspension speaker with 6.5° treated-cone woofer, 1° compositedome tweeter with copper-clad aluminum voice coil. Features symmetrical magnetic-field woofer design with copper-clad pole piece for reduced distortion; imp-matching conjugate crossover network with extremely low group delay ( $\pm 0.2$  ms from 100-20,000 Hz; solid-oak end caps. FR 42-24,000 Hz +0, -3 dB; min power 35 W rms; max power 250 W rms; sens 85 dB spt./W/m; imp 4 ohms. Oak or piano-finish black. 10.5 x 39 x 5 in; 20 lb..... \$699/pr **Opus Three**. Bookshelf version of Opus Two. 10.25 x 17.5 x 9.75 in; 16 lb ...... \$649/pr

#### Samson Bass-Reflex Subwoofer

# SYNTHESIS BY CONRAD-JOHNSON

# Reference Speaker System

# LM 310 Floor-Standing 3-Way Speaker

# LM 300 Floor-Standing 3-Way Speaker

# LM 260 Floor-Standing 2-Way Speaker

# LM 210 Floor-Standing 2-Way Speaker

Ported speaker with  $6.5^{"}$  polypropylene woofer; 1" dome tweeter; oak cabinet with radiused solid-hardwood edges. FR 46-20,000 Hz  $\pm 2$  dB; power range 10-80 W; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; 33.5 x 10.5 x 10.5 in ... \$1,195/pr

# TANNOY

# **Prestige Series**

Westminster. Floor-standing dual-concentric speaker with Sync-Source Time Alignment; compound horn enclosure; 15" cone woofer; 2"

compression-horn tweeter. FR 18-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; max power 200 W; sens 96 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 43 x 59 x 28 in; 253 lb each. Walnut finish ... \$9.495/pr RHR. Floor-standing dual concentric high-compliance speaker with Sync-Source Time Alignment. Features rear folded horn rectangular exponential section; direct radiating front section; 250 W max power handling; sens 92 dB; nom imp 8 ohms; FR 35-20,000 Hz ±4 dB; hardwired passive crossover at 1,000 Hz. 48.9 x 27.6 x 22.7 in; 165.3 lb . \$8,995/pr Edinburgh. Floor-standing dual-concentric speaker with Sync-Source Time alignment; distributed port reflex enclosure; 12" cone woofer; 2" compression horn tweeter, FR 30-20.000 Hz ±3 dB; min power 10 W; max power 200 W; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 25.5 x 40 x 16.5 in; 97 lb each; walnut finish ... \$4,995/pr Stirling. Floor-standing dual-concentric speaker with Sync-Source Time Alignment; dual variable-distributed enclosure: 10" cone woofer: 2" compression-horn tweeter. FR 35-20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$ dB; min power 10 W; max power 150 W; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 20.5 x 33.5 x 15 in; 48.5 lb each. Walnut finish ..... \$3,995/pr

# **Planet Series**

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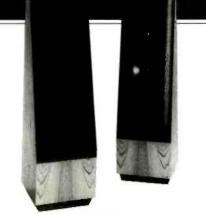
# SB-RX50 Bass-Reflex Bookshelf Speaker 2-way speaker with 9.5" flat-diaphragm woofer

and coaxial 1.12" flat-diaphragm tweeter. Can be placed upright or sideways without affecting sound quality. FR 30-48,000 Hz at 16 dB below average level; max power 160 W music; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Wood finish. 11.89 x 18.92 x 11.09 in; 36.4 lb.......\$1,050/pr

#### SB-RX30 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

# SB-L96 3-Way Floor-Standing Speaker

THIEL CS 3.5 Coherent Source Speaker Floor-standing electronic-bass-equalized speak-



Thiel CS 1.2

er with 10" cone woofer, 4" cone midrange, and 1" dome tweeter. Sloping baffle: synthesized first-order crossover system; 3-dimensional sculpted anti-diffraction baffle; electronic bass system; magnetic distortion reducing drivers; cast magnesium driver chassis; polypropylene crossover capacitors; 30-mm thick cabinet panels; wood veneer. FR 23-20,000 Hz  $\pm 2$  dB; Power range 50-250 W rms; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Teak, oak, walnut, black, rosewood finishes. 13 x 42 x 13 in; 75 lb ..... \$2,450/pr

# CS 2 Coherent Source Speaker

### CS 1.2 Coherent Source Speaker

# VELODYNE ACOUSTICS ULD-18 Powered Subwoofer

# **ULD-12** Powered Subwoofer



Wharfedale Precision Series

# WHARFEDALE Precision Series

512.2 4-Way Speaker

# 510.2 3-Way Speaker

# 507.2 2-Way Speaker

2-way speaker with tuned-port enclosure. Features 8" cone woofer;  $\frac{3}{4}$ " metal-dome tweeter; FR 40-22,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; sens 90 dB; crossover at 5,000 Hz; nom imp 8 ohms; red mahogany finish. 19 x 9 x 11 in; 22.5 lb ...... \$470/pr

# 504.2 2-Way Speaker

2-way speaker with tuned-port enclosure. Features 4" cone woofer;  $\frac{3}{4}$ " metal-dome tweeter; FR 48-22,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 86 dB; crossover at 3,500 Hz; nom imp 8 ohms; red mahogany finish. 11 x 7 x 8 in; 10 lb......\$330/pr

#### Delta Series Delta 90 3-Way Speaker

3-way speaker with tuned-port enclosure. Features 10" woofer; 4" cone midrange;  $\frac{3}{4}$ " polymide, soft-dome tweeter; FR 35-20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$ dB; sens 89 dB; crossovers at 1,000 and 5,000 Hz; nom imp 8 ohms. 27 x 12 x 9 in; 33 lb......\$700/pr

# Delta 70 2-Way Speaker

#### Diamond Series Ritz Diamond Speaker

Tuned-port design speaker with built-in 20-W amplifier. Features 6.5" woofer;  $\frac{3}{4}$ " polymide, soft-dome tweeter; FR 40-22,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 90 dB; crossover at 5,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms; black finish. 14 x 9 x 8 in; 17.6 lb .... \$450/pr

# Active Diamond Plus Speaker

# YAMAHA Monitor Speakers

NS-1000M 3-Way Speaker

# NS-1 2-Way Speaker

# NS-100X 3-Way Speaker

# NS-20M 3-Way Speaker

#### NS-10M 2-Way Speaker

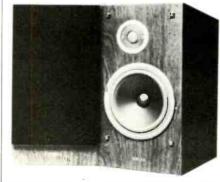
Bookshelf speaker with 7" singlesheet whitecone woofer, 1.36" soft-dome tweeter, acousticsuspension enclosure, high-efficiency maxsound-dispersion design. Music input power 100 W; sens 90 dB SPI/W/m. 8.44 x 15 x 7.75 in; 13.2 lb.......\$398/pr

#### FFT Series NS-A10.3 3-Way Speaker

3-way speaker with 10" woofer with mica polypropylene cone and magnesium basket. Features 4.5" midrange driver; 1" linear phase soft dome tweeter; crossover with polypropylene capacitors; FFT computer design......\$518/pr

#### NS-A10.2 2-Way Speaker

Yamaha NS-1



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## SEX AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

IVEN America's preoccupation with sex, it's ironic that our pop culture—specifically the movies and rock-and-roll—deals with the subject so superficially and dishonestly. Actually, rock-and-roll is particularly deficient in that regard, not very surprising when you consider how much of it is pitched at fourteen-year-old boys. Nonetheless, it's disappointing in a music that, at least theoretically, is supposed to have something to do with honesty and freedom.

That's one reason "Love Junk," the debut album by a group called the Pursuit of Happiness, is such a pleasant discovery: At last, here's a band that actually has the guts to confront sex with realism, maturity, and, occasionally, wicked humor. Of course, sex isn't the only thing on their minds (growing up, another subject all too rarely dealt with in rock, is the album's second major theme), but it's refreshing to hear it sung about by someone other than the usual heavy-metal moronswhich these five musicians most emphatically are not, despite a crunch-guitar attack as hard as any you've ever heard.

The band's principal weapon in that attack is singer/songwriter Moe Berg, probably the first important Moe in rock history and a guy who seems to have a remarkable grip on the muddled state of relations between the sexes as the Eighties wind down. "I'm looking for someone with a voice that's true," he declares in Looking for Girls, "and I'm going to be nice to her-maybe she'll be nice, too." A lovely sentiment, to be sure, and one I'm sure we can all relate to, but it's followed, significantly, by, "Then I'm going to do it to her four hundred and eighty-seven thousand times." Take that, Prince!

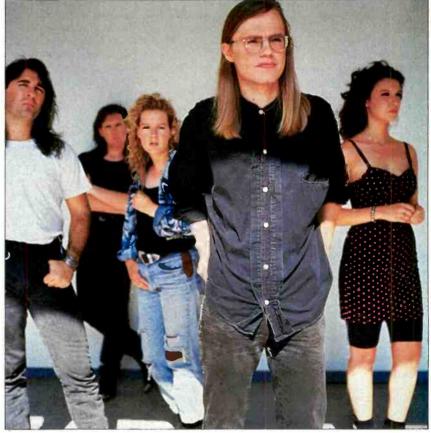
Elsewhere, Berg deals with unrequited love (Man's Best Friend), jealousy (Hard to Laugh), the joy of seeing the object of your desire in the altogether (Beautiful White), the destructive uses of sex as a substitute for communication (Down on Him), and even the difficulty of writing about relationships when you're past a certain age. "I don't write songs about girls anymore," Berg confesses on the hilariously self-revealing third track, I'm an Adult Now. "I have to write songs about women."

The gratifying thing about "Love Junk" is the way the music sounds like what it means. The tunes and the band's execution of them are every bit as smart, heartfelt, and funny as Berg's corrosively sane versifying. The idiom, for want of a better term, is pop metal, all ringing guitars, aggressive drums, and angelic harmonies. Here, in the hands of people who obviously have artistic aspirations beyond growing their hair just right, the genre finds something of an apotheosis. And the cream of the jest is that a number of these songs—the wistful *She's So Young*, for example—could easily be radio hits.

Add to all this a first-rate production job by Todd Rundgren (easily the equal of his recent work with XTC), and you have a record that will doubtless outlive the dismal musical and political season of its release. Don't miss it. *Steve Simels* 

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS: Love Junk. The Pursuit of Happiness (vocals and instrumentals). Hard to Laugh; Ten Fingers; I'm an Adult Now; She's So Young; Consciousness Raising as a Social Tool; Walking in the Woods; Beautiful White; When the Sky Comes Falling Down; Looking for Girls; Man's Best Friend; Tree of Knowledge; Killed by Love; Down on Him. CHRYSALIS OV 41675, © OVT 41675, © VK 41675 (43 min).

The Pursuit of Happiness: confronting sex with maturity and wicked humor



## MACKERRAS'S SCHUBERT NINTH

CHUBERT'S last and greatest symphony has been known by no fewer than four different numbers over the years. and lately some programmers have taken to dropping the number altogether. Fortunately, the symphony has a nickname to help identify it: it's the "Great C Major." That sobriquet has led to some silliness, too, the word "great" being hung on the title as if this symphony alone were to be regarded, in Gleasonian parlance, as "the Great One." The term was not originally intended as a value judgment, but simply as a means of distinguishing this big symphony from Schubert's "little" one in the same key, his No. 6. In any event, that concept of "great" may have been responsible for the monumentalizing of the work in so many interpretations. But it is vitality that distinguishes Charles Mackerras's new recording of it with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, not only a standout among the first releases on the new Virgin Classics label but one of the most appealing recordings yet to appear of this much beloved work.

The orchestra with that cumbersome name is an original-instruments group based in London, and Mackerras's is the first recording of Schubert's Ninth by such an ensemble. Actually, that facet of the performance is not likely to be noticed

Charles Mackerras: great Schubert



all that much by most listeners, though it is surely felt in the sound of the brass-crisper and more characterful to a degree than the heavier modern instruments. It is the enlivening, thoroughly unceremonial pacing, more than the matter of instrumentation, that makes the performance a winner. Even though Mackerras takes every repeat, he brings the work in at a little under an hour, with no sense of haste, no hint of self-indulgence. Indeed. I might have wished for just a smidgen of indulgence in some of the phrasing-in the scherzo, for example-but far better to have it straight-faced than smarmed-up and kitschy.

This may not be the only way to do the "Great" C Major, but it is an especially bracing, refreshing account of it, and it makes great musical sense. It is also superbly recorded, with a fine open-air quality that makes the most of those crisp "period" brasses and wood-winds and allows the strings to charm without becoming soupy. I know more than a few collectors who find as many as twenty recordings of this work "indispensable"; anyone who loves it enough to want as many as two ought certainly to choose this as one of them.

**Richard Freed** 

SCHUBERT: Symphony No. 9, in C Major (D. 944, "The Great"). Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, Charles Mackerras cond. VIRGIN @ 790708-1, © 790708-4, @ 790708-2 (60 min).

## **DIANE SCHUUR:** POWERFUL POP/JAZZ

OR her fifth GRP album, 'Talkin' 'Bout You," twotime Grammy winner Diane Schuur has stretched out from her straight-ahead jazz approach (her last album paired her with the Count Basie Orchestra) to appeal to a wider, pop-oriented audience. In choosing the selections, Schuur and her producers, Steven Miller, Dave Grusin, and Larry Rosen, decided to go back to the



Diane Schuur: glorious "Talkin' "

r-&-b sound of the Fifties and Sixties. The decision was wisely rooted: Schuur, thirty-four, grew up hearing the classics of Ray Charles on the radio, and rhythm-and-blues shares many of the characteristics of jazz. The result is an altogether delightful collection, mixing her big, powerful voice with a well-balanced program and appearances by some of the finest jazz instrumentalists and session players in the business.

"Talkin' 'Bout You" resurrects three well-loved Ray Charles numbers, including the title tune, and offers a wonderful new r-&-b tune, Gene McDaniels's Somethin' Real, in which Schuur turns in a straight pop performance. But no matter how the label markets it, "Talkin' 'Bout You" is still a jazz-based album, one that merely draws on elements of pop, blues, and gospel. That recipe works best in Louisiana Sunday Afternoon, a captivating treatise on love and longing by Franne Golde and Peter Ivers in which Schuur's voice trips hypnotically above the melody while Tom Scott's rippling alto sax work chases the song to a spectacular finish.

There are some flaws, the most noticeable being Schuur's lapse into black dialect in the Helen Humesinspired Hard Drivin' Mama II, and the stampede of strings unleashed the World (Could Make Me Love You More Than I Do). But "Talk-ing' 'Bout You" has so much ing' 'Bout You'' has so much else going for it, and is so full of integri-

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ty, that the occasional stumble doesn't matter. The sheer glory of Schuur's voice, captured here in an ultra-clean production, makes for one of the most engaging albums of the year—pop, jazz, or anywhere in between. Alanna Nash

DIANE SCHUUR: Talkin' 'Bout You. Diane Schuur (vocals): Edwin Hawkins Singers (background vocals); Dave Grusin, Richard Tee, Mitchel Forman (kevboards); Steve Khan (guitar); Steve Gadd (drums); Will Lee (bass); Tom Scott (tenor, alto saxophone); other musicians. Talkin' 'Bout You; Funny (But I Still Love You): Louisiana Sunday Afternoon; For Your Love; Hearts Take Time; Somethin' Real; Hard Drivin' Mama II; Nothing in the World (Can Make Me Love You More Than I Do); Ain't That Love; Life Goes On (CD only); Cry Me a River. GRP GR-9567, @ GRC-9567. @ GRD-9567 (45 min).

## A SUPERB NEW "CENERENTOLA" FROM MARRINER

EVILLE MARRINER has surpassed the glittering achievement of his 1983 recording of Rossini's Barber of Seville with his new, superbly balanced, crystal-clear, effervescent recording of La Cenerentola. As in the earlier recording, he is fortunate to have Agnes Baltsa and Francisco Araiza as the operatic lovers-both singers of unusual vocal accomplishment and musical style. He has, too, the Ambrosian Opera Chorus, which, as usual, provides exact, exciting, and involved choral singing. And he conducts his own orchestra, the Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields's, one of the finest, best-schooled ensembles before the public today.

Given these assets, I expected this *Cenerentola* to be fairly close to perfection, and I was not disappointed: Between Marriner's achievement here and perfection itself the line is thin indeed. My single reservation: Agnes Baltsa commands less of the warmly sympathetic personal quality that makes Frederica von Stade's Angiolina so very special. Yet Baltsa sings the music with seeming effortlessness and full mastery of Rossini's delicate tracery. Francisco Araiza, as Don Ramiro, sings with tonal purity and a real sense of fun; he is an ideal match for Baltsa.

The remaining members of the cast are equally superb and give of their best under Sir Neville's demanding but ever felicitous baton. It is clear that everybody involved loves this music and shares in the composer's delight with the fairy tale. Simone Alaimo creates an attractively bumptious Dandini, his clear baritone easily encompassing the demands Rossini makes on it. Ruggero Raimondi, usually appreciated for his interpretation of "heavies," is a pleasant surprise as the self-important windbag Don Magnifico: his cavatina in Act I is deliciously comic. Carol Malone and Felicity Palmer bring proper angularity and vinegary wit to the ugly sisters, and John del Carlo, as the Prince's tutor Alidoro, makes much of the wise affection the old man holds for his charge.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of this *Cenerentola* is the verve with which it is unfolded. The pacing and inflection of the performance and its pervasive sense of liveliness and enthusiasm are contagious, drawing the listener in to a greater extent than is often the case with recorded operas, even the best-conceived of them. Bravo! *Robert Ackart* 

ROSSINI: La Cenerentola. Agnes Baltsa (mezzo-soprano), Angiolina/Cenerentola; Francisco Araiza (tenor), Don Ramiro; Simone Alaimo (baritone), Dandini; Ruggero Raimondi (bass), Don Magnifico; Carol Malone (soprano). Clorinda; Felicity Palmer (mezzosoprano), Tisbe; John del Carlo (bass), Alidoro. Ambrosian Opera Chorus; Academy of St. Martin-in-the Fields, Neville Marriner cond. PHILIPS © 420 468-4 three cassettes, © 420 468-2 three CD's (149 min).

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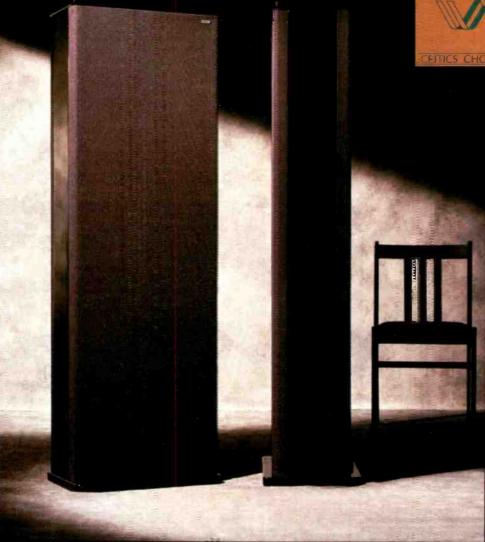
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#### Performance: Well intentioned Recording: Pretty good

Say what you will about Billy Braggthat though his heart is in the right place, against the rich and powerful, his politics are ultimately naïve-but he's a born songwriter: literate, funny, passionate. The problem for me is that I've always wanted to like his albums more than I actually do.

"Workers Playtime" is a case in point. Without a doubt, there are some superior songs here. The Price I Pay, for example, is the kind of nakedly confessional neo-soul plaint John Lennon used to toss off. There are also some wonderful insights ("Most important decisions in life are made between two people in bed") and even some musical growth-great horn arrangements in Little Time Bomb, lovely strings in The Short Answer. But like anybody else who's got strong opinions, Bragg can be a bloody bore as often as he can be compelling. For my money only the concluding Waiting for the Great Leap Forward, with its Mott the Hoople and Robert Oppenheimer references and union-hall sing-along finale, really strikes the right balance between communicating and hectoring. Don't get me wrong: I'm glad the kid's around to bug his complacent contemporaries. It's just that ... well, to paraphrase a teenager on the old American Bandstand show, he doesn't have a good beat, and you can't dance to him. SS

**DIRE STRAITS:** Money for Nothing. Dire Straits (vocals and instrumentals). Sultans of Swing; Down to the Waterline; Portobello Belle; Twisting by the Pool; Romeo and Juliet; Where Do You Think You're Going; Walk of Life; and

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four others. WARNER BROS. 25794-1, © 25794-4, @25794-2 (42 min).

#### Performance: Good times, bad times Recording: Mostly superb

Looking back, it's not surprising that Dire Straits hit it big as fast as they did, even in the context of the far more extreme punk rock of the period. The architectural grace and fluidity of Mark Knopfler's guitar work was pretty hard to resist, and there was a certain fascinating tension between the band's appropriation of purely American musical idioms and evocations of specifically British styles. What is surprising is how quickly the other salient aspect of their early music-its understated reticence-went bye bye.

Listening to this new, intelligently programmed greatest-hits package makes that change fairly obvious. In fact, the distance between the Straits' first hit (Sultans of Swing) and their most recent one (Money for Nothing) is the distance between a cool, deliberately nonmainstream, four-piece club band and a standard, ready-for-MTV, oversized arena ensemble. Not that the music has necessarily suffered-they've learned to make bombast palatable, even thrilling. Everything you might want to hear is included, from Tunnel of Love, the only one of their ersatz-Springsteen street romances that makes it as a kinetically exciting piece of rockand-roll, to the preposterously overwritten Private Investigations.

While I regret the direction the band has taken, there's no doubt that Knopfler is a genuinely individual artist; even when the songs don't ring true, that voice and that guitar supply an element of authority that can let you overlok the band's troubling concessions to popular

Billy Bragg: a born songwriter



taste. In any case, as a portrait of one band's evolution, "Money for Nothing" S.S. is irreproachable.

THE ERTEGUNS' NEW YORK-NEW YORK CABARET MUSIC. Mae Barnes, Chris Connor, Jimmy Daniels, Greta Keller, Carmen McRae, Mabel Mercer, Joe Mooney, Bobby Short, Sylvia Syms, Ted Straeter, Mel Tormé (vocals); Joe Bushkin, Barbara Carroll, Stan Freeman, Goldie Hawkins, Jimmy Lyon, Hugh Shannon, Billy Taylor, Cy Walter (piano); other musicians. Down in the Depths on the Ninetieth Floor; Lush Life; All in Fun; Remind Me; At the Moving Picture Ball; True Blue Lou; Sand in My Shoes; and ninety-two others. ATLANTIC 81817-1 six LP's, © 81817-4 three cassettes, @ 81817-2 two CD's (143 min).

#### Performance: Crème de la crème Recording: Varies with age

What a package! Here is a total of one hundred songs sung and played by twenty of the greatest stars of New York's supper clubs and jazz rooms of the Fifties and Sixties, an incredible era of small-club music making that got clobbered by the twin onslaughts of TV and disco.

The brothers Ahmet and Nesuhi Ertegun started recording some of their favorite small-club artists for the Atlantic label in the Forties (the earliest track here is by Eddie Condon from 1949). They kept at it through the following decades, even though the albums were clearly never going to be money-making million sellers. Now they've compiled a representative sampling of the best (well, okay, a few are second best), wisely grouping each artist individually.

Mae Barnes and Mabel Mercer, in particular, are captured in peak form, from the early Fifties, before mannerisms began to replace vocal security. These two very different (and distinctive) ladies have never been equaled in what they could do with certain songsand it's all here for young and old alike to enjoy (and, yes, learn from). Barnes's Laziest Gal in Town and Ol' Man Mose are inimitable, as are Mercer's You Are Not My First Love and Remind Me.

Other highlights are Chris Connor's forlorn Something to Live For, Sylvia Syms's wistful There's Something About an Old Love, Mel Tormé's refreshingly uncloying Autumn in New York, and Bobby Short's debonair Sand in My Shoes. On the disappointing side, however, are some of the instrumental tracks by such wonderful pianists as Cy Walter, Jimmy Lyon, and Joe Bushkin, who have been better represented on other albums. There are a couple of inaccuracies in the large street map that shows where the major clubs were once located. But the music making is what counts, and most of what's here is unforgettable indeed. RH

JULIA FORDHAM. Julia Fordham (vocals); vocal and instrumental accompaniment. Happy Ever After; The Comfort of Strangers; Cocooned; Where Does the Time Go?; Woman of the 80's: The Other Woman; and four others. VIRGIN 90955-1, © 90955-4, © 90955-2 (41 min).

Performance: Going places Recording: Lovely

Twenty-six-year-old Julia Fordham is a Briton by birth and an eccentric by nature. A former member of Mari Wilson's Wilsations, a pop group known as much for their beehive hairdos as for their single PolyGram album, Fordham now emerges, in this solo debut, as a sophisticated manipulator of language and rhythm, a confessional storyteller beset by demons of the psychological kind.

Possessing a musky, dense alto that seems masculine one moment and entrancingly feminine the next, Fordham sends out scary, mixed signals that never really allow the listener to get too close, an ambivalence also inherent in the music. Side one, made up of cool, sterile pop-on the order of Sadepresents the artist as the detached, questioning neurotic, more quizzical than analytical, capable of striking out in confrontational asides: "I must like it when you hurt me/'Cos I always let you hurt me/But not anymore."

Some of the songs work better than others. The Comfort of Strangers, reminiscent of Joni Mitchell in her jazz-ballad period ("Court and Spark," "The Hissing of Summer Lawns"), contrasts, in a modern amorality tale, the hollow pleasures of material comforts with the hunger for human warmth. A single gutstring guitar makes way for arrangements of lushly moving chorines, in the first of many unexpected musical surprises that include African choirs and third-world percussion. Happy Ever After and Cocooned, the latter featuring a fetching jazz piano, allow the singer to wade into murky waters as she attempts to mesh her discontent in love with her unhappiness over apartheid and the world-wide starvation of children.

Fordham comes into her own on side two, where she finds her sense of humor. Where Does the Time Go? pairs her with John O'Kane in a call-andresponse exchange that recalls the uplifting duets of Roberta Flack and Donnie Hathaway. Woman of the 80's, the most accessible track in the album. finds her trading in her starchy poses for the adrenaline rush of passion. To a jaunty beat and the sassy accompaniment of the New West Horns, she explores the dilemma of an indepen**ROCK CITY ANGELS** 



Jackie D. Jukes, Bobby Durango, Mike Barnes, Doug Banx, and Andy Panik

N the cover of their debut album, "Young Man's Blues," the Rock City Angels look like just another bunch of headbanging Southern California nihilists with bruised 1Q's and a stale horde of clichés. But stop, look, and listen closely, and a different impression begins to take shape. These guys could turn out to be the hard-rock band those of us who revered the New York Dolls, the MC5, T. Rex, and Alice Cooper in the early Seventies hoped might surface in the Eighties.

Actually, there's a wealth of in-fluences evident in "Young Man's Blues." The Angels have boned up on the Stones and the Sex Pistols, not to mention the knife-edged electric blues of Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker. Moreover, they've processed this source material through their own life experiences to come up with a sound and attitude that, if not exactly original, is certainly compelling.

"Young Man's Blues" is a perfect title for this record. It's a head-spinning walk on the wild side, a day in the life of street kids at odds with their families, society, and even themselves. There are drugs, sex, and rock-and-roll-and tenderness, too, as in the eulogy for a suicide victim, Mary-along with the will to survive. The Rock City Angels don't flinch from the horrific reality of the streets, but in the dervish dance of hardcharging rock-and-roll they find a way to transcend it.

The Angels' story spills out across three sides of the double-LP set (a rare show of faith by a record company in a

band making its debut). Side four contains an extended remix of Beyond Babylon, an unsparing state-of-the-union message. Beyond their energy and commitment, what lifts the five Angels above the competition is their ambitious mix of styles. Deep Inside My Heart, for instance, kicks in with a bluesy boogie riff, a backbeat the size of Tennessee, and a corrosive vocal that sounds like Billy Idol at full throttle. Such nervy eclecticism keeps the pot at a boil through the whole album.

Like the Stones, the Rock City Angels suggest both the allure of a thrill-filled life and the price it exacts from body and soul. In "Young Man's Blues," they tether fierce pride and independence to a batch of songs that rock like crazy. Our Little Secret and Hush Child, 10 name just two, are as forceful as anything in recent memory. There's an odd nobility about this record. You get the feeling the Rock City Angels had something to say about themselves and the world they live in, and they just had to get it out. Parke Puterbaugh

**ROCK CITY ANGELS: Young Man's** Blues. Rock City Angels (vocals and instrumentals). Deep Inside My Heart; Hard to Hold; Mary; Our Little Secret; Rumblefish; Boy from Hell's Kitchen; Liza Jo: Bevond Babylon: Hush Child: South of the Border; Damned Don't Cry; Wild Tiger: These Arms of Mine: Rough 'n' Tumble; Ya Gotta Swear; Bevond Babylon (45-rpm remix, in LP set only). GEFFEN GHS 24193 two LP's, © M5G 24193 one cassette, @ 2-24193 one CD (52 min).

dent woman who enjoys her freedom but still yearns for romance on Sunday afternoons. And in *The Other Woman*, she begins a downer of a song with something akin to Sade-with-moxie but quickly grows involvingly gritty and affecting.

Julia Fordham is a marvelously inventive artist, but you come away from her album somewhat confused. Quirky, spirited, but too often starkly reserved, she is often content to let the production overrun the music. Still, this debut promises the development of a formidable writer and performer. In the meantime, as her talent matures, there is the comfort of her dark, insinuating voice, methodically wrapping her audience in its chilly embrace. A.N.

DAVID KNOPFLER: Lips Against the Steel. David Knopfler (vocals, guitar); instrumental accompaniment. Heat Come Down; What Then Must We Do; To Feel That Way Again; Someone to Believe; Sculptress; and three others. CYPRESS YL 0120, © YC 0120, © YD 0120 (41 min).

Performance: Ponderous Recording: Terrific

David Knopfler has already achieved status as a footnote in rock history by

virtue of having been thrown out of the wildy successful Dire Straits by his older brother, Mark. Unfortunately, his new album, sung in a Dylanesque whisper that's an undernourished echo of Mark's derivative style, is unlikely to affect his reputation as the least lucky supporting player since Pete Best. Track after tuneless track drifts by portentously, with the added indignity of exceptionally empty-headed and pretentious lyrics and lots of annoying, gratuitous sound effects. S.S.

LOS LOBOS: La pistola y el corazón. Los Lobos (vocals and instrumentals); other musicians. La guacamaya; Las amarillas; Si yo quisiera; Estoy sentado aquí; El gusto; and four others. SLASH/ WARNER BROS. 25790-1, © 25790-4, © 25790-2 (25 min).

Performance: Exquisite Recording: Very good

Los Lobos has always remained true to its Mexican roots while pounding down the rockabilly trail. So it isn't particularly surprising that "La pistola y el corazón" is a very strong album, combining seven traditional Mexican songs with two originals. The band plays acoustic instruments, many of them used only in Mexican folk-based music. The sound is rich and somewhat "different," but not entirely exotic, and the instrumental tracks are vividly performed. The songs, sung with great feeling, are filled with blood-red emotions, tragic love affairs, and aching sadness. Los Lobos clearly knows this music and loves it. If any further proof of affinity were needed, it would be the stylistic compatibility of the two originals; they have the same zest and desperate romanticism as the cover versions. My only complaint with "La pistola y el corazón" has to do with its length, which is only about twenty-five minutes. That seems far too short for a fullpriced release, and the high quality of what's on the album only leaves me hungry for more. R.G.

PATTY LOVELESS: Honky Tonk Angel. Patty Loveless (vocals); vocal and instrumental accompaniment. Blue Side of Town; I Won't Gamble with Your Love; If You Think; Chains; The Lonely Side of Love; and five others. MCA MCA-42223, © MCAC-42223, © MCAD-42223 (32 min).

Performance: *Hitting her stride* Recording: *Very good* 

In her third MCA recording, country diva Patty Loveless turns in an exem-

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plary performance as an open-throated singer with an ear for a good song-no matter what genre it happens to inhabit. While critics have described her as a rightful successor to traditional country stalwarts Reba McEntire and Loretta Lynn (who happens to be Loveless's cousin), "Honky Tonk Angel," produced by Tony Brown, shows Loveless, a veteran of several rock-and-roll bands, to have more in common with Emmylou Harris and Juice Newton than with her more rurally oriented colleagues. Blue Side of Town, for example, written by Paul Kennerley (Harris's husband) and Hank DeVito, who wrote Oueen of Hearts for Newton, is more befitting a rocking honky-tonk angel of the L.A. ilk than anything Kitty Wells ever had in mind. I Won't Gamble with Your Love is in the vein of Linda Ronstadt's Love Is a Rose. And two other strong songs, Don't Toss Us Away (with Rodney Crowell) and The Lonely Side of Love, recall Harris's early days and her romance with the Louvin Brothers sound. By far the most surprising turn here, however, finds Loveless slipping on a slinky night-club ballad, If You Think, and shaping it into a natural-fitting garment of her own.

Two albums ago, Loveless would never have found the confidence to

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attempt anything as treacherous as *If* You Think. But aside from an achingly pure rendition of Carter Stanley's bluegrass lament *I'll Never Grow Tired of* You, Loveless has, in her quest for a slightly more professional and "uptown" sound, lost some of the vulnerability and "wild and wounded" ambience that characterized her debut record. "Honky Tonk Angel" is a spectacular display of all the singer's charms. It also rudely diffuses the personal portrait of this maturing artist. A.N.

STEVE MILLER: Born 2B Blue. Steve Miller (vocals, guitar); vocal and instrumental accompaniment. Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah; Ya Ya; God Bless the Child; Filthy McNasty; Born to Be Blue; and five others. CAPITOL C1-48303, © C4-48303, © C2-48303 (42 min).

Performance: Smooth Recording: Exceptional

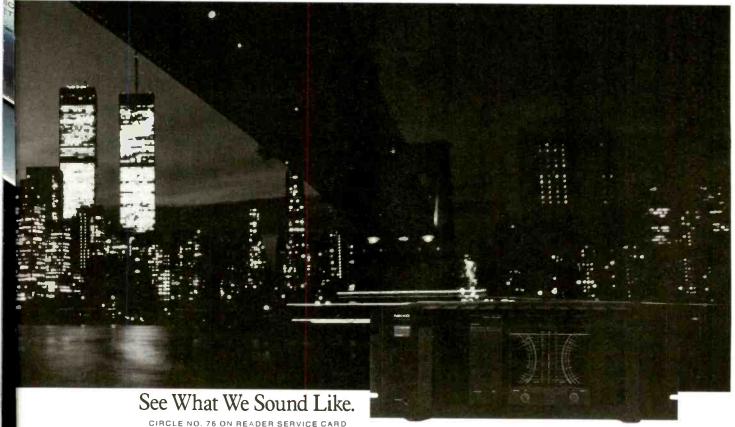
Steve Miller has assumed many identities over the years—Gangster of Love, Space Cowboy, and the Joker among them—but his music has always remained true to its bluesy, rocking roots. In "Born 2B Blue," however, he's playing to an older crowd, much as Linda Ronstadt did in her torch-song trilogy with Nelson Riddle. For this record Miller has put on a few pounds, donned coat and tie, strapped on a hollowbody guitar, and crooned his way through ten hand-picked pop standards.

When he tackles syncopated blues and jumping jive like *Red Top*, *Ya Ya*, and *Just a Little Bit*, Miller's an engaging interpreter with a feeling for rhythmic nuance, especially in his back up vocals and clear-toned lead breaks. He's less sure-handed with the ballads, where his phrasing is awkwardly imitative of jazz singers like Mel Tormé and Mose Allison His dilettantish dip into the likes of *God Bless the Child*, *When Suany Gets Blue*, and *Willow Weep for Me* would have been better confined to the shower.

Miller has been unable to find his feet in the Eighties, a common plight among veteran performers in this musically fickle decade. Granted, "Born 2B Blue" is a comfortable side trip down memory lane, but I wonder where it's leading him. I hope it's *not* to the cocktail lounge at the local Holiday Inn. *P.P.* 

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS: Love Junk (see Best of the Month, page 143)

SANTANA: Viva Santana! Carlos Santana (guitar); vocal and instrumental



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> Performance: Hefty "best of" Recording: Varies

It's been twenty years since Carlos Santana first crossed the polyrhythms of Latin America with the guitar-driven power of the San Francisco Sound. In the original Santana band, there was a taut give-and-take between dynamic bursts of collective energy and lengthy elaboration on musical themes. Santana's alchemic Latin-rock, with its jazzlike penchant for jamming, was among the most exciting sounds of the age.

The subsequent fate of Santana was a gradual diminution of energy and direction, much of which was attributable to the enervated Zeitgeist of the Seventies. Some of the essential spark was lost when organist Gregg Rolie and guitarist Neil Schon left to form Journey. Thereafter, Carlos Santana's band became a revolving door for singers, percussionists, and synthesizer players. There was constant pressure to steer Santana in a mainstream direction, and the results were frequently diluted and compromised. Carlos himself, however, was personally moving away from rock toward jazz of a more spiritual stripe, with John Coltrane as his role model. Consequently, Santana's albums revealed a band with a split personality: questing for the inner flame on the one hand and aiming at the commercial Top 40 on the other. The original group was able to accommodate both aspirations without contradiction; such was the symbiotic genius of the Sixties.

Viva Santana!" skims the cream off the top of Santana's deep well of recordings (there have been sixteen Santana band albums and seven solo or collaborative works featuring its leader). Not surprisingly, the best moments in this set, much of which consists of previously unreleased live recordings and studio outtakes, date from that initial fireburst, 1969 to 1971. Later versions of the band (the enclosed family tree documents thirty-four different lineups!) were capable of lighting a fire under old standards like Black Magic Woman/ Gypsy Queen, but the material they came up with on their own was no match for the earlier work.

As a result, it is the first-generation Santana classics, such as *Jingo* and the legendary performance of *Soul Sacrifice* at Woodstock, that are the real meat of the program. Four cuts salvage the best moments of the later Santana bands, but the rest of "Viva Santana!" is largely a blur of fusionoid boogie, conga overkill, and bad pop. Anyone who really wants to hear the best of Santana

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is advised to go out and purchase the band's first three albums—"Santana," "Abraxas," and "Santana III"—which are all midline-priced and will collectively set you back less than this triplelength leviathan. *P.P.* 

## DIANE SCHUUR: Talkin' 'Bout You (see Best of the Month, page 144)

SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY: Slow Dance. John Lyons (vocals); instrumental accompaniment. On the Air; Sirens of the Night; Little Calcutta; Ain't That Peculiar; Act of Love; Slow Dance; and four others. CYPRESS YL 0115, © YC 0115, © YD 0115 (41 min).

Performance: Elegant Recording: Slick

Southside Johnny Lyons's new solo album is hardly a stunner along the lines of his early efforts with the Asbury Jukes, but in its quiet, understated way it will eventually get under your skin. Like most of his recent music, it leans toward pop champagne-and-moonlight crooning rather than the r-&-b grit of yore, but there's an effective collaboration with Bruce Springsteen in Walking Through Midnight and even a surprisingly angry and powerful protest song he wrote himself, Little Calcutta (read New York City), which combines sardonically effective lyrics and a Robert Cray-like blues groove.

The obligatory covers, however, are a mixed bag. The Motown classic *Ain't That Peculiar*, although rendered with spirit, ultimately seems like a sop to the Big Chill generation. Jerry Butler's *Your Precious Love*, on the other hand, is one of the great soul ballads, and Lyons sings it as if he's been waiting to do it for ages; it's one of the best performances of his career. All in all, an appealing little record, even if you miss the horn section. *S.S.* 

THE TRAVELING WILBURYS. Bob Dylan, "Lucky Wilbury"; Jeff Lynne, "Otis Wilbury"; Tom Petty, "Charlie T. Jnr."; Roy Orbison, "Lefty Wilbury"; George Harrison, "Nelson Wilbury" (vocals and instrumentals); other musicians. Handle with Care; Dirty World; Rattled; Last Night; Not Alone Any More; Tweeter and the Monkey Man; End of the Line; and three others. WIL-BURY/WARNER BROS. 25796-1, © 25796-4, © 25796-2 (36 min).

> Performance: Charming Recording: Very good

All-star aggregations like this usually look better on paper than they actually sound, but against the odds these guys have pulled off a very entertaining album. Even more surprising, the Traveling Wilburys—the transparently fictional nom de disque for one of the odder celebrity supergroups of recent years—sounds like a real band and not like a succession of solo turns. (The consistent sound is probably courtesy of

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producers George Harrison and Jeff Lynne.)

In fact, once you get past the initial Living Legends on a Lark shock of the whole thing, what you're hearing is an almost thoroughly realized, if ultimately retro, pop/rock confection. Consider, for example, the delicious irony of hearing serious artiste Bob Dylan in so frivolous and well-produced a context. His Congratulations is the funniest putdown of a faithless lover since Harry Nilsson's You're Breaking My Heart. Or thrill, if you will, to the aural spectacle of the late Roy Orbison singing one of his patented operatic weepers (You're Not Alone) over a backing track that could be by ELO. And note that everything here, for all the modern studio gloss, is grounded in Sixties veritiesconcise song structures, strong tunes, lyrical playfulness, and instrumental solos that say only what needs to be said.

Not everything works. Dylan's Tweeter and the Monkey Man, a Springsteen (yes, Springsteen) parody, ultimately falls flat. And Tom Petty's Last Night, a Tijuana-barroom ditty with an only mildly amusing punch line, is simply out of character. But by and large, "The Traveling Wilburys" is just what it sets out to be—an album of unpretentious, infectious music making. S.S.



MONTY ALEXANDER, RAY BROWN, AND HERB ELLIS: Triple Treat II. Monty Alexander (piano); Herb Ellis (guitar); Ray Brown (bass); John Frigo (violin). Smile; Polkadots and Moonbeams; I'll Remember April; Seven Come Eleven; Lester Leaps In; and three others (four others on CD). CONCORD JAZZ CJ-338, © CJ-338-C, © CCD-4338 (52 min).

### Performance: Delightful Recording: Fine remote

Jamaican-born pianist Monty Alexander has a winning, crisp style, and he puts it to full use when he's in the company of guitarist Herb Ellis and bassist Ray Brown. "Triple Treat II" is the latest Concord album by this delightful trio, and one of the best. Recorded in a Santa Monica club two summers ago, this set moves briskly through a collection of mostly familiar, toe-tapping tunes. Violinist John Frigo, who played with the Jimmy Dorsey band in the Forties, joins in on the last four selections; he's in his seventies but as spry as can be. The recording is slightly marred by an occasional knocking sound probably someone's foot responding irresistibly to the rhythmic proceedings but don't let that deter you from buying this wonderful album. C.A.

**BIRD.** Original-soundtrack recording. Charlie Parker (alto saxophone); other musicians. Lester Leaps In: Cool Blues: Ornithology; Parker's Mood; Ko Ko; and six others. COLUMBIA SC 44299, © SCT 44299, © CK 44299 (64 min).

Performance: Rehatched Bird Recording: Very good

Just when you thought it was safe to say that Hollywood would never treat jazz in a manner acceptable to the truly hip, along comes *Bird*, a film about Charlie Parker produced and directed by Clint Eastwood. Some people wish there had been less emphasis on Parker's drug dependency, but the film generally impressed jazz lovers, including tough-toplease musicians and critics. Bird fan Eastwood accomplished the seemingly impossible.

Charlie Parker, who died in 1955, left a substantial recorded legacy that includes many private, unauthorized tapes as well as commercial recordings. Eastwood could have found suitable material from either of these sources



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and used them as is, but he wanted the sound to reflect today's technical quality, so he did a bit of doctoring. Perhaps that goes against your grain, but be happy that Eastwood did not resort to having someone imitate Parker's style. Instead, he and music supervisor Lennie Niehaus employed state-of-the-art technology to isolate Parker's horn from existing recordings, then skillfully combined his performances with new accompaniments. The stunning results may bother the purist on principle, but rest assured that the process is not at all like colorizing The Maltese Falcon-it really works.

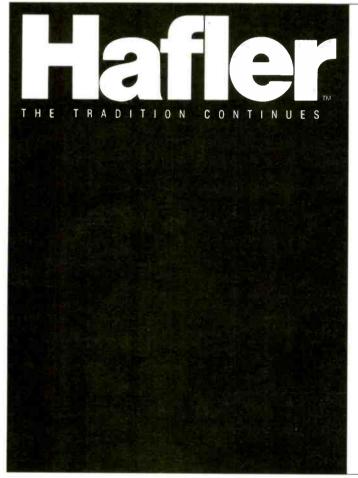
One reason this is such a successful soundtrack is the caliber of musicians involved, men like Ray Brown, Monty Alexander, Jon Faddis, Charles Mc-Pherson, Ron Carter, Barry Harris, and Red Rodney (who is also portrayed in the film). Another big plus is the inclusion of two previously unissued Parker performances—I Can't Believe That You're in Love with Me and All of Me recorded privately by pianist Lennie Tristano (here replaced by Monty Alexander). "Bird," the album, is well worth spinning. C.A.

JACK DEJOHNETTE'S SPECIAL EDITION: Audio-Visualscapes. Jack DeJohnette (drums, electronic keyboards); Gary Thomas, Greg Osby (reeds); Lonnie Plaxico (bass); Mick Goodrick (electric guitar). Donjo; Slam Tango; Sphinx; Master Mind; PM's AM; One for Eric; Brown Warm & Wintry; Audio-Visualscapes. IMPULSE/MCA MCA-8029 two LP's, © MCAC-8029 one cassette, © MCAD-8029 one CD (74 min).

Performance: Exciting Recording: Very good

Drummer Jack DeJohnette appeared on the pace-setting 1970 Miles Davis album "Bitches' Brew," which planted the seed for the so-called fusion idiom and turned Davis's career in a new direction. "Bitches' Brew" was a fascinating album, but while it boosted the trumpeter's popularity, it also pointed him toward an artistic limbo. Out of the brew came a number of gifted musicians, men like Chick Corea, who pursued the fusion trail, and pianist Keith Jarrett, who went his own way and unwittingly sired the Warsaw Concertos of our time-New Age music. The Miles Davis rejuvenation process of the early Seventies also clearly made a deep impression on DeJohnette, one that is still heard in his music today. DeJohnette had a previous brush with eccentric music, having been involved with the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians in his home town, Chicago, but he never succumbed to the kind of gimmickry that has deservedly sent some of his former colleagues to the dimmer recesses of our memory.

DeJohnette's new group, another of his Special Editions, is his most interesting to date. Expressive as ever, the leader's propulsive percussion weaves intricate patterns-with essential input from bassist Lonnie Plaxico and guitarist Mick Goodrick-and provides a splendid background for two shining stars on the rise, reed players Gary Thomas and Greg Osby. "Audio-Visualscapes," the quintet's second album, is even better than its first, "Irresistible Forces." If you must label the music, call it fusion with the accent on jazz, although selections like DeJohnette's One for Eric have a dignity that simply belies the fusion label. If you are looking for a good excuse to get rid of labels altogether, this album offers it. because what we have here is simply exciting improvisational music. It has all the rhythmic qualities of a great swing performance and the polytonality of the King Oliver band. It also has beauty. Could one ask for more? Yes, another album-soon. C.A.



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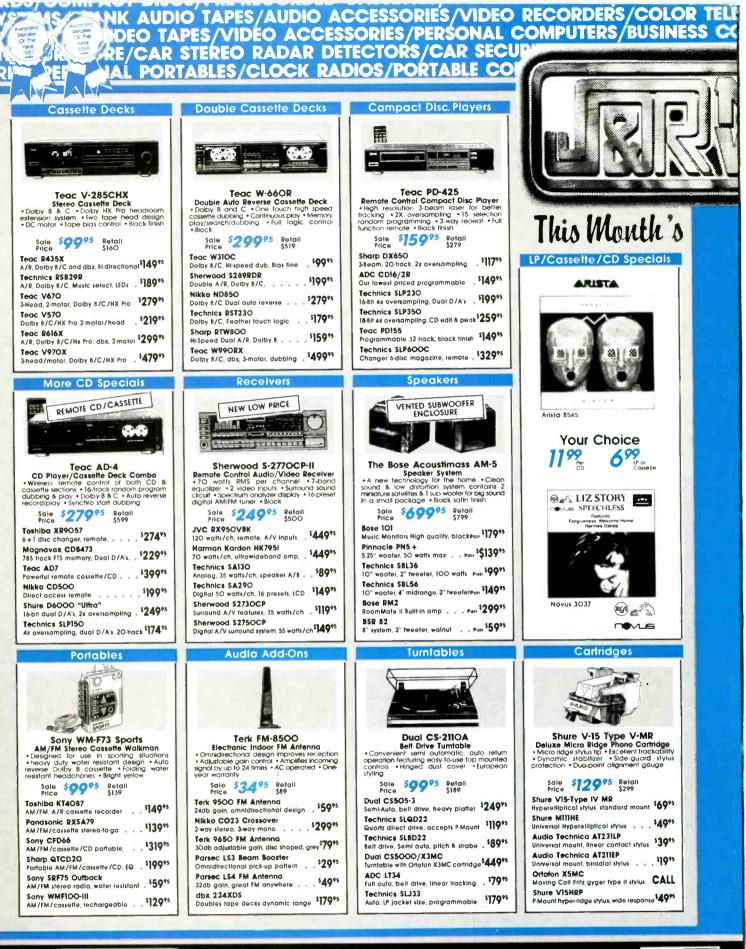
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NRBO: Whistle While You Work

RODUCER Hal Willner has been making memorable "Various Interpretations" tribute albums for a while now. Who can forget Lou Reed crooning September Song in Willner's Kurt Weill record, "Lost in the Stars"? But the new "Stay Awake," songs from vintage Disney films, has got to be his most audacious-the most unlikely songs matched with the most unlikely performers. The funny thing is, it works, both as postmodern revisionism and as entertainment-which is, I suppose, a sort of backhanded compliment to the Disney songwriters, none of whom could have imagined some of the performances enshrined here.

O'Connor: Someday My Prince ...



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Not all of them are determinedly weird, of course. James Taylor's version of Second Star to the Right sounds exactly like a James Taylor song. Ringo Starr's take on (what else?) When You Wish Upon a Star, done up with a full orchestra and a trumpet solo by Herb Alpert, is absolutely straight and would, in fact, have been totally appropriate for the old Disneyland TV show. And while Bonnie Raitt's achingly soulful version of the Dumbo lullaby Baby Mine transforms the song, it merely replaces one form of sincerity with another.

Still, most of the interpretations in "Stay Awake" break with tradition in rather sophisticated ways. Some seem totally off the wall, like Aaron Neville and Dr. John turning the Mickey Mouse Club theme into a heart-wrenching display of Fifties doo-wop vocal harmony, the Replacements making glorious garage-band hash out of Cruella de Ville, Sinéad O'Connor intoning Someday My Prince Will Come as if she were awaiting her execution, or Tom Waits recasting Heigh Ho as an anthem more suitable for Tod Browning's Freaks than for Disney's lovable Seven Dwarfs. Others, like Yma Sumac's Mantovaniin-the-Andes version of I Wonder or Sun Ra's Pink Elephants on Parade, are gargantuan exaggerations, deliberately overblown apotheoses of elements that had always stayed demurely in the background of the songs. And others are simply playful, like NRBQ's charming Whistle While You Work or Harry Nilsson's Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah.

But all of what's here, once you get over your initial disorientation, ultimately sounds like Disney music, or at least like the realities present beneath the surface of Disney music (you think there aren't dark subtexts lurking in Bambi or Snow White?), and in the end that's what makes the album work. What you're hearing is music written for children but performed, often for the first time, for adults, a conceit similar to Stephen Sondheim's fairy-tale ploy in Into the Woods. For my money, Willner and his artists have pulled it off in a much more entertaining fashion. Somewhere-either in heaven or in cryogenic suspension-Walt Disney should be smiling. Steve Simels

STAY AWAKE—Various Interpretations of Music from Vintage Disney Films. Ken Nordine, Bill Frisell, Wayne Horvitz: Hi Diddle Dee Dee (An Actor's Life for Me). Natalie Merchant, Michael Stipe, Mark Bingham, the Roches: Little April Shower. Los Lobos: I Wan'na Be Like You (The Monkey Song). Bonnie Raitt, Was (Not Was): Baby Mine. Tom Waits: Heigh Ho (The Dwarfs' Marching Song). Suzanne Vega: Stay Awake. Bill Frisell, Wayne Horvitz: Little Wooden Head. Syd Straw: Blue Shadows on the Trail. Buster Poindexter, the Banshees of Blue: Castle in



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## **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

Discs and tapes reviewed by Robert Ackart, Richard Freed, David Hall, Stoddard Lincoln, Eric Salzman, and David Patrick Stearns

BACH: Sonatas for Flute and Basso Continuo: E Minor (BWV 1034), C Major (BWV 1033), and E Major (BWV 1035). Sonatas for Flute and Obbligato Harpsichord: B Minor (BWV 1030), A Major (BWV 1032), and E-flat Major (BWV 1031). John Solum (flutes), Barbara Bogatin (cello); Igor Kipnis (harpsichord). ARABESQUE © Z6589 (72 min).

Performance: *Elegant* Recording: *Excellent* 

John Solum and Igor Kipnis make a perfect pair. Their phrasing and articulation are beautifully matched, and the sonorities of the Baroque flutes used by Solum and the Carl Fudge copy of a 1728 Christian Sell harpsichord used by Kipnis are seductive indeed. In the continuo sonatas, Kipnis reveals his usual inventiveness in the realization of the keyboard part but never tries to steal the show. In the obbligato sonatas, the two players are evenly matched in both brilliance and lyricism.

The missing bars of the first movement of the A Major Sonata have been reconstructed by many hands, but Solum's reconstruction is the best I have ever heard, filling out the movement's proportions convincingly. My only regret is that there was no room for the G Minor Sonata, even if its authenticity is questionable. S.L.

BEETHOVEN: String Quartet No. 11, in F Minor, Op. 95 (see SCHUBERT)

BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 1, in C Major, Op. 21; Symphony No. 6, in F Major, Op. 68 ("Pastoral"). London Classical Players, Roger Norrington cond. EMI/ANGEL © CDC-49746-2 (66 min).

Performance: Startling Recording: Splendid

More than any other conductor in the early-music revival, Roger Norrington has been instrumental in applying the most recent research on historic performance practices to the Beethoven

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## THE EMERSON'S BARTÓK



HE Emerson String Quartet has performed all six of Béla Bartók's quartets in a single long concert on at least four occasions since the centenary of the composer's birth in March 1981, most recently in New York City last October. These feats of endurance very dramatically illustrate the group's exceptional commitment to Bartók, which is further documented now in a handsome new recording of the cycle for Deutsche Grammophon.

"Handsome" is surely an apt description of the sound quality and documentation as well as of the performances themselves, which are remarkably effective on the most direct level of communication throughout the cycle. The recording is certainly the most impressive the Emerson has made so far, and it is one of the most satisfying in the by now long list of integral recordings of Bartók's quartets. The Emerson makes these quartets as appealing as any in the literature, taking an almost—or perhaps a little more than "almost"—Romantically expressive approach without, however, rounding off any of the Bartókian corners or smoothing over passages meant to sting.

One question that occurred to me, as I made my way (pleasurably) through the set the fourth or fifth time, was whether the preparation of those marathon programs of the entire cycle might have encouraged the players to settle for a sort of overall Bartók style at the expense of each work's individual character. That would not appear to be very likely: After all, as Eugene Drucker, one of the Emerson violinists, points out in a note with the new recording, the foursome has played individual Bartók quartets every season since its first (1977), so that initially there was a focus on each work in its own right. Still, in the recorded performances there is less differentiation than one might have expected between the overtly brilliant and virtuosic Nos. 3, 4, and 5, the more lyrical Nos. I and 2, and the profoundly inward No. 6. What there is instead, however, is a striking sense of continuity that may suggest the six quartets are chapters in an extended chronicle.

In any event, I would not make too much of this vague personal impression: Various listeners, with varying degrees of familiarity with the music, will have their own notions about it and their own reactions to these performances. But few, I imagine, will have any but a positive response to them, and those who have yet to discover this music could hardly hope for a more appealing initial encounter. Having the two-and-a-half-hour cycle so engagingly presented on two full CD's instead of the expected three makes the set that much more appealing. Richard Freed

BARTÓK: String Quartets Nos. 1-6. Emerson String Quartet. DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON © 423 657-2 two CD's (149 min).



Nicholas McGegan: from one musical delight to another

symphonics. Using period instruments at Classical pitch (A=430), bowings and articulations that accord with Classical documents, and the brisk tempos of the period, Norrington's readings here of the First and Sixth Symphonies are startlingly different from what we are accustomed to hearing.

In the Pastoral Symphony, it is especially striking to hear inner lines that are usually lost. In the development of the first movement, for example, Beethoven repeats a single figuration as many as eighteen times. In this performance you can hear the rich variation undergone by that figuration in the underlying voices, which dispels any tendency toward monotony. In the "Scene by the Brook," you hear not only the ceaseless flowing of the water but the activity of the teeming life within. And there is a heightened drama to the way the storm erupts with frightening fury during the "Merry Gathering of the Country Folk." All in all, the pacing and the instrumental transparency of these performances result in a view of Beethoven's compositional procedures that is far from the common one, and once you get used to Norrington's brisk tempos, these two readings offer an exhilarating listening experience. EMI's recorded sound is also absolutely firstrate throughout. 12

BRAHMS: Piano Concerto No. 1, in D Minor, Op. 15. Barry Douglas (piano); London Symphony Orchestra, Stanislaw Skrowaczewski cond. RCA ● 7780-1, © 7780-4, © 7780-2 (52 min).

Performance: Comfortable Recording: Uncomfortable

Barry Douglas provided his own annotation for this recording, revealing a forthright affection for the composer in general and this work in particular that is felt in the performance, on both his part and Stanislaw Skrowaczewski's. Their joint view of the work might be called "comfortable," in the sense that the drama in the score is more or less allowed to take care of itself and emphasis on musical soundness rules out any degree of showmanship. There are patches in the slow movement and finale that tend to sag, but in general the pacing is relaxed and sensible, so that there is a sense of intimacy even amid the storms of the opening movement and the drive of the last. Except perhaps for what might be regarded as an undervitalized treatment of the finale's coda. it is an approach that wears well. But if the performance itself is a comfortable one, RCA's sound quality is distressingly uncomfortable. The lightness in the bass robs the music of much of its warmth, and the high end seems always on the verge of shrillness. The same engineering team achieved a much richer and more appealing sound for Emanuel Ax's superior recording of the concerto with James Levine and the Chicago Symphony, and the sonics are also a decided plus in the exceptionally sympathetic Ashkenazy-Haitink version on London and the Brendel-Abbado one RF on Philips.

CHOPIN: Ballades Nos. 1-4; Barcarolle in F-sharp Major, Op. 60; Fantasy in F Minor, Op. 49. Krystian Zimerman (piano). DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON © 423 090-2 (60 min).

> Performance: Ballades excellent Recording: Good

Krystian Zimerman's way with the Chopin ballades is especially winning. He combines Romantic flair and spontaneity with his innate elegance and fastidious technique to bring each of the four concise tone poems to glowing life on its own terms. There is a good deal of freedom in the way of dynamic contrasts and some very subtle gear-shifting here and there, but the overall impression is always of conviction rather than indulgence. The barcarolle, too, exudes a convincing air of poetic inspiration. It's only in the fantasy, at the end of the recorded program, that disappointment sets in: The introductory section is overdeliberate and earthbound, and the piece unfolds not with the flair that vivifies the ballades, but with a curiously diffuse quality that is anything but compelling. While that is, to be sure, only one performance out of six on the disc. there is no scarcity of fine versions of any of these pieces on CD. Rubinstein (RCA), Ashkenazy (London), and Ax (RCA) all give stunning accounts of the ballades-the first two coupling them with the four scherzos, Ax with the Bflat Minor Sonata. Zimerman's ballades are in the same class, but his lackluster Fantasy in F Minor makes his disc rather less of a contender. The sound is quite good without calling attention to itself. RF

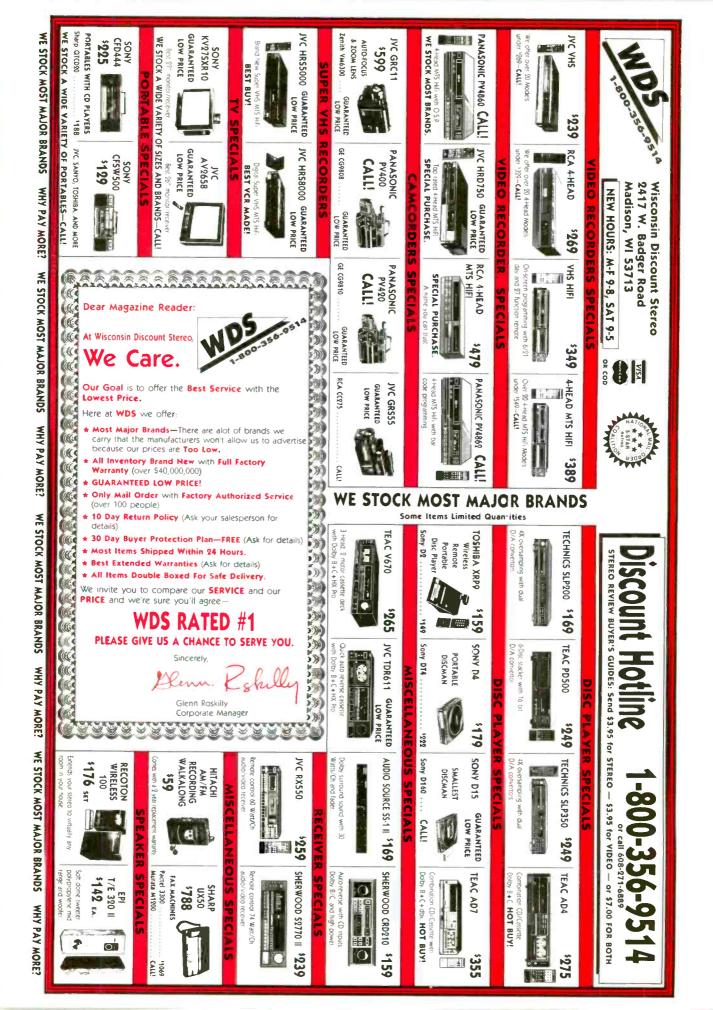
HANDEL: Water Music. Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, Nicholas McGegan cond. HARMONIA MUNDI 7010, © 407010, © 907010 (57 min).

Performance: Brilliant Recording: Excellent

As conducted by Nicholas McGegan, these performances of the ever-popular suites making up Handel's *Water Music* are indeed joyous. The listener is propelled from one musical delight to another. From the start, in the brilliantly rendered overture, with its starchy introduction and crisp allegro, McGegan leads us in a merry round of dances and interludes. The affect of each dance is precisely caught in the initial bars: The hornpipes, bourées, and rigaudons sparkle, the gigues flow, and the minuets are properly stately.

The San Francisco-based Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra plays with accuracy and verve, and the period instruments make the contrast between woodwinds, brass, and strings more pronounced than it is with a modern orchestra. Handel's writing pits orchestral section against section, and McGegan, rightly, makes the most of the effect. The horn players are particularly fine. As you listen, you imagine floating down the Thames, hearing a fox hunt in full cry on the near shore. There may be far too many recordings of the Water Music, but this new one, which includes a couple of tracks devoted to rarely heard variations, is well worth adding S.L. to your collection.

MENDELSSOHN: Symphony No. 3, in A Minor, Op. 56 ("Scottish"); Die erste Walpurgisnacht, Op. 60. Christine Cairns (mezzo-soprano); Jon Garrison (tenor); Tom Krause (baritone); Jeffrey Wells (bass-baritone); Cleveland Or-

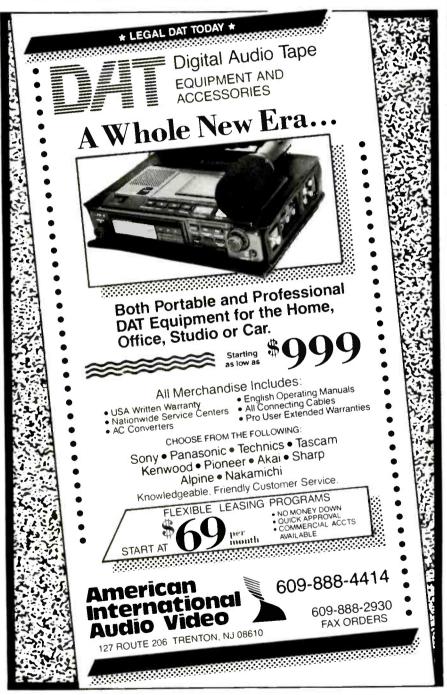


chestra Chorus; Cleveland Orchestra, Christoph von Dohnányi cond. TELARC © CD-80184 (67 min).

#### Performance: Topnotch Recording: Stunning

Christoph von Dohnányi and the Cleveland Orchestra are in top form in this recording of Mendelssohn's delightful setting of Goethe's *Walpurgis Night* ballad, which the conductor has recorded before, but the disc leads off with a brilliant, sensitively detailed reading of the *Scottish* Symphony. There is plenty of drive in the fast movements, particularly the scherzo, but no sign of forcing. The elegiac adagio is done in a most tender and poetic fashion, and the festive epilogue in the last movement is free of the pomposity that sometimes afflicts readings of those pages.

Die erste Walpurgisnacht tells of the pagan May Day Eve festivities on the Bloksberg, which Christian folk took to be the work of devils and witches. The



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Christians are portrayed as the bad guys in Goethe's poem, while the natureworshipping Druids and their community represent the forces of truth and light. Mendelssohn's cantata has a fine overture depicting a storm and the coming of spring, followed by a series of brief episodes in which the Druids prepare for their midnight ceremonies, donning masks and carrying noisemakers to frighten away the intruding Christians. The music is dramatic, with a touch of fear, and there is a marvelous scherzando chorus and some fine ceremonial music redolent of Mozart's Magic Flute. The orchestration, as always with a score by Mendelssohn, is superb.

Except for a tense and whitish-sounding opening tenor solo from Jon Garrison, the singers here are all first-rate, most notably veteran Finnish baritone Tom Krause and bass-baritone Jeffrey Wells. Garrison makes full amends toward the end with his very convincing depiction of a panic-stricken Christian guard. Thanks both to the ideal recording locale, Cleveland's Masonic Auditorium, and the first-rate production, this is a musical and sonic realization that represents Telarc and the performing artists at their very best. D.H.

PROKOFIEV: Symphony No. 5, in Bflat Major, Op. 100. Orchestre National de France, Mstislav Rostropovich cond. ERATO © ECD 75479 (43 min).

Performance: Expansively lyrical Recording: Spacious

PROKOFIEV: Symphony No. 6, in Eflat Minor, Op. 111; Symphony No. 1, in D Major, Op. 25 ("Classical"). Orchestre National de France, Mstislav Rostropovich cond. ERATO © ECD 75462 (61 min).

Performance: Broad Recording: Expansive

PROKOFIEV: Symphony No. 6, in Eflat Minor, Op. 111; Scythian Suite, Op. 20. Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, André Previn cond. PHILIPS © 420 934-4, © 420 934-2 (62 min).

Performance: Volatile Recording: Very good

Mstislav Rostropovich recorded the Prokofiev Fifth Symphony with the Orchestre de Paris back in 1985, but it was not released until late last year, when it came out both separately and as part of his integral set of all seven Prokofiev symphonies. The conductor emphasizes the Fifth's lyrical content and niceties of dynamic shading, as in his treatment of the woodwind countermelody just before the reprise of the first movement's main theme or the slow introduction to the propulsive finale, which is performed with the greatest elegance and subtle instrumental coloration. The sonics are spacious to a fault-indeed, the reverberation muddles the texture of the first-movement climax. The great





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dissonant outcry in the slow movement, however, comes off superbly.

The Prokofiev Sixth, coming after Russia's national ordeal of World War II and at a time of ill health for the composer, is a curiously unsettling, enigmatic, and poignant work. Even the seemingly optimistic finale is laced with episodes of pain and near despair. Rostropovich searches out the lyric-tragic dimension of the work, and his pacing as a whole is decidedly more deliberate than in the recording by Evgeny Mravinsky, who led the première in October 1947. The sonics are essentially the same as in the other recordings of the series, but they work well for this symphony. The longish reverberation period of the recording locale (a Radio France studio) may explain the somewhat deliberate tempo Rostropovich adopts for the accompanying Classical Symphony, which he treats in rather balletic fashion. It comes as something of a shock to hear it right after the Sixth Symphony, with its tragic undertone.

André Previn's tempos in his new recording of the Sixth are closer to Mravinsky's than to Rostropovich's, but the effect is somehow externalized and theatrical. A more successful compromise in pacing is achieved by Neeme Järvi in his performance with the Scottish National Orchestra on Chandos. Previn's coupler, however, Prokoficv's youthful but fierce *Scythian Suite*, is performed with great verve and brilliance, conveying a properly menacing atmosphere in the so-called "night" music. *D.H.* 

RACHMANINOFF: Symphony No. 2, in E Minor, Op. 27. Philharmonia Orchestra, Mariss Jansons cond. CHAN-DOS O ABRD 1230, © ABTD 1230, © CHAN 8520 (55 min).

Performance: Poised Recording: Good

Mariss Jansons here presents the Rachmaninoff Second uncut, in all its gorgeous, sprawling length. He and the Philharmonia Orchestra give us a performance that is poised and precisely gauged. If it does not have the volatility and lushness of Yuri Temirkanov's 1978 recording, or even of the two by André Previn, it does provide a very clear view of the music's melodic lines and internal textures.

The opening movement is taken at a very deliberate and steady pace, the scherzo is wonderfully clean and brilliant, and the slow third movement has a poised lyricism that builds to a magnificent climax. The Philharmonia's first-chair clarinet does himself proud in the third movement's famous solo episode. I would have liked a bit more urgency in the finale as well as more presence at those climactic points where cymbals punctuate the line, but considering the church acoustic in which the recording was made, the sound is re-D.H.markably clean and brilliant.

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RAMEAU: Les Indes galantes, Suite. Orchestre de la Chapelle Royale, Philippe Herreweghe cond. HARMONIA MUNDI © 290.1130 (43 min).

### Performance: Big and colorful Recording: Excellent

Les Indes galantes of 1735 was only Rameau's third major stage work, but it was a manifesto for the kind of "futuristic" musical experiments that would occupy him for the remainder of his long, creative life. He wrote more startling music than this, but never again would his innovations be so naturally and consistently integrated into the general musical terrain of a piece.

The suite of dances and airs drawn from Les Indes galantes is full of Rameau's asymmetrical, often unruly counterpoint. Individual strands of music willfully march their own separate ways, and the rhythms take their inspiration from the rhapsodic pulse of the French language. Though there are sumptuously scored moments of repose, such movements as the "Air pour les amours" have counterpoint that seems even more dizzying than Bach's because Rameau's has none of Bach's sense of inevitability. Melodic lines converse, chatter, and play tag, often within such a short time span that some of these movements, which are rarely more than two minutes long, seem as packed with expression as a Chopin mazurka. The final chaconne, which goes on for six minutes, comes across as positively monumental in comparison.

Philippe Herreweghe's orchestra isn't the most proficient ever put on record, but it makes a far better impression here than some of the creaky performances Jean Claude Malgoire has recorded. Herreweghe's spacious, coloristically alert, and thickly upholstered way with Rameau is also a welcome alternative to John Eliot Gardiner's leaner, more precise approach. This recording should be irresistible both to those just discovering Rameau and to old friends of the Baroque master. D.P.S.

RAVEL: Mother Goose Suite (see STRAVINSKY)

ROSSINI: La Cenerentola (see Best of the Month, page 146)

SCHIFRIN: Double-Bass Concerto (see STRAVINSKY)

SCHOENBERG: Verklärte Nacht, Op. 4; Chamber Symphony No. 2, Op. 38. English Chamber Orchestra, Jeffrey Tate cond. EMI/ANGEL © CDC-49057-2 (51 min).

Performance: Op. 38 outstanding Recording: Very good

Schoenberg was, is, and seems destined to remain the least popular of the "great" European composers. He worked squarely in the mainstream central European symphonic tradition, and

there is a good case to be made for the idea that he extended the Romantic tradition down into our own day. A good theoretical case, that is. The traditionalists of classical music simply aren't buying it.

There is one major exception, of course: Verklärte Nacht (Transfigured Night), a masterpiece that belongs to the nineteenth century both figuratively and literally; it was written in 1899 and might be said to have fittingly closed the century.

The chamber symphonies are more difficult cases. The Second was begun in 1906-immediately after the First-but not completed until thirty-three years later. Like other Schoenberg works of the early years of the century, it extends the vocabulary of late Romanticism right to the edge. But so much has happened in the three-quarters of a century since this piece was begun that its musical language hardly seems extreme today. In many ways, the Second Chamber Symphony is more successful than the First because, in its revised, finished version of 1939, it is really no longer a chamber work at all. The fifteen-instrument scoring of the First Chamber Symphony strains the bounds of the form; the work needs a larger orchestra. In the Second, the musical ideas and the scope of the work are in harmony with the orchestration.

This is virtuoso music for orchestra. The English Chamber Orchestra is, apparently, an orchestra of virtuosos, and the piece emerges as a striking and effective composition under Jeffrey Tate's direction. Perhaps this recording will induce more orchestras and conductors-and listeners-to take it up. E.S.

SCHUBERT: String Quartet No. 14, in D Minor (D. 810, "Death and the Maiden"). BEETHOVEN: Quartet No. 11, in F Minor, Op. 95 ("Serioso"). Emerson String Quartet. DEUTSCHE GRAM-MOPHON (0 423 398-2 (58 min),

Performance: Stunning Recording: Exceptionally vivid

This is virtuoso quartet playing, and no mistake. The brilliance and drive of these performances are exciting both in their own right and for the quite appropriate sense of drama they bring out in the music. Every phrase is beautifully shaped, every note given character and meaning, every detail marvelously illumined, without any gaps in the momentum. And that wonderful sense of thrust never gets out of hand-even in the finale of Schubert's Death and the Maiden, which is pushed to the very limit. The speed as well as the intensity seem dictated by the content, and by the players' total absorption in it. How much more convincing the emotional impact of the slow movement can be when the music is kept moving and clean lined, as it is here. Whether this is a great realization of the well-loved work only time, and repeated hearings,



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can tell, but impressive and gripping it certainly is, and so is the Beethoven quartet-though marginally less so.

The opening of the Beethoven is superbly judged-commanding without being overblown-and there are unexpected parallels with the Schubert, including the effectiveness of keeping the slow movement moving. But for all the dramatic conviction, there is a sense of something missing, some of the inwardness we quite reasonably associate with Beethoven's middle and late quartets. This quality is surely more fully realized in some of the older recordings of the work, such as the one by the Smetana Quartet on Denon, by the Végh on Auvidis/Valois, and, most tellingly, by the Talich on Calliope. But none of those performances is as vividly recorded as the Emerson Quartet's, which is one of the finest recordings of a string quartet I have heard so far from any R.F. source.

SCHUBERT: Symphony No. 9, "The Great" (see Best of the Month, page 144)

R. STRAUSS: Die Frau ohne Schatten. René Kollo (tenor), Emperor; Cheryl Studer (soprano), Empress; Hanna Schwarz (mezzo-soprano), Nurse; Andreas Schmidt (baritone), Spirit-Messenger; Alfred Muff (bass-baritone), Barak; Ute Vinzing (soprano), Dyer's Wife; others. Chorus and Orchestra of the Bavarian Radio, Wolfgang Sawallisch cond. EMI/ANGEL O CDS-49074-1 three LP's, © CDS-49074-4 three cassettes, @ CDS-49074-2 three CD's (197 min).

> Performance: Enthralling Recording: Opulent

This new performance is, in a word, gorgeous. The score itself is gorgeous, as well, and so is the recording, which is fully present and sonorous. All in all, this release is a must for devotees of German opera in general and of Richard Strauss in particular.

While the opera has its present-day detractors who point accusingly at its neo-Wagnerisms, Die Frau is an art work so much larger than life that the listener comes from hearing it emotionally exalted, awed, spent, and enlivened. It tells a story with which we can readily empathize through music of sweeping melody and haunting orchestral color, based upon leitmotifs so developed and interrelated that despite the vast tonal canvas, the whole emerges with a consummate unity.

The exotic, vaguely Oriental fairy-tale plot, brought to earth by librettist Hugo von Hoffmansthal's character types familiar to Viennese theatergoers, weaves a story of allegorical significance: In brief, the empress of an enchanted realm searches for her shadow (equated with the ability to bear children) in order to prevent her husband's being turned to stone. Journeying to the world of human beings, she visits the hovel of a dyer and his wife, hoping to dupe the wife into selling her shadow. But the empress finds she cannot bring herself to deprive the woman of her natural right. For her compassion she is rewarded: The emperor is released from his petrification, the dyer and his wife are reunited, and the empress finds her shadow. On this action Strauss builds some of his most appealing music.

As the emperor in this recording, René Kollo lacks some of the vocal heft and clarion ring the role ideally calls for, but his performance overall is compelling. Both Cheryl Studer's empress and Ute Vinzing's dyer's wife suffer occasional stridency, yet both are deftly characterized. Hanna Schwarz's nurse is properly quasi-evil, totally dedicated to the service of her mistress. As Barak, the dyer, Alfred Muff is particularly effective: his sustained singing in Act III is beautiful.

It is in its overall impact, however, that the new recording shines. Wolfgang Sawallisch has unified and inspired his solo artists, chorus, and huge orchestra to deliver an overpowering performance. At the same time, he has given close attention to smaller facets of the opera-details of characterization and the intimacy of much of the dialogue. In his leadership and interpretation, Sawallisch has proved himself a worthy successor to Karl Böhm, hitherto peerless in his handling of this score. R.A.

STRAVINSKY: Petrouchka. SCHIF-RIN: Double-Bass Concerto. RAVEL: Mother Goose Suite. Gary Karr (double bass); Orchestre Philharmonique de Paris, Lalo Schifrin cond. CYBELIA/ QUALITON CY 1106 (71 min).

Performance: Exciting, but .... Recording: Fine

If this live recording is any indication of how the new Orchestre Philharmonique de Paris plays on a regular basis, the well-established Orchestre de Paris may have some substantial competition. Though it takes the OPP a little while to warm up in Petrouchka, it's a fairly solid performance from a technical standpoint, and it generates excitement in Lalo Schifrin's aggressive, harmonically vivid interpretation. Ravel's Mother Goose Suite, in contrast, is given an unusually tender, muted performance.

The Double-Bass Concerto by Schifrin himself sounds a bit like Hindemith gone Hollywood, in that its contrapuntal rigor is softened by orchestration that is not above flashiness. The thematic content is so unmemorable that the piece seems to meander more than it actually does. But Schifrin's eclectic use of the material is inventive, touching on any number of different twentieth-century styles, including jazz. The third and final movement is playfully virtuosic and is performed with great color, lyricism, and musicality by so-D.P.S. loist Gary Karr.

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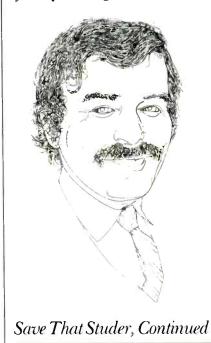
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## THE HIGH END

by Ralph Hodges



OLBY LABS graced my mailbox recently with some current news about Dolby Spectral Recording (Dolby SR). Among the contents of the thickish package were lists of twenty-one feature motion pictures (most of the predictable heavyaction variety) already released with the process and some eighty theaters nationwide and in Canada that have equipped themselves to show them. There was also a fairly impressive list of movie, video, and music operations that have attained the status of Dolby SR customers. This is a good showing after a mere two years of existence and even less of availability. It only leaves open the question of why so few reasonably alert media types have noticed its happening.

Inquiries have suggested a few answers, but first, a brief review of Dolby SR for those who have stayed out of touch even more than I have. Simply put, its concept is based on noise-reduction techniques first seen in the well-established Dolby C process, which involves slidingband operation of pretty radical (for Dolby) characteristics plus some dynamic and static ancillaries that attempt to defend the recording medium from the outrages of gross input overload. Dolby SR adds some more, and "smarter," defensive mechanisms and has bands that slide not only up but down in frequency. As is typical of Ray Dolby's work, it is a thoughtful, cunning, and quite cautious design.

It is also expensive, intended only for professional applications. Yet that didn't keep the original professional Dolby A noise-reduction system out of the consumer limelight. Evidently, what has kept Dolby SR from similar recognition is its role as a poor-relative technology.

Suppose you run a music-recording facility in Wherever, U.S.A., with perhaps two proper studios and a washroom that could be pressed into service if need be. Once, Studio A had a twenty-four track Studer recording console, Studio B an eight-track Tascam, and studio c (note the diminutives) whatever the band brought along. When digital recording came along, Studio A had to adapt, while studio c continued to need nothing more than ashtray emptyings. Studio B got the Studer, a machine of stunning magnificence but no cachet. To keep it alive, you invested in Dolby SR, but, that being an analog system, it was not something you wanted to hype, even though its specifications (except for wow-andflutter) were fully up to the mark and its performance was probably superior in certain respects to the digital chain. Dolby SR satisfied most ears, but not the requirements of marketing.

Now, suppose you are involved somehow in the production or distribution of motion pictures. So far, no one has been able to suggest a practical way of getting digital sound onto movie film. Dolby SR would therefore seem to have clear sailing in these waters and has, in fact, been vigorously promoted for the application. But, here again, there are mitigating circumstances.

For some excellent technical reasons, Ray Dolby believes passionately in the future of optical versus magnetic movie soundtracks, and aspects of the Dolby SR system were deliberately conceived to combat the bane of "optical clash," an especially odious form of clipping. With proper Dolby SR processing, a 35mm optical print is said to equal or even outdo a 70mm magnetic presentation, particularly if the magnetic tracks or heads are worn, which they frequently are. This is progress indeed, but the majority of first-run theaters are still 70mm magnetic houses. They have paid exorbitantly for the equipment and have conditioned the public to respond favorably to "Dolby Stereo 70mm." Probably they would prefer to run a 70mm print if one were available, and if one weren't they'd be likely to raise hell with the distributor. Of course, there is no reason why the Dolby SR process cannot be applied to magnetic soundtracks, and undoubtedly it will be. By then, however, the Dolby SR "identity" will probably have been lost, along with the ideological substance of Dolby's crusade for optical parity.

A bleak prospect? By no means. Dolby Labs is not going to go broke with Dolby SR, and its use is going to increase. Sound engineer Jerry Bruck, principal of Posthorne Sound, has been using Dolby SR as an editing aid for the digital masters on videocassette he regularly works with. He does an analog transfer with Dolby SR, goes to work with the old tried-and-true razor blade, and then perhaps even bounces back into digital for the running master, if the client insists. Any resultant degradation is normally undetectable, he reports.

Dolby will continue to try to put optical Dolby SR into every momand-pop cinema theater in the nation, and as these operations feel the squeeze from the new shoppingmall multiplexes just outside of town, there will be some inducement for the small houses to invest the considerable sums necessary for sound-system upgrading. Yet, even as they do, they'll have to acknowledge, for the present, poor-relation status relative to the big 70mm screens.

I think audiophiles should take careful note of Dolby SR, because it seems to accomplish just what it was meant to, and it is saving those Studers. But don't expect its visibility to be high.  $\Box$ 



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