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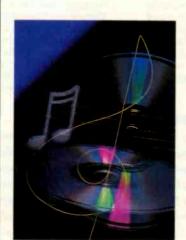
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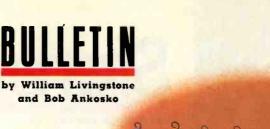
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#### And the Winners Are . . .

The Verity Group, a California-based marketresearch firm specializing in consumer electronics, has announced the recipients of its 1992 Verity Award for Excellence in Customer Satisfaction. According to Verity, more than 25,000 U.S. consumers were asked to indicate their level of satisfaction with products in twenty-one categories, including home and car audio.

The top-rated brands in those categories were: Sony for boombox portables and personal stereo, Denon for home CD players, Yamaha for home receivers, Kenwood for home tape decks and onebrand rack systems, and Alpine for car stereo equipment. Interestingly, Verity concluded that customer satisfaction is more a function of who sold the product rather than the product itself.

#### Music on the Tube

PBS gives good variety this month with America's Singing Sweethearts: Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald (February 12), Austin City Limits with quests Lyle Lovett and Dr. John (February 13), the Tony Award-winning Broadway revue Black and Blue (February 17), a tribute to Miles Davis (February 19), and Shirley Horn's Here's to Life (February 21), among other shows. Check local program listings.

And don't forget to tune in to the Recording Academy's thirty-fifth annual Grammy Awards presentation on CBS-TV on February 24.

#### **Road Alert**

Adcom is planning to introduce a high-end line of fan-cooled car amplifiers this spring, marking its debut in the car arena. Five models are in the works, each of which supports balanced inputs. . . . Ford is expanding the availability of its DSP option in 1993 to include the Taurus, Crown Victoria, Explorer, Mercury Sable, Lincoln Town Car. and Lincoln Continental. The processor, which simulates the acoustical characteristics of six venues—including a concert hall and a cathedral-is a \$250 dealerinstalled option. . . . Meanwhile, the car stereo company Orion Industries is launching a new home audio division named Solus, whose first products will be in-wall speakers priced between \$200 and \$400 each.

#### **Watch This Space**

Entries are still being accepted for STEREO REVIEW's Ninth Annual Rodrigues Cartoon Caption Contest announced in our January issue. . . . Other contests we are tracking include Anthem! America's competition for a song suitable to replace the Star Spangled Banner as the U.S. national anthem. The winner is to be announced in March. Prize: \$1 million. . . . In February or March we expect to learn who has won the World's Worst Guitar Playing Contest conducted by House of Guitars in Rochester, New York. Prizes include a round trip to Rochester, a deal with Mirror Records, and a oneway bus ticket to Canada. . . . And Miami funnyman Dave Barry is conducting a Bad Song Survey in two categories (Worst Overall Song and Worst Lyrics). High on his test poll list are Copacabana by Barry Manilow, Me and You and a Dog Named Boo by Lobo, and Feelings by various weenies.

#### **Legal Copies**

The Audio Home Recording Act of 1992 was signed into law by outgoing President Bush, clarifying muchdebated copyright issues. The law will exempt consumers from copyright lawsuits over digital and analog audio recordings made for private, noncommercial use, and it facilitates consumer access to advanced digital audio recording technologies. The new law provides for payment of modest royalties to music creators and copyright owners and requires the inclusion of the Serial Copying Management System (SCMS) in all consumer digital audio recorders to limit multigenerational digital audio copying (that is, making copies of copies).

Leading the efforts to get this law passed were the Senate's Copyright Subcommittee Chairman Dennis DeConcini (D., Arizona), the House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks (D., Texas), and others. Gary Shapiro, group vice president of the Consumer Electronics Group of the Electronic Industries Association, pointed out that

passage of the Audio Home Recording Act signals the arrival in retail stores of two digital audio recording formats for consumers: The Digital Compact Cassette (DCC) and the MiniDisc (MD). Shapiro said the music industry and the electronics industry had worked together for fourteen months so that consumers could record digitally at home.

#### Free CD!

Cedille Records, a new classical label based in Chicago, is offering a free sampler CD to the public. "Savor the Sounds of Cedille Records" includes tracks from the company's first twelve recordings by Dmitry Paperno (piano), David Schrader (organ, harpsichord), Kim Scholes (cello), Ramon Salvatore (piano), Easley Blackwood (piano), and the Rembrandt Chamber Players. Spoken introductions by Mel Zellman, of WFMT-FM Chicago, do not overlap with the music, which is by Bach, Blackwood, Brahms, Medtner, Mendelssohn, Padre Antonio Soler, and others. A Cedille catalog comes with every sampler.

To obtain a free copy of the CD sampler simply write to Cedille Records, Sampler Offer, 1250 W. Grace St., Suite 3F, Chicago, IL 60613-2865. Cedille even pays the postage! Allow up to four weeks for delivery. A generous number of samplers have been pressed, but the offer is good only while supplies last, so write for yours today.

#### Music in the Mailbox

The Elvis Presley stamp (showing a young King) went on sale in U.S. post offices on January 8. Three hundred million of them are being printed, and that should provide enough Elvis sightings for any fan. Other stamps in 1993 will honor the Broadway shows My Fair Lady, Oklahoma, and Porgy and Bess and such diverse performers as the Carter Family, Patsy Cline, Buddy Holly, Otis Redding, and Richie Valens.

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To learn more about this free seminar, simply contact 1-609-655-7860 for the exact time and location. And soon you'll be able to experience MiniDisc for yourself.

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# UP FRONT

#### **Taking Stock**

1958 was a pretty good year. The first Grammy Awards ceremony was held in Los Angeles. John Lennon, Paul McCartney, and George Harrison began playing together in Liverpool. Michael Jackson was born in Gary, Indiana. Van Cliburn won the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. Columbia Records introduced the first stereo long-playing record, Ray Conniff's 'S Awful Nice. And in February this magazine was launched as HiFi & Music Review.

STEREO REVIEW has changed more than its name, of course, since that first issue thirty-five years ago. As Julian Hirsch points out in "Audio's Top Ten" (which starts, not entirely coincidentally, on page 35), we have seen enormous technological gain during this period, so the equipment we write about is different. Many of the companies whose products are listed in the "1993 Equipment Buying Guide" starting on page 53 (and that is a coincidence) are considerably vounger than STEREO REVIEW. Some of 1958's advertisers are prominent in our pages today: Acoustic Research, Altec Lansing, JBL, Klipsch, McIntosh. Others are gone: Bogen, Garrard, H.H. Scott, Pilot. The magazine looks different, too, with much more color photography and contemporary graphics.

But some things have not changed very much. In his introductory column in February 1958, the founding publisher, Oliver Read, asked, "Why another hi-fi magazine?" His answer, which I've condensed here, is essentially as valid on this thirty-fifth birthday as it was when STEREO REVIEW was born.

"The reader of a magazine about music and high-fidelity reproduction wants stated in language he can understand the answers to the following: What has this record, this FM tuner, this amplifier, this piece of music, this new hi-fi accessory, this performing artist, or this recording technique got to offer me as an interested listener? How can I make use of my existing home listening facilities to best advantage and with the least possible inroad on my financial budget?

"Can any of us as music lovers or audio enthusiasts name magazines that have consistently come up with accurate, informative, stimulating answers to those questions? Because we are convinced that vast improvements can be accomplished in this area for a really widespread readership, we now offer our long-term answer to the challenge.

"We are sure that those who have achieved their start with 'hi-fi' have sensed through this experience that there are new worlds of adventure awaiting in the sonic world, that new arts of sound reproduction have come into being. What has grown out of this basic initial experience for hundreds of thousands of families throughout America can be summed up in these terms: 1. More people than ever before have become aware of the whole world of sound in its artistic manifestation. 2. More of us than ever before are growing in ability to discriminate on the basis of actual listening experience and collateral reading. 3. More of us than ever before are developing understanding and practical knowhow of what high-fidelity equipment can contribute in terms of 1 and 2.

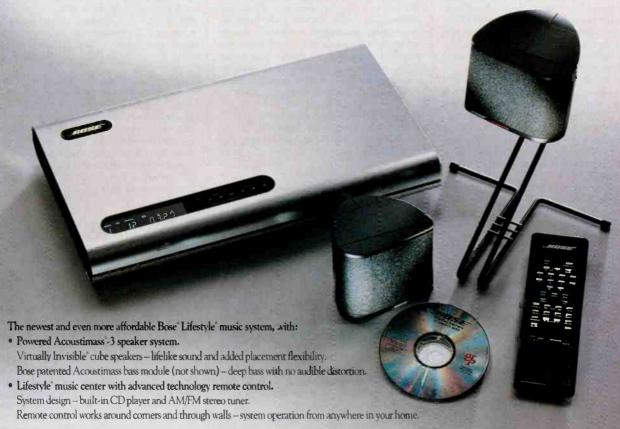
"Every aspect of HiFi & Music Review has been conceived with the aim of helping you, our readers, develop further your awareness, taste, and know-how along these lines, and to enhance your enjoyment of high-fidelity listening in all its variety and richness."

Every aspect of STEREO REVIEW is still conceived with that aim.

Louise Boundas

Editor in Chief

# For far too long, replacing your stereo system has meant getting a new version of the same old technology.



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# <u>LETTERS</u>

#### **Here Comes DCC**

have been looking for equipment to bridge the gap between the outdated analog tape-recording gear that I have and the many CD's that my children have. Your November 1992 article on the new Digital Compact Cassette (DCC) and the Philips DCC900 leaves some questions unanswered.

Can the Philips or other DCC decks also record analog sources, such as LP records or analog tapes? If so, is the recording onto a blank analog tape or onto a blank DCC tape? What is the quality of the reproduction? If it is as good as a moderately priced analog tape deck, then it's worth the extra bucks to get a DCC and have the best of possible worlds (somewhat).

Finally, I propose a big round of applause for Julian Hirsch, whose incisive comments and articles have been so enjoyable over the years. When I read your "Time Delay" columns showing covers from thirty, twenty, and ten years ago, I remember how much help he has been in explaining audio concepts. My first autoreverse tape deck, four-channel receiver, and CD purchases were easier because of him, and I was able to avoid the Elcassette. Memories are made of this.

JIM URBAN Fullerton. CA

Yes, you can record from analog sources onto a DCC cassette. The result will be a digital recording that should sound identical to the original source.

n reference to the DCC deck tested in November, if the PASC system does not record components of the sound that are not audible, how will Dolby Surround, Dolby Pro Logic, and ambience-enhancement systems extract the out-of-phase information from PASC-encoded recordings to recreate the center and rear channels, since it's not audible for the most part? I recommend using a DCC (or MiniDisc) deck to record a known movie soundtrack with large amounts of information in the surround channel, then doing listening tests with the surround speakers only. That will show the ability of PASC to accurately reproduce the information required in surround systems. All of the audio/video market is moving toward surround sound. If PASC (or the ATRAC system used in MD) does not preserve the parts of the signal required for surround, these new formats are doomed.

JOHN A. SORTIE Newport News, VA

The center channel in a Dolby Surround soundtrack consists of information that has the same amplitude and phase in both channels, so it is the strictly mono part of the signal, not the outof-phase difference component. But you are correct that the difference component is crucial for reconstructing the surround channel. It is also responsible for establishing the left-to-right stereo image, however, so if the recording system maintains ordinary stereo without degradation (which PASC certainly does), there is not likely to be a severe deterioration of surround performance, either. On the other hand, we have heard data-reduction systems through which the sound was fine in full stereo but exhibited artifacts if we listened just to the difference component. Consequently, we will be examining this question more carefully in future listening evaluations of PASC and ATRAC.

avid Ranada's November article on DCC recorders makes no mention of microphone inputs. Will the new units have this capability?

ENIO OLANDER
Marquette, MI

That is entirely up to individual manufacturers. We expect there will be some recorders on the



The Philips DCC900 recorder

market with microphone inputs, but given that demand for them on cassette decks has been low, probably not very many.

#### **Credit Where Due**

have seen various companies claim that they were the first to introduce a certain audio product. For instance, I've seen claims by Sony that it introduced the first CD player, by Philips that it invented the CD, the laser-disc, and the audio cassette, and by Magnavox that it invented the CD. Please tell me who really invented and introduced the first audio cassette and CD players. JUSTIN MCKINLEY Greensburg, IN

It happens in your particular example that all the claims are true. Philips invented the audio cassette, the laserdisc, and the compact disc. Philips signed Sony on as co-developer for the CD system, and the first CD player actually to reach the market was the Sony CDP-101. Magnavox is a Philips brand, as are Marantz and Sylvania, so they can all stand under the same umbrella with regard to who invented what.

#### **Switching Accommodations**

With all the new formats coming out— DAT, DCC, MiniDisc, etc.—why aren't the manufacturers of receivers and preamps providing adequate audio inputs on their gear? In fact, sometimes it seems they're going the other way and providing fewer audio inputs than ever. Few products have external-processor loops, and many have only one tape loop. The video inputs are more than adequate on some units, but audio seems to be getting short shrift. How come?

MARLIN D. SCHNEIDER Madison, WI

Cost and lack of demand. Bear in mind that DCC and MiniDisc are very new, and there are some high-end receivers and preamplifiers that provide a lot of switching flexibility. In general, however, we agree that few current receivers or preamps provide all the digital audio, analog audio, and video switching necessary to accommodate an elaborate and thoroughly modern A/V system. We also think the situation will improve over the next couple of years.

#### **Benny Carter**

y father and I were lucky enough to attend one of Benny Carter's New Brunswick concerts last February, so I particularly enjoyed Chris Albertson's December review of that concert's recording, "Harlem Renaissance." A truly first-class artist gave a magnificent performance of old favorites plus two major new compositions. Carter has been playing, arranging, composing, and recording for more than fifty years and is still creating interesting and vital jazz well into his eighties.

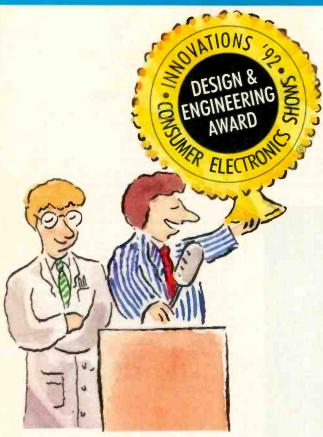
MusicMasters should also be commended for the booklet enclosed with these discs, which includes more in-depth information on the musicians and the music than most other booklets do.

SCOTT WALTON West Trenton, NJ

#### Onkyo's Ambience Enhancement

had eagerly awaited the test report on the Onkyo TX-SV909PRO receiver that appeared in your November issue, but it barely mentions one unusual feature that I think might be important. The TX-SV909PRO is the only receiver I have seen that has, in addition to the normal Dolby Pro Logic channels, front left and right enhance channels. If my understanding is correct, even in THX movie theaters, when the screen is very wide (to show 70mm movies) additional left and right enhance channels are added to the sound system.

I was very interested in how this would work in a home setup, and I had hoped that a test report would answer some of my questions. I am a firm believer that the best surround sound is achieved when the front three speakers are identical, so that their sounds are perfectly matched. In my home theater, my front-channel speakers are fairly expensive, and I would not want to buy two more of these speakers for the front-enhance channels. Also, these channels receive only 30 watts of power each. Would a less costly pair of speakers used for the front-enhance channels improve the over-



# "We wish to thank Mom; our 3rd grade music teacher; the members of the Academy."

#### The Multi-Channel GFA-2535: yet another award-winning amplifier from Adcom.

A pattern appears to be taking shape here:
Adcom introduces a new power amplifier, Adcom wins an award. The GFA-535, GFA-555,
GFA-555II, GFA-565, and now the GFA-2535—
every single one has earned the immediate praise and plaudits of the industry's most respected authorities...perhaps because Adcom packs more performance and innovative technology into its amplifiers than you'll find in components that cost twice as much or more.

The innovative GFA-2535 is a worthy new standard-bearer. The GFA-2535 is really two GFA-535's in one case, with the flexibility to drive three *or* four channels. With individual level controls for precise control of each amp's volume, it's the ideal foundation for an authentic, ultra-realistic surround-sound theater system, or for a multi-room or multi-speaker audio system.

#### The Versatility of 3 Channels or 4.

A single switch on the GFA-2535's rear panel lets you select 4-channel operation, or bridge two of the channels for a 3-channel configuration. In the 3-channel mode, the GFA-2535 brings your

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all sound? Or would I be better off not using the additional enhancement channels? Is this feature best used only in a large listening room? I am also curious as to where the decoder gets the information that it sends to these channels.

RONALD S. PRUITT HYMITSYILE. MD

The front-enhance channels are useful primarily in the TX-SV909PRO's DSP-based ambience-enhancement modes for music playback. Dolby Surround soundtracks have only four channels: front left, front center, front right, and surround (usually reproduced through two side or rear

speakers). This is the format used for 35mm films and all home-video movie releases. The Dolby format for 70mm film prints is somewhat different in that it provides six discrete channels instead of four matrixed down to two. The extra channels can be used to feed extra front speakers, but this is irrelevant to home playback.

In the receiver's ambience-enhancement modes, the front-enhance speakers can be used to simulate reflections off the front or side walls of a concert hall. The necessary signals are derived from the main left and right stereo signals by means of multiple delays and equalization. The speakers used for this purpose need not be identical to your main speakers, but, as usual, the best results will be achieved when all the speakers are very similar in tonal balance, especially through the midrange.

#### S.S., Older and Wiser

have been reading STEREO REVIEW since my college days in the late Seventies and have been a regular subscriber for at least twelve years. I have always enjoyed and even looked forward to reading the record reviews of one Steve Simels. Though I don't always agree with him, I find his comments and criticisms extremely entertaining and more often than not quite accurate. He is the only music critic I've read anywhere whose taste in music I can consistently identify with. Only my limited budget has kept me from acquiring all of the many recordings he has recommended over the years.

I had always assumed by his world-weary musings, subtle (?) cultural/political commentary, and comprehensive knowledge of rock history that Steve was a somewhat older fellow, approaching middle age like many of everyone's rock heroes. I was surprised upon reading the "Time Delay" feature in the December issue to find out that he and I are about the same age! Or was that some kind of a joke, Mr. Child Prodigy?

DOUG MITCHELL Lindsey, OH

Steve Simels admits: Okay, okay, it was a joke!

#### "Digital Sound"

uring the last few years I have noticed audio manufacturers claiming to have "digital headphones" or "digital portable stereos" with "digital sound." Obviously, in order to hear the audio program, the digital signal has to be changed into an analog one. Why do companies claim "digital sound" when it is really analog?

JON WRIGHT

Layton, UT

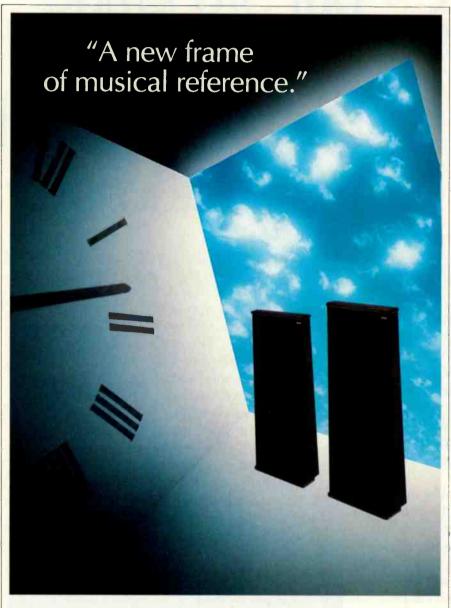
Manufacturers understandably want to describe their products in ways that make them sound appealing. Since the advent of digital recording and the compact disc, the word "digital" has become increasingly associated in people's minds with the idea of good sound. Much of the source material listened to is digital, so suddenly everything is "digital." We agree that this often doesn't make much literal sense, but, hey, that's advertising. Remember those TV commercials for Obsession perfume?

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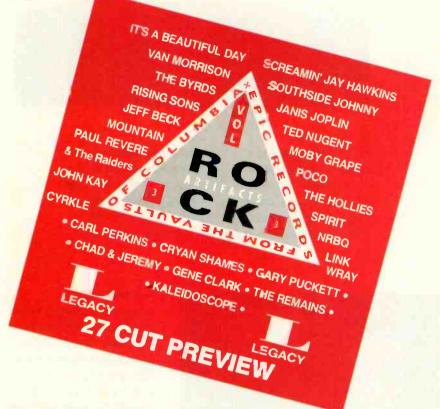
Legacy's "Rock Artifacts" sampler is the latest in STEREO REVIEW's program of special CD offers designed to help our readers expand their musical horizons at minimal cost. During 1993, the magazine's thirty-fifth anniversary year, we have a few goodies planned for you, and for this month, our actual birthday issue, we asked Legacy to come up with something that would suggest the importance of our musical history and would really be special. We think that with this sampler they've outdone themselves. It's pretty spectacular. History in school was never like this.

First of all, the CD contains twenty-seven selections that add up to a total playing time approaching 75 minutes. The contents are too long to list, but the gems include: Screamin' Jay Hawkins's I Put a Spell on You, Paul Revere & the Raiders' Steppin' Out, the Cyrkle's Turn Down Day, the Byrds' So You Want to Be a Rock 'n' Roll Star, Van Morrison's Brown Eyed Girl, Spirit's I Got a Line on You, and Jeff Beck's Shapes of Things.

So you see they're not just kidding around. There are also cuts by Carl Perkins, Link Wray, Chad & Jeremy, Kaleidoscope, Moby Grape, Poco, NRBQ, Janis Joplin, the Hollies, and many others. There's really a lot of cool stuff here, and much of it has been unavailable for years.

Our principal rock critic and popular music editor, Steve Simels, says, "It's a really remarkable package. It contains familiar and unfamiliar material coming from just about every rock genre from the Fifties on—heavy metal, country, folk, blues, r&b, Top 40, psychedelia, everything. I have spent my entire adult life getting review copies free, but I would pay full price for this collection."

The sampler is actually a preview of things to come in Legacy's "Rock



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#### **V PARASOUND**

Each of the three models in Parasound's CS/T in-wall speaker series teams a 1-inch titaniumdome tweeter with a woofer. The CS/T-280 (pictured, \$465 a pair) packs an 8-inch woofer, the CS/T-265 (\$345 a pair) a 61/2-inch woofer, and the CS/T-255 (\$249 a pair) a 51/4-inch woofer. Retrofit mounting brackets and grilles are included. Parasound, Dept. SR, 950 Battery St., San Francisco, CA 94111.

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#### **DAHLQUIST**

Dahlquist has updated its Phased Array speaker line with the DQ-16 "mini tower" (\$750 a pair) and the redesigned DQ-6ci bookshelf model (\$600 a pair), both of which feature an acoustically aligned 6-inch woofer and 1/8-inch aluminum-dome tweeter. The 38inch-tall DQ-16 is rated down to 38 Hz and the 221/2-inch-tall DQ-6ci down to 50 Hz. For both. sensitivity is given as 89 dB and impedance as 6 ohms. Dahlquist, Dept. SR, 601 Old Willets Path, Hauppauge, NY 11788.

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#### **CARVER**

Carver's C-20v preamplifier is designed to be the brains behind a home theater system. It features a DSP-enhanced Dolby Pro Logic decoder with seven surround/ambience modes, including "movie surround" and

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Several wood-veneer finishes are available. Price: \$3,390 a pair.

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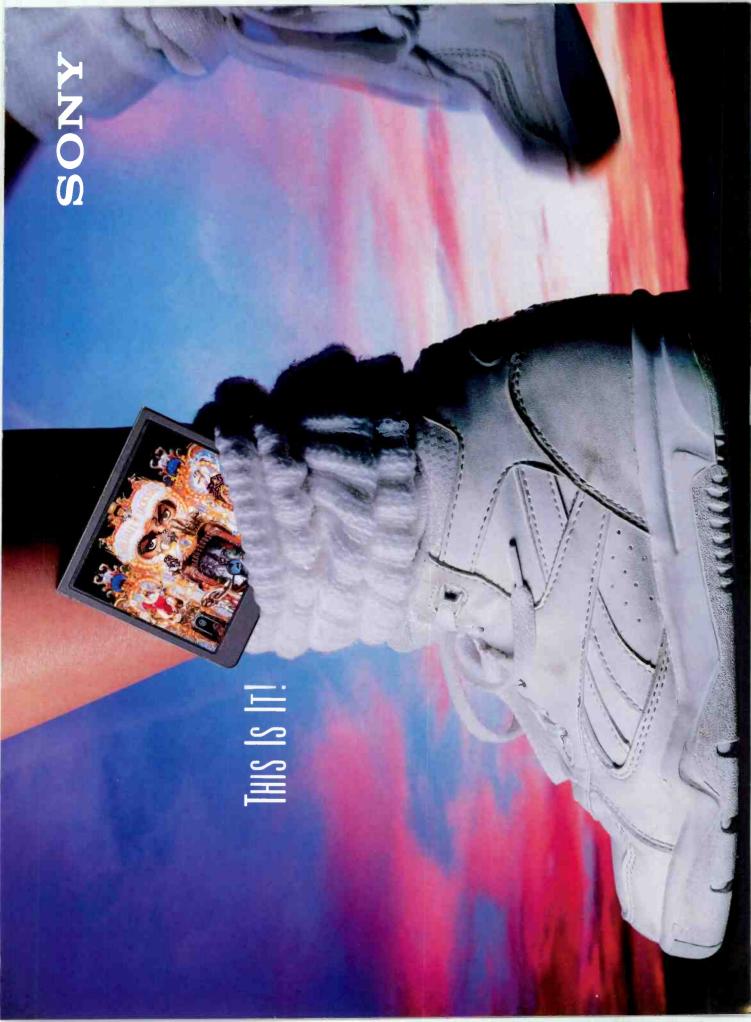
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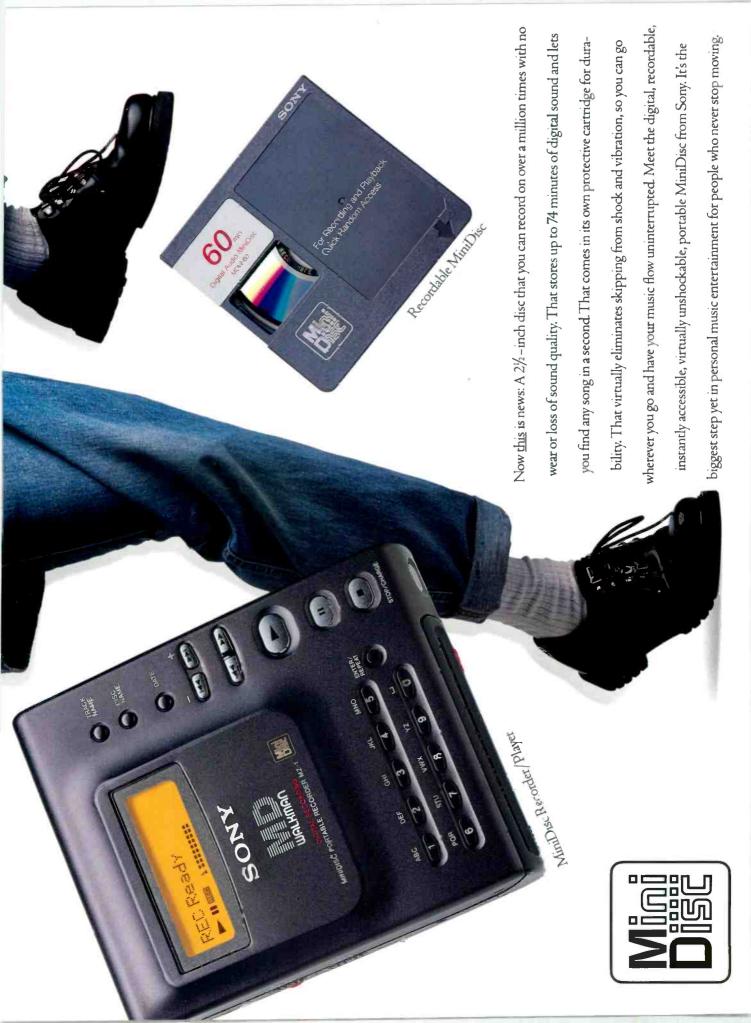
tweeter, \$250 a pair), and the IW Four subwoofer, which has one 8-inch dual-voice-coil woofer (\$150). AudioSource, Dept. SR, 1327 North Carolan Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010.

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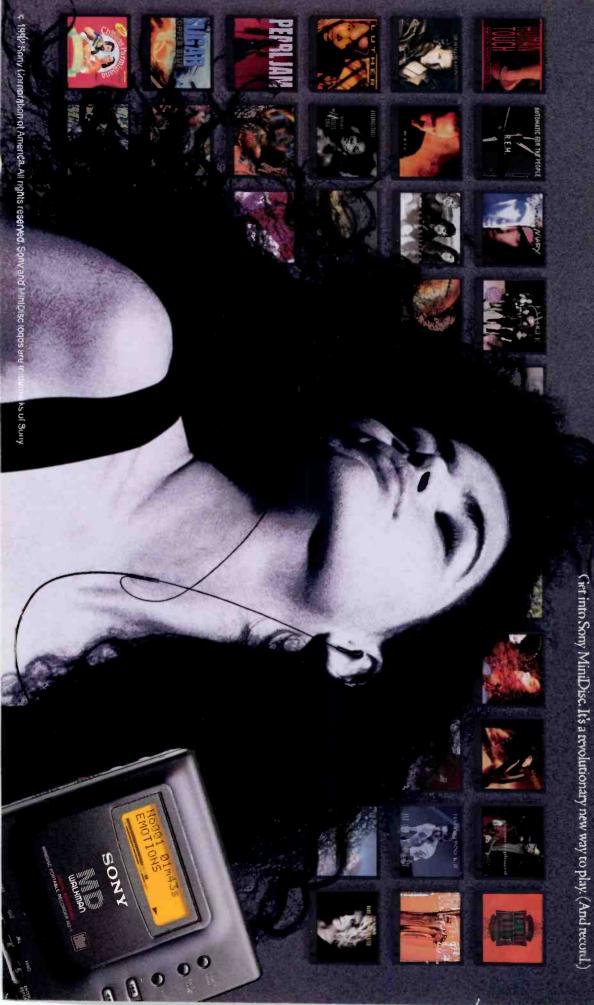




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Miller & Kreisel Sound, Dept.

SR, 10391 Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232.

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#### < COAST

The CDB-12N Compact Disc Wallet from Coast features a lifetime warranty. It holds twelve CD's, each in its own fabric sleeve, and has a soft nylon exterior that is water-resistant. Price: \$16. Coast Manufacturing, Dept. SR, 200 Corporate Blvd. So., Yonkers, NY 10701.

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#### OMAL V

Jamo's Center 100 is designed to be placed atop a TV or VCR in a home-theater system that has provisions for a center-channel speaker. The Center 100 is magnetically shielded and features two 4-inch woofers and a

1-inch tweeter. Frequency range is rated as 80 to 20,000 Hz.
Dimensions are 15% x 6% x 4% inches. Price: \$189. Jamo, Dept. SR, 425 Huehl Rd., Bldg. 8, Northbrook, IL 60062.

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BY IAN G. MASTERS

#### Speaker Matching

The main speakers I intend to buy for my home theater system have a rated sensitivity of between 93 and 97 dB. So far I've not been able to find center or surround speakers that match that figure. Is it possible to put together a five-channel surround-sound system DARHYL LACY with mismatched speakers? Lemongrove, CA

Very high sensitivity figures like the ones you quote are usually given for large speakers, so unless you're prepared to have five huge boxes in your listening room. you can forget about having all your speakers match perfectly in terms of output. Fortunately, that's a fairly minor concern. For one thing, sensitivity is really important only if you don't have adequate amplifier power. If your auxiliary channels-center and surround-aren't loud enough compared to the main channels, just turn the main channels down a notch.

What you should be concerned about is not that the various speakers in your system put out similar levels-you can always adjust that-but that they sound alike in terms of tonal balance. That's much harder to achieve!

#### LP Cleaning

As vinyl discs have become scarcer, it has become impossible to buy record-cleaning fluid. Can you recommend a safe and effective homemade substitute?

GERARD A. LEMIEUX Westford, MA

Several record cleaners—the best known is from Discwasher-are still available, although you may have to search a bit harder to find them than in vinyl's heyday. Most of what they do can be accomplished with distilled water; avoid tap water, though, as it may leave mineral residue on the surface. Any liquid should be used sparingly, however. Except for really filthy records, a dry cleaning with a carbon-fiber record brush before every play should suffice.

#### **Dual-Concentric vs.** Two-Way

In searching for autosound speakers, I have encountered both "two-way" and "dual-concentric" speakers. What's the difference, and is one superior to the other?

PERRY VU Van Nuys, CA

The various parts of the audio spectrum impose different requirements on a speaker. Radiating high frequencies over a wide angle requires a small-diameter driver, whereas low frequencies normally require the services of a larger driver to move the necessary

air mass. The most rudimentary speakers use a single cone of intermediate size that can handle highs and lows equally well (or equally badly, if you choose to look at it that way). As cone diameter is increased for better bass, treble may be compromised, so some models include a second, smaller radiator attached to the center of the main diaphragm to assist in high-frequency dispersion. Such dual-concentric speakers are still full-range devices, the relationship between the two parts being totally mechanical.

For high-quality applications, true two-way (or three-way) systems are almost always used, in which the drivers are both mechanically and electrically separate (although they may be mounted on the same frame, sometimes concentrically). An electrical crossover network is used to direct the appropriate parts of the signal to the different drivers.

#### **Biamping at Home**

I enjoy the sound produced by the biamplified system in my car and would like to recreate it at home. Since my listening room doesn't suffer from the problems of mobile audio-road sounds, engine noise, etc .- is biamplification even necessary?

ALEX H. PIERRE Philadelphia, PA

Biamplification—the technique of using separate power amplifiers for the low- and high-frequency drivers that make up a speaker system-is popular in cars, where the speakers that handle the different parts of the spectrum are often scattered about the interior. It often increases overall power-handling capacity as well. But biamplification (or triamplification) does not normally impart any distinctive sonic character to a system unless it is done badly. By all means consider biamplification for your home system, but don't expect it to duplicate the sound in your car just because of the multiple amplifiers.

#### **Hot Receiver**

After operating for a long time, my receiver builds up a lot of heat, mainly because my equalizer sits on top of it, preventing the heat's dispersal. The receiver's manual doesn't mention this problem. Is it likely to hurt my CHRIS PEARSON equipment? Boca Raton, FL

It's never a good idea to block the ventilation of an amplifier, and the heat buildup might shorten its life somewhat. I would be more concerned about the equalizer, however. Hot air produced by the receiver is probably traveling through the upper component, and this might cause some of its parts to malfunction or change electrical characteristics over time. At the very least, you can expect that dust rising with the hot air will

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FL- Absolute Sound: Winter Park- Audio Ctr.: Ft. Lauderdale- Audio Video: Tallahasee- Hoyts: JacksonvilleSound Ideas: Gainesville- Sound Insight: Ft. PierceStereotypes: Daytona - Stereo World: Ft. Myers, Naples Stuart AV: Stuart.

GA-Audio Warehouse: Savannah- Stereo Shop: Martinez- Stereo Video Systems: Marietta (Atlanta).

HI- Maui Audio Center. Kahului.

IA- Audio Logic: Des Moines- Hawkeye AV: lowa City.

ID- Good Ear: Boise.

IL- Absolute Audio Video: Rockford- August Systems: Champaign - Mills Recording: Chicago- Simply Stereo: Hollman Estates, Orland Pk., Villa Pk.- Stereo Studio: Palatine- Select Sound: Naperville- Sterling Elect.: Sterling.

KY- Ovation Audio: Lexington, Louisville.

LA- Alterman Audio: New Orleans, Metairie.

MA- O'Coins: Worcester (Boston: see Nashua, NH).

MD- Audio Assoc.: Annapolis, Laurel, Rockvilles Cumbelland Elec.: Cumberlands Gramophone: Balt., Ellicott City Soundscape: Balt. Sound Sudio: Salisbury.

ME- Cookin': Portland.

MI- Listening Room: Midland, Saginaws Pecar's: Detroit Troys Sound North: Iron Mountain.

MN- Audio Perfection: Minneapolis.

MO- Independence Audio Video: Independence (K.C.)s Sound Central: St. Louis.

NC- Audio Video Systems: Charlottes Stereo Sound: Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh, Winston Salem.

ND- Pacific Sound: Bismarck.

NE- Custom Electronics: Omaha, Lincoln.

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Speaker designs seem to have changed dramatically over the years. Huge and very expensive speakers used to be considered necessary, but now I see we're back to enclosures smaller than a book! Still, I find that speakers-tiny satellites and 15-inch jobs alike-sound pretty much the same to me in dealers' listening rooms. How can they suddenly get all this great sound from such small boxes? MAC MCGUIRE San Diego, CA

In an ideal world, all speakers would sound alike: perfect. So far, nobody's figured out exactly what speaker perfection is, or how to measure it, but it is encouraging that there are no longer quite as many wild variations in sonic character from speaker to speaker as there once were. In theory, there's no reason you can't attain excellent, neutral performance from almost any reasonable speaker configuration.

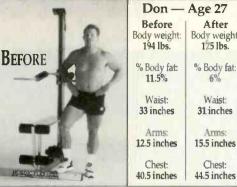
Nevertheless, speakers continue to come in a wide range of packages, and each has its advantages. Large enclosures are often capable of generating prodigious amounts of lowfrequency energy with relatively little amplifier power, but they can be obtrusive visually and difficult to locate for optimum sound in terms of both tonal balance and stereo imaging. The "book size" speakers you mention can be placed practically anywhere, so imaging is rarely a problem, but they are almost always deficient in bass and must be supplemented by at least one separate bass module. Although this arrangement may be much more flexible in terms of positioning, it may not add up to much saving in overall size.

#### Gold CD's

Do compact discs that use 24-karat gold instead of aluminum differ in any measurable way from ordinary CD's? At about twice the price, are the gold CD's twice as SCOT CERULLO good? Naples, FL

In terms of audio performance, gold has no inherent advantage over the more common aluminum as a digital storage medium, although you can expect a company that charges such a hefty premium for a CD to take a measure of extra care during the manufacturing process. (And some, such as Mobile Fidelity, work very hard to get the best possible sound from the original tape masters, which can make a big difference.) The main reason gold is used is that aluminum, if exposed to air, oxidizes and develops a cloudy surface that ultimately becomes unreadable to a CD player's laser. Gold doesn't oxidize and therefore remains reflective even if the disc is damaged in a way that exposes the metallic data layer to the elements. Whether this is worth the extra price is questionable; few people, even those with large collections, have ever seen an oxidized CD.

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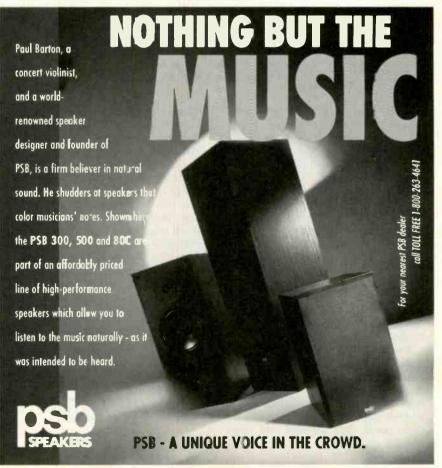
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#### **Technics RS-DC10 DCC Recorder**

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HE Technics RS-DC10 is the third Digital Compact Cassette recorder to cross our test bench since November, preceded by the Philips DCC900 and Optimus DCT-2000. The DCC format is thus already supported by European, American, and Japanese manufacturers. Whereas the Optimus recorder has a distinctive character of its own, however, the RS-DC10's front panel clearly shows its affinity to the Philips DCC900. Except for a button or two, they appear outwardly identical. This pooling of resources should come as no surprise, since Philips and Matsushita (parent company of Technics) co-developed the DCC system.

The RS-DC10's front panel is clean and crisp, with the merging of analog cassette, CD, and DAT control features that defines the new DCC format. Primary transport controls are aligned along the center bottom of the front panel. The forward and backward skip buttons fast-wind DCC tapes to the next start marker (typically the beginning of a song or movement); with analog cassettes, the skip buttons take you to the next selection by sensing the silence between tracks. On prerecorded DCC tapes, you can find the track you want by using the skip buttons to browse through the track titles listed in the tape's table of contents (which the deck reads automatically when you load a DCC), even when the tape isn't running.

Most of the other transport controls-stop, pause, play, fast-forward,

#### **Dimensions**

17 inches wide, 41/2 inches high, 131/2 inches deep

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#### Manufacturer

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rewind—are basically conventional in their operation, though a few of them have slight twists. Pushing fast-forward or rewind during playback, for example, will put the deck into a fast wind until you release the button. The repeat button will repeat an entire tape or, for DCC recordings only, a single track. If you press play when the deck is already in play mode, it will wind back to the beginning of the current track and start over, and if you hit stop during recording the tape continues on for a moment while the deck marks the spot for easy location when you want to record more on the tape. To find that place again, you just press the Append button; the deck will then search the tape for the marker and put itself in record-standby mode, ready to roll. To record a tape from the beginning you normally would use the Record Auto button, which writes a lead-in marker and then puts the deck in standby mode.

There is, in fact, a whole cluster of buttons dedicated to manipulating tape markers for sophisticated control over tape playback (strictly optional you don't absolutely need any of them you don't absolutely need any of them to make the deck play or record).



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#### MEASUREMENTS

Record/playback measurements were made through the analog inputs, playback measurements at the analog outputs. Measurements listed are for the worse of the two channels.

Fast-wind time (C-90/DCC-90). 140 seconds
Speed error
analog -1.54%
digital below measurement limit
Wow-and-flutter (IEC peak-weighted)
analog 0.21%
digital below measurement limit
Line input for indicated 0 dB220 mV
Line output for indicated 0 dB1.91 volts

#### DIGITAL PLAYBACK

Frequency	esponse	
	+ 0.02, -0 dB, 1	6 to 20,000 Hz
Channel sep	aration	
1,000 Hz		98.1 dB
10,000 Hz		89.2 dB
Signal-to-n	oise ratio	
A-weighted		101.4 dB
unweighted		95.3 dB
Distortion (	THD + N at 1,000	Hz)0.0038%
Linearity er	ror (at -90 dB)	+1.3 dB

#### DIGITAL RECORD/PLAYBACK Frequency response

+0, -0.01 dB, 16 to 2	20,000 Hz
Channel separation	
1,000 Hz	85.4 dB
10,000 Hz	66.5 dB
Signal-to-noise ratio	
A-weighted	91.7 dB
unweighted	89.5 dB
Distortion (THD+N at 1,000 Hz).	0.0048%
Linearity error (at -90 dB)	+0.2 dB

#### ANALOG PLAYBACK

Frequency response	
±1.2 dB, 32 to 1	8,000 Hz
Channel separation	
1,000 Hz	33.6 dB
10,000 Hz	31.7 dB
Signal-to-noise ratio	
no noise reduction (A-weighted)	57.9 dB
no noise reduction (unweighted)	55.1 dB
Dolby B (unweighted)	58.9 dB
Dolby C (unweighted)	61.9 dB
Distortion (THD+N at 1,000 Hz)	1.16%

Pushing the Start Marker Auto button causes the deck to automatically record a start marker wherever it encounters a 3-second blank space on the tape (you can use the record-mute button to create such blanks if you need to). The Start Marker Write button enables you to insert start markers manually wherever you like. The Next Marker Write button creates a marker that tells the deck to fast-forward to the end of the tape, switch direction, and start playback from the other side. whereas the Reverse Marker Write button creates a marker that makes the deck reverse immediately. The Erase Marker button removes markers, and the Start Marker Renumber button cleans up an edited tape (after markers have been added or erased) by renumbering all start markers in sequential order.

Analog-input recording levels are adjusted with a large knob, balance between the channels with a smaller knob. Of course, no level controls are needed when using the digital inputs. A three position input selector gives you a choice of analog, coaxial digital, and optical digital inputs. The deck automatically senses the three standard sampling rates (32, 44.1, and 48 kHz) for incoming digital signals and adjusts itself to accommodate them. The sampling rate used for analog inputs is 44.1 kHz. And for playback of analog cassettes, you can select Dolby B, Dolby C, or no noise reduction. The RS-DC10 also has a timer button for use with an external timer and a headphone jack with volume control.

A number of small buttons are used to operate the blue fluorescent display. When prerecorded DCC tapes are played, the Text button switches the display between album title, artist name, track title, and total number of tracks and time. (Text information is not available for user-recorded DCC tapes or analog cassettes.) For DCC tapes, track number and elapsed time within the current track normally appear. The counter button switches the display between elapsed track time, elapsed tape time, remaining time on a side, total time remaining on a tape, and a simple tape counter. Curiously, only the tape counter display works when analog tapes are played (we don't see why elapsed time couldn't have been made available as well), so the counter button has no function when playing them back.

In addition to text information and time and tape counters, the fluorescent display flashes status messages when appropriate ("no cassette," for example), and there are indicators for play and record modes, repeat modes, tape direction, tape travel, sampling frequency, input type, copy prohibit, and Dolby setting, as well as various marker modes. There are also bar graphs for left and right channel signal level. They display levels during both

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recording and playback. The bargraph scales change value depending on whether digital or analog tapes are used: -50 dB to 0 dB for DCC and -40 dB to +10 dB for analog tape.

The RS-DC10's back panel provides the expected connector complement: pairs of phono jacks for fixed line-level analog output, variable line-level analog output, line-level analog input, and coaxial digital input and output, plus a pair of Toslink connectors for optical digital in and out.

As with all consumer digital recorders, the RS-DC10 contains Serial Copy Management System (SCMS) circuitry. You can record digitally from CD (or any other digital source. including another DCC), but the DCC dub itself is coded to prevent any second-generation digital copying. You can make as many direct digital copies of the original as you like, however, and there is no restriction on copying via the analog inputs. Digital copiers will be delighted to know that the RS-DC10 automatically records track numbers from CD, DAT, or DCC sources when making a digital copy (the Auto Start Marker button enables this).

A look inside the RS-DC10 revealed very tidy construction and a parts complement that is quite consolidated



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for a first-generation product. Philips Bitstream 1-bit analog-to-digital (A/D) and digital-to-analog (D/A) converters are employed, along with four PASC encoder/decoder chips. After A/D conversion (if necessary), the encoder divides the input signal into thirty-two subbands, each 750 Hz wide, calculates the average signal level in each band, applies a masking-estimation algorithm, and allocates bits to the parts of the signal that require coding. The decoder rejoins the bands and restores the data to linear PCM format for processing by the D/A converters.

The transport employs two DC motors for the capstan and reels; a third motor is dedicated to the tape drawer. The multitrack thin-film tape head flips over when the tape changes directions. There are two azimuth locking pins (ALP's) to hold the tape taut against the head and its fixed azimuth tape guide (FATG) slots to maintain correct tape alignment. As with all DCC decks, there is no erase head since recording is accomplished by writing new data directly over the old. It is important to note, by the way, that head demagnetizers and conventional cleaning cassettes should not be used on DCC heads.

The RS-DC10's twenty-nine-key wireless remote duplicates the front-panel buttons for transport control, side switching, repeat, text and counter manipulation, and so on, as well as drawer open/close for those who want to try to load cassettes from across the room. More usefully, it also adds output volume up/down, ten-key direct track access (for prerecorded DCC tapes only), and a music-scan feature to audition the first few seconds of each track.

The RS-DC10 also comes with a nice, juicy sales incentive: free software. While the deck will play back your existing analog cassettes and enables you to record your own DCC cassettes, Technics figures you will also be anxious to start a library of prerecorded DCC tapes. To help establish your new collection, Technics is offering ten free prerecorded DCC tapes with the purchase of an RS-DC10—your choice from a variety of titles on four different record labels, mailed directly to you.

The RS-DC10 measured very well on the test bench, exhibiting extremely flat DCC playback response, very low noise and distortion, and excellent low-level D/A linearity. And its record/playback measurements rivaled those of a DAT recorder—again, very flat frequency response combined with low noise, distortion, and converter nonlinearity. In fact, the errors in the A/D and D/A converters apparently canceled somewhat, vielding better linearity for a complete trip through the recorder than for playback only. Analog playback measurements were respectable, but not as good as those of a topnotch analog-only cassette deck. Wow and flutter, in particular, were rather high. Another weakness of the transport is its fast-wind speed, which makes track access rather slow, at least compared with CD, MD, and DAT.

The RS-DC10 proved that DCC can deliver sound virtually indistinguishable from that of CD.

Moving from the test bench to the listening room, I first put the RS-DC10 through its paces, checking its various features. Everything was in order, including the very nifty convenience of browsing through the track-title index, choosing a track, and hitting play to make the RS-DC10 find and play it. DCC's smart sensing enables the deck to find the shortest distance to a track, flipping sides as required, which cuts down on the waits imposed by the relatively slow tape spooling.

On the other hand, I am disappointed by the distinctions between prerecorded and user-recorded DCC tapes imposed by the DCC format. Prerecorded tapes have various perks, such as track-title indexes, that you can't put on a tape yourself or copy from a prerecorded DCC tape. These limitations, which were imposed to mollify record companies, lead to confusion for the end user, particularly when controls do different things depending on whether you are playing a prerecorded or user-recorded tape. For ex-

ample, the RS-DC10's remote control permits direct track access for prerecorded tapes, but not for user-recorded ones. Frustrating.

To check the RS-DC10's susceptibility to head clogging, particularly from playback of analog tapes, I loaded an analog cassette, punched in continuous-loop playback, and let the machine cycle through the cassette for 48 hours. At the end of the test, although the tape drawer had a good sprinkle of shedded oxide at the bottom, the cassette played back without fault, as did DCC tapes. Incidently, a number of people have asked me about the two square recesses on each side of DCC shells: They will be used to load tapes in future DCC changers.

Finally, I did some critical listening—a more crucial step for a deck built around a perceptual coder, such as DCC's PASC system, than for CD players and DAT recorders, which use straight linear pulse-code modulation (PCM). With linear coding, you can be more confident of the correlation between measurements and sonic performance than you can with perceptual coding, which is designed to exploit the masking of one sound by another in human hearing, devoting storage capacity to sounds presumed to be audible while ignoring those thought to be inaudible. Depending on the sophistication of the perceptual-coding system used, sound quality may be better or worse than the measurements might suggest.

After enjoying my small library of prerecorded DCC tapes, as well as a few digitally copied tapes, I was well satisfied with the RS-DC10's sound quality. There is no question in my mind that DCC's PASC encoding scheme can provide fidelity that is virtually indistinguishable from that of compact discs, and the RS-DC10 again proved the point. Both classical and pop prerecorded tapes sounded great, and after trying for some time to distinguish by ear between my digitally copied tapes and the original CD's, I finally gave up and simply succumbed to the outstanding DCC sound.

The RS-DC10 thoroughly validates the philosophy behind DCC, that a snazzy new digital recording format can peacefully coexist in the same box with a long established analog format. It's an amazing feat, and the RS-DC10 is a terrific example of this new breed of audio component.

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#### **JBL HP520 Loudspeaker System**

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BL says that its HP series of loudspeakers is designed to bring many of the features of the company's professional theater and monitor speakers to home systems at affordable prices. The HP520, the larger of the two models currently available, is a floor-standing four-way system with five drivers. Its attractively finished seven-sided columnar cabinet has no parallel exterior surfaces; even the top resembles an upward-facing parabolic cone, although it is normally covered by a decorative black glass insert.

The bass frequencies are generated

by what JBL calls a Double Chamber Bandpass (DCB) system, consisting of two internally mounted 81/2-inch drivers located about midway up the col-

141/4 inches wide. 38 inches high, and 1214 inches deep

#### Finish

Black ash hardwood veneer

#### Price

\$795 each

#### Manufacturer

JBL. Inc., Dept. SR, 240 Crossways Park W., Woodbury, NY 11797

umn. The dual woofers, which face each other on a baffle plate that divides the interior of the enclosure, are driven out of phase, effectively operating as a single piston. The two-chamber internal volume forms a tuned system that concentrates the bass energy in the range below 120 Hz while cutting off sharply above it. The woofer system radiates into the room from the top of the cabinet through a slot about 11/8 inches high that extends completely around the periphery. The curvature of the cabinet's conical plastic top presumably is designed to provide a smooth acoustic transition from the interior of the cabinet to the external room volume.

The other drivers are located conventionally on the upper half of the cabinet's front panel. The upper bass and lower midrange, from 120 to 1,200 Hz. is radiated by a 61/2-inch driver. Above it, in a separate sealed subenclosure, is a 5-inch midrange driver that operates up to 4,000 Hz, where there is a crossover to a 1-inch titanium-dome tweeter, placed at the top of the speaker panel. The panel itself is covered with rubber foam to minimize diffraction at the boundary between each driver and the panel, which could distort the system's radiation pattern. A removable black cloth grille covers the entire front of the cabinet, and the black glass insert for the top of the cabinet further enhances its appearance and utility.

The input connectors (insulated five-way binding posts on 3/4-inch centers) and a three-position room-compensation switch are located in a recess in the bottom of the cabinet. The switch adjusts the balance of the lower frequencies to compensate for the placement of the system near a corner, against a wall, or away from any wall. The cabinet is fitted with rubber feet, and spikes are provided for optional installation.

JBL's specifications for the HP520 include a 4-ohm nominal impedance, a frequency range of 34 to 27,000 Hz, and a maximum recommended amplifier power of 200 watts. Its rated sensitivity is 90 dB. The system weighs about 55 pounds.

The HP520's raw (unsmoothed) room response varied less than ±3.5 dB from about 60 Hz to our upper measurement limit of 20,000 Hz. It was difficult to measure the bass response with close microphone spacing

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below 100 Hz or so, since it radiated around the full periphery of the cabinet, and the results could not readily be combined with room measurements in any meaningful way. The closest we could come to making our usual smoothed room-response measurement vielded a very good ±2-dB envelope from 110 to 10,000 Hz. A quasi-anechoic MLS response measurement, valid above approximately 300 Hz, yielded a very similar curve:  $\pm 2$  dB from 400 to 16,000 Hz, rising to +4 dB at 20,000 Hz (relative to the average output from 1,000 to 10,000 Hz).

The tweeter's horizontal directivity, measured with one-third-octave noise, was typical of 1-inch dome radiators. At 45 degrees off-axis, the output (relative to the on-axis response) fell to -3 dB around 7,000 Hz, -5 dB at 10,000 Hz, and -12 dB at 20,000 Hz. Although our room-response measurements stop at 20,000 Hz, they showed increasing output from 10,000 to 20,000 Hz, where it equaled the highest level recorded at any lower frequency.

The system's impedance was unusual in having three peaks below 100 Hz, at 28, 50, and 90 Hz. Within that range, the impedance varied between 6 and 11 ohms. Above 100 Hz, the curve was more conventional, swinging from a minimum of 3.4 ohms at 120 Hz to a maximum of 11.8 ohms at 3,000 Hz. Over most of the audio band, the impedance remained well above the rated 4 ohms.

The HP520's measured sensitivity was unusually high, with the system producing a 94.5-dB sound pressure level (SPL) at 1 meter on the tweeter axis with a 2.83-volt input. Bass distortion, with an input of 1.7 volts (corresponding to a 90-dB SPL), was about 1 percent from 50 to 120 Hz, rising at lower frequencies to 5.5 percent at 30 Hz. The upper-bass driver also produced low distortion, about 0.6 percent from 120 to 750 Hz and about 0.8 percent at the 1,200-Hz crossover to the midrange driver. The latter, whose cone excursions were small, generated less than 1 percent distortion throughout its operating frequency range and less than 0.4 percent from about 1,300 to 2,400 Hz. The group delay in the tweeter's range varied about 100 microseconds overall.

The HP520's woofers were able to

absorb a single-cycle sine-wave input of about 600 watts at 100 Hz before their cones reached their mechanical limits of movement. At 1,000 and 10,000 Hz, the driving amplifier ran out of power at about 850 watts before the speaker showed any signs of distress

For all our testing and listening, the HP520 speakers were placed about 3 to 4 feet from the walls behind and beside them, and the room-compensation switch was set appropriately at its "0 dB" (maximum bass) position. We did not install the spikes, which would

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have complicated moving the speakers about.

The HP520's sounded every bit as good as the measurements would imply (better, actually, because their very solid low bass was far superior to what our measurements could confirm). Despite a total absence of the upper-bass heaviness that mars the sound of so many loudspeakers, the low-frequency output remained clean and palpably strong down to the 30-Hz region.

Stereo imaging was likewise excellent, with a better-than-average illusion of depth behind the speakers as well as a seamless soundstage between them. The sound was totally integrated at all times, with never a hint it was coming from five separate drivers in each speaker cabinet.

The JBL HP520 ranks as a worthy competitor in what is today the midprice bracket for good loudspeakers. Like any good speaker, its sound is "right" from first hearing and tends to be even more satisfactory with extended Jistening.



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#### **KLH Premier 81 Speaker System**

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N the 1960's, KLH was one of the best-known names in the high-fidelity world. KLH loudspeakers earned a reputation for exceptional sound at affordable prices, and the name was also associated with the first highfidelity portables and the first home tape recorder (open-reel) with Dolby B noise reduction.

Since 1980, the company's ownership has changed a couple of times, and for a number of years the KLH name almost disappeared from view in the hi-fi speaker market. Recently, however, a revitalized KLH has announced a series of home loudspeakers that promise a combination of value and performance not unlike that of the early KLH products.

#### **Dimensions**

101/2 inches wide, 161/2 inches high, and 111/4 inches deep

#### Finish

Oak-grain vinyl

#### Price

\$299 a pair

#### Manufacturer

KLH, Dept. SR, 11131 Dora St., P.O. Box 1085, Sun Valley, CA 91352

KLH says its Premier Series is designed to provide the essential qualities of more costly speakers at affordable prices. The Premier 81, one of two bookshelf models in the line, is a vented two-way system with an 8-inch woofer crossing over at 1,300 Hz to a 1-inch soft-dome tweeter. The woofer has a 1.5-inch high-temperature voice coil and a polymer-fiber cone. The tweeter voice coil is wound on a Kapton form and cooled by ferrofluid.

The KLH 81 is finished on all sides and weighs a solid 22 pounds. The front edges are beveled, and the drivers are mounted flush with the front panel. The bass port is on the rear, as are the recessed gold-plated five-way binding-post connectors. A removable black cloth grille, on a wooden frame, is retained by plastic snaps.

We mounted the KLH 81 speakers on 26-inch stands, about 8 feet apart and 3 feet in front of a wall. Their averaged room response was very flat and smooth, especially above 300 Hz, where room-boundary effects were negligible. The output varied only ±2.5 dB from 100 to 20,000 Hz. The 8 combined woofer and port response spliced easily to the room response,

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resulting in a composite frequency response of +5,  $-2 \, dB$  from 30 to 20,000 Hz. (The maximum output occurred between 60 and 70 Hz). Although close-miked woofer measurements can give a misleading impression of a speaker's true bass capabilities, listening tests established that the KLH 81 could deliver useful, reasonably clean output as low as 32 Hz.

A quasi-anechoic MLS measurement of the axial frequency response showed an output variation akin to that obtained in the room measurement: ±2.5 dB from 1.500 to 20.000 Hz, with a maximum of +3.5 dB at 1,200 Hz and a gentle decline to -2 dB at 300 Hz. A ground-plane MLS measurement at 3 meters (which eliminated early floor reflections) gave generally similar results, with an overall variation of  $\pm 4$  dB from 300 to 20,000 Hz.

The tweeter's horizontal dispersion was typical of 1-inch dome radiators, with the response curves on-axis and 45 degrees off-axis beginning to diverge above 6,000 Hz; off-axis output was down 5 dB at 10,000 Hz and 14 dB at 20,000 Hz. Group delay varied less than 50 microseconds from 4.000 to 20,000 Hz, with an increase to 1.25 milliseconds at 50 Hz.

The KLH 81's impedance reached its low of just over 5 ohms at 150 Hz. It peaked to about 22 ohms at 25 and 75 Hz and to 15 ohms at 800 Hz. The speaker's impedance averaged between 10 and 15 ohms over most of the audio range.

The system's sensitivity measured 90 dB sound-pressure level (SPL) at 1 meter with a 2.83-volt pink-noise input. At that level, the woofer distortion was a uniform 0.7 to 0.9 percent from 80 to 1,300 Hz, increasing to 2 percent at 50 Hz and 7 percent at 20 Hz. The woofer cone reached its suspension limits at 100 Hz with a singlecycle input of 510 watts into its 7.5ohm impedance at that frequency.

The KLH Premier 81 speakers sounded about as good as they measured, which is to say very good indeed. Their output was as smooth and extended as that of many speakers selling for several times their modest price, with only a slight upper-bass warmth to distinguish them from some speakers we have tested that cost in the range of \$1,000 to \$1,500 a pair.

It came as a pleasant surprise to find that the KLH 81's single 8-inch woofer was actually capable of reaching into the bottom musical octave. A 31.5-Hz sine wave from a test CD produced a room-filling output, clearly consisting mostly of the fundamental frequency. Though not as powerful as the bass we have heard from larger systems, it was real bass (this was also verified by our woofer distortion measurements).

When you combine these qualities with a handsomely finished cabinet and a modest price, it is clear that the KLH Premier 81 does honor to its heritage. It is a very worthy competitor for the several high-quality small speakers we have tested in recent months.

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## Forté F44 Preamplifier

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HE Forté F44 is a basic stereo preamplifier combining sophisticated circuit design with exceptional ease and convenience of operation. A true product of audio's digital era, it has six sets of line-level inputs but no phono jacks, though it does provide for such addons as an outboard phono preamp.

Operating convenience has not been overlooked in the design of the F44. Its infrared remote control covers all the normal operating functions, including input selection, volume adjustment, and muting, and there is a Standby button for use with future Forté components such as a video switcher (a Data Bus connector for that purpose is on the back of the preamplifier). The front-panel control knobs are turned by internal motors when operated from the remote, in total silence and with no switching transients. A major advantage of this system is avoidance of the dynamic-range limitations and distortion typical of voltage-controlled solid-state attenuators. The white bars on the control knobs clearly show their settings even at a moderate distance.

The F44's inputs are designated as CD, Video, Tuner, High Level 1 and 2 (for other high-level sources), and Tape. A separate Record switch connects the signal at any of the inputs, independently of the one selected for listening, to the tape-recording outputs. In its off position this switch completely isolates the tape outputs from the input signals. The Record switch is not duplicated on the remote control.

The Forté F44 has no power switch. It is designed to be energized permanently once installed, and since it consumes only a few watts of power and runs perfectly cool, this is quite practical. The selected input signal goes

### Dimensions

17 inches wide, 2½ inches high, 9½ inches deep

Price \$1.250

Manufacturer

Forté Audio, Dept. SR, 7325 Roseville Rd., Sacramento, CA 95342 through the volume control before being amplified, insuring against unwittingly overloading a low-level stage. The F44's cascode Class A amplifiers are direct-coupled.

An unusual feature of the Forté F44 is its provision for balanced inputs. In addition to the standard unbalanced inputs and two sets of output jacks, the rear apron contains balanced jacks for the CD inputs and a pair of balanced output jacks. The balanced outputs are not normally functional, but the user's manual explains how to switch jumper blocks on the main circuit board to replace the standard CD inputs with their balanced equivalents, which can provide better interference rejection than the standard unbalanced connection.

The Forté F44 has a relatively low input-impedance rating of 12,000 ohms unbalanced and 4,400 ohms balanced. Its output impedance is specified as 100 ohms unbalanced, 200 ohms balanced. Frequency response is rated as flat to DC (0 Hz) and down by 1 dB at 200,000 Hz. Distortion is specified as 0.005 percent from DC to 20,000 Hz at 3 volts output into a 10,000-ohm load, and noise is rated at lower than -100 dB relative to 0.5 volt.

In our measurements, the Forté price F44's frequency response was flat



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The crosstalk between inputs was -77 dB from 20 to 100 Hz and increased at higher frequencies, to -40 dB at 20,000 Hz, because of capacitive coupling between the input-selector switch contacts, and perhaps the circuit-board traces as well. We used the CD input for this test, and the closest contacts to its switch terminals were those of the Video inputs. The other inputs had somewhat less high-frequency crosstalk from the CD inputs, typically about -72 dB at 1,000 Hz and -50 dB at 20,000 Hz. The crosstalk between channels of the same input was a constant, and far more than adequate, -81 dB from 20 to 20,000 Hz.

Distortion was very low, even compared with the F44's impressive speci-

### MEASUREMENTS

Output at clipping (1,000 Hz).....>11 volts Frequency response (20 to 20,000 Hz) ±0.01 dB Distortion (THD + N at 1,000 Hz) ..... 0.002% Noise (A-weighted, referred to 0.5-volt out--94 dB Sensitivity (for 0.5-volt output). 55 mV

fications. Up to 8.5 volts output, it was about 0.0025 percent. At a 5-volt output, far more than will be needed to drive any power amplifier fully, distortion was 0.002 percent from 20 to 1,000 Hz, rising slightly to 0.0032 percent at 10,000 Hz and 0.008 percent at 20,000 Hz. All these distortion levels are inaudible.

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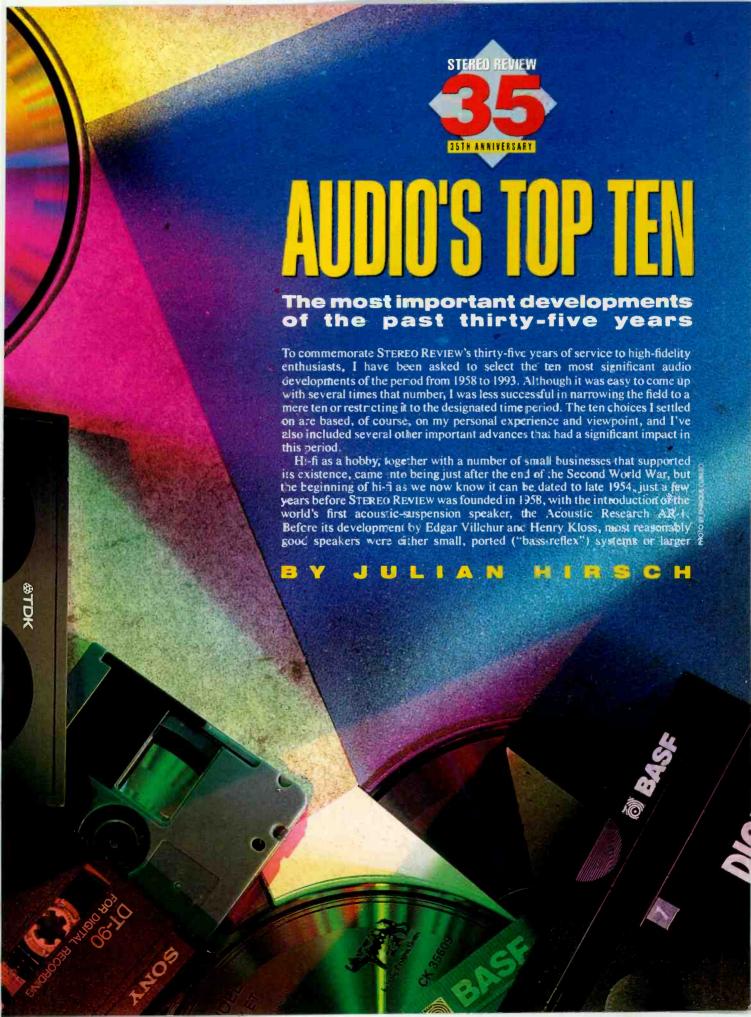
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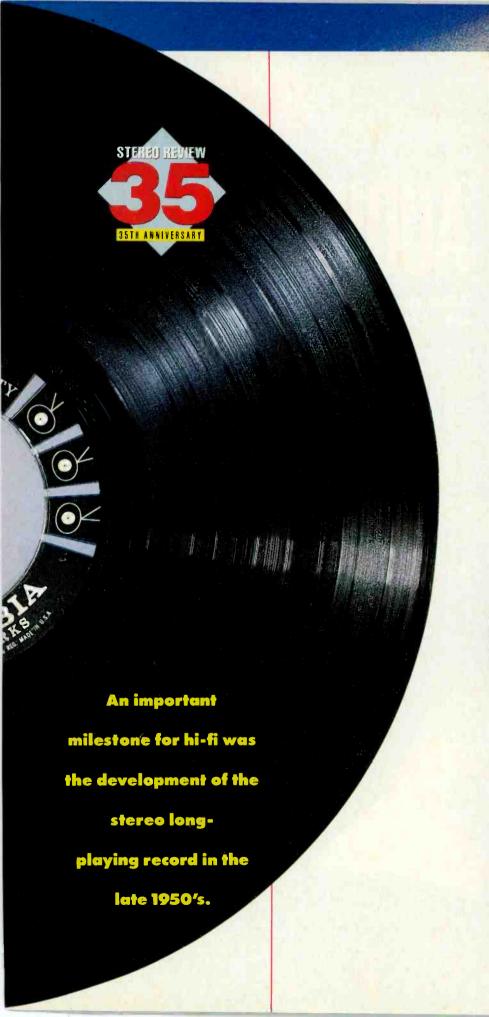
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models in sealed cabinets. A useful output in the low bass (say, under 50 Hz) was obtainable only from large, expensive speakers and was often accompanied by rather large amounts of distortion.

### THE MODERN Loudspeaker

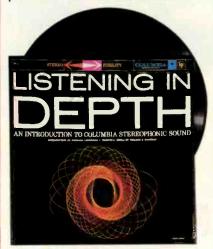
Villchur's "bookshelf"-size acoustic-suspension speaker design extended the bass range to 30 Hz or lower, with markedly reduced distortion, an affordable price (though \$185 was a considerable sum in 1954), and a surprisingly small cabinet. It came at just the right time. When stereo appeared a few years later, the need for two speakers sounded the death knell of many larger units of comparable quality. Acoustic-suspension speakers from AR and others made stereo practical in millions of homes.

Only slightly less significant was Villchur's introduction of the dome tweeter, in the AR-3 system, circa 1960. The wide dispersion and smooth, extended response of the AR-3's high-frequency and midrange domes made it one of the pace-setting loudspeakers of its day. In today's high-fidelity speakers, dome tweeters have almost completely superseded cones.



But there has been perhaps an even more overwhelming influence on the quality of modern loudspeakers. More than twenty years ago, A. N. Thiele and Richard Small of the University of Sydney, Australia, outlined methods for defining the behavior of loudspeakers in vented enclosures that enabled engineers, for the first time, to design such speakers to achieve almost any desired performance at low frequencies. With the wide availability of computers, the *Thiele-Small parameters*, derived from the equations Thiele

and Small developed, have been responsible in good measure for the overall high standard achieved by today's vented speakers, in sharp contrast to the uninformed trial-and-error procedures used in earlier times.



# 2 THE STEREO LONG-PLAYING RECORD

Back again in the late 1950's came another milestone for hi-fi with the development of the stereo long-playing record. Before that time, stereo recordings had been obtainable only on 1/4-inch open-reel tape, whose quality was reasonably good but which left much to be desired in respect to convenience, cost, and availability.

Several mutually incompatible stereo disc recording and playback systems had been proposed and demonstrated—with varying degrees of success. Eventually the Westrex 45/45-degree system, which assigned the two walls of the V-shaped groove to the left and right channels, emerged as the winner, in part because of its compatibility with mono record players.

# 3 TRANSISTORS AND INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

In the 1960's, transistors, which had been invented in the late 1940's, began to replace vacuum tubes in high-fidelity tuners and amplifiers. Although they offered undeniable advantages in size, weight, heat generation, and power consumption, the early audio components using transistors were unreliable and often exhibited poor distortion characteristics. For years these components were considered by some audiophiles to be inherently inferior to ones using tubes. Eventually the problems were overcome with improvements in transistors and the cir-

cuits using them. Transistors later evolved into integrated-circuit "chips," or IC's, each containing from several dozen to several hundred thousand transistors and other circuit components. IC's are essential to the operation of all digital audio components, not to mention the microcomputers that control them. Today's solid-state components perform superbly and have satisfied all but a handful of stalwart enthusiasts, some of whom are willing to pay large sums for vacuumtube equipment, which they still believe to deliver superior sound.

# 4 STEREO FM BROADCASTING

The next major development in audio media was stereo FM broadcasting. As with the stereo LP, several competing systems were proposed, each with its own benefits and drawbacks. Compatibility was again an issue: Listeners with mono or stereo tuners had to enjoy listenable programs from either mono or stereo broadcasts. In 1961, after extensive field trials, the winner was the system proposed by General Electric and Zenith, which is now the one in worldwide use.

When Philips introduced the compact cassette in 1960, it was intended strictly as a "lo-fi" monophonic recording and playback medium for voice and other limited-range applications. With the existing technology, a narrow tape moving at 1% inches per second could not be expected to reach much above the range of voice frequencies.

# 5 THE COMPACT CASSETTE

Or so it was thought. As tape manufacturers improved coating formulations (Du Pont's work with chromium dioxide, for example) and head design dramatically advanced, the lowly cassette was on its way to being a major part of the hi-fi scene. It took a few years for stereo cassette machines to become serious contenders in the high-fidelity world, but by 1971 several of them appeared in STEREO REVIEW's annual Stereo Buyers' Guide. By the middle of the 1980's, prerecorded cassette sales had surpassed sales of LP records.

There were two other important factors in the cassette's success. The first was the introduction of *Dolby noise* reduction, a hiss-suppression tech-



# 6 DOLBY NOISE REDUCTION

nique essential to getting cassette noise levels low enough to be considered high fidelity. Dolby A, the first Dolby system, was employed in the late Sixties in professional recording studios. Consumer products—such as Dolby add-on units for open-reel recorders, cassette decks with built-in Dolby processors, and, eventually, prerecorded tapes—used the simpler Dolby B process. Since then the more effective Dolby C and Dolby S processes have become available, although the availability of digital recording diminishes their impact on today's market.

# 7 HEADPHONE PORTABLES

The other major element in the cassette's stupendous success was the introduction, in 1979, of a small, portable, high-quality stereo cassette player



with lightweight headphones that was originally called the Soundabout. In a few months its manufacturer, Sony, renamed it the Walkman, and the personal portable tape player went on to conquer the world and make the prerecorded cassette the dominant music medium.

A primary factor in the Walkman's success was the stereo headphone. These had been available since the early 1960's and were perhaps a logical development with the coming of stereo. But stereo headphones had to be invented by somebody, and that somebody was John Koss, whose first "Stereophone" appeared about 1960. Stereo headphones now span a broad price and performance range, from less than \$5 to thousands for advanced electrostatic models.



Around the time that the cassette started establishing itself, in the early 1970's, four-channel, or "quadraphonic," sound for the home appeared on the scene. Hampered by a number of mutually incompatible recording and decoding systems for four-channel programs, a lack of consensus regarding what the techniques were intended to achieve, and, frankly, rather mediocre sonic performance, "quad" foundered after a few years, unmourned by the audiophile world.

# 8 AMBIENCE ENHANCEMENT AND SURROUND SOUND

But from the ashes of quad arose the concept of *ambience enhancement*. Recognizing the impossibility of recreating a believable musical environ-

ment in a living room from only two frontally placed speakers, some companies produced accessories that created multiple delayed signals from the stereo program and reproduced them through speakers placed toward the back of the room, AudioPulse, Sound Concepts, and ADS were three of the early proponents of these delay techniques. These components were expensive and had to be used with discretion to be really effective, but they created an awareness of the importance of ambient sound to realistic sound reproduction and opened the way to today's more sophisticated surround and ambience-enhancement systems.

Receiving far more attention than strict ambience enhancement in to-day's world of the home theater is the related concept of surround sound. This has gotten a big boost from the movies, thanks to Dolby's de facto standardization of studio surround-encoding systems and its domination of home surround decoding methods, all of which, ironically, use techniques originally invented for quad.

# 9 THE COMPACT DISC

In late 1982 the first of the consumer digital audio media appeared: the compact disc. The audio world would never be the same. CD's offered unprecedented durability, essentially unrestricted frequency response and dynamic range, and greatly improved access and cueing capability. In just a few short years, the vinyl LP record was obsolete and millions of households had CD players, the format's appeal extending far beyond the narrow limits of audio hobbyists. The applications of CD technology to information storage, computing, and education, to name a few areas, seem limitless.

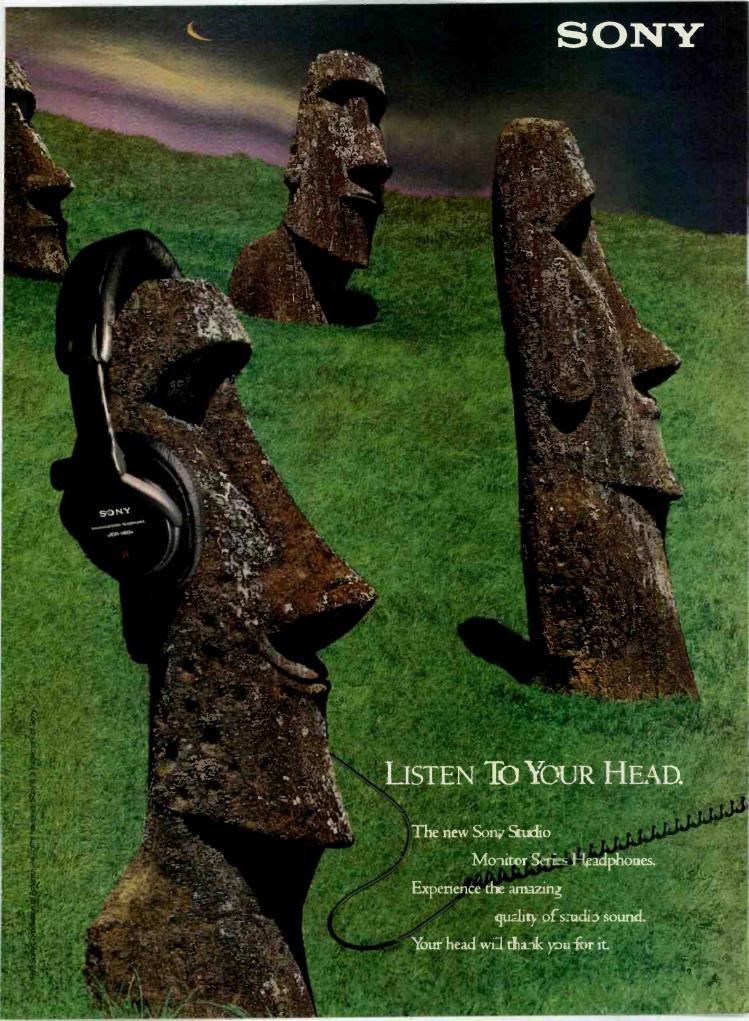
At this writing, rotary-head digital audio tape (R-DAT, or just DAT) has evolved into a semiprofessional tool rather than a consumer product, largely because of political squabbles over its introduction into this country. But two new digital media are now being introduced, with the aim of bringing advanced digital audio technology to an even wider segment of the public. Both the Digital Compact Cassette (DCC) and the MiniDisc (MD) are being touted as replacements for the venerable analog cassette, and one or both of them may turn out to be the big events of this audio decade.



# 10 DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING

Making both of these new systems possible is digital signal processing (DSP), the modern audio miracle worker. Yamaha's DSP-1, the first consumer-oriented DSP unit to come to market, appeared in 1988. It has been followed by numerous DSPbased components from a variety of companies, some of which go beyond the ambience-enhancement functions of that "early" device to provide such capabilities as dynamic-range processing and equalization. DSP is now poised to journey into what may be audio's final frontier: the control of room acoustics and speaker/room interactions. The next thirty-five years in audio are going to be interesting.





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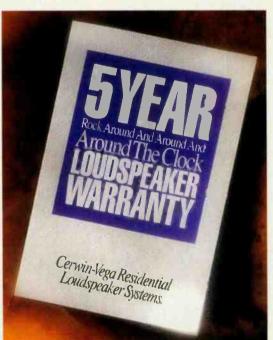
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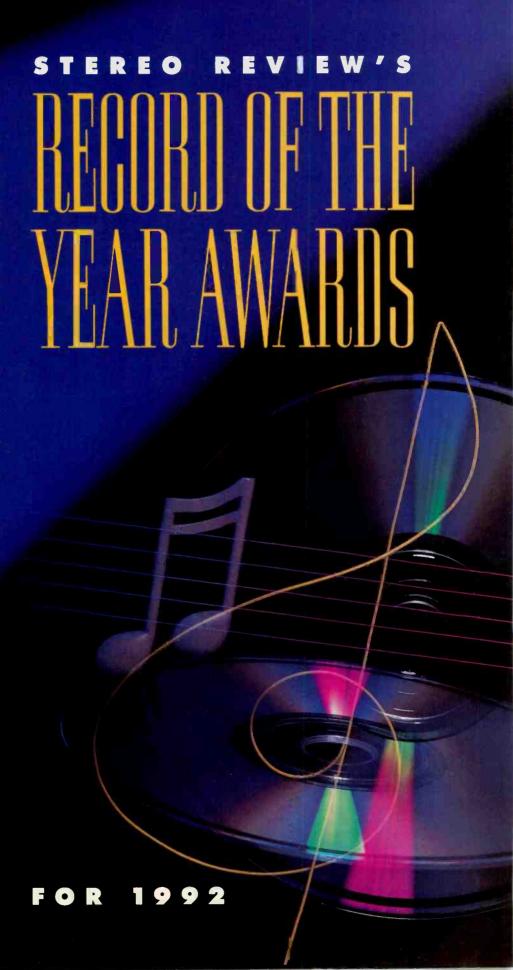


February is known for many important annual events—Valentine's Day, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, George Washington's birthday, Alice Cooper's birthday . . . and, of course, STEREO REVIEW's Record of the Year Awards. This is the month our editors and critics announce (as they have for over two decades) their choices for the top twelve albums of the year just past, both pop and classical. You'll find our selections on the next two pages, along with an additional twenty-four releases cited as honorable mentions.

As always, the winners were chosen on the basis of musical interest, quality of performance, and sonic excellence. 1992 was not totally business as usual, however. On the pop side, for example, we're pleased that all the winners, with the exception of the perennially brilliant Lou Reed, and most of the runners-up are firsttimers who've never been nominated before. And on the classical side. we're excited that the winners range from a basic repertory standard like the Tchaikovsky Fifth to a cuttingedge contemporary piece like Polish composer Henryk Górecki's Third Symphony (the former in a superb, previously lost-in-the-vaults 1963 performance, the latter only just becoming well known in the West). Also, we're happy to salute two special achievements remarkable even in this era of the Boxed Set-Mosaic's monumental eighteen-CD reissue of the work of the Nat King Cole Trio, and Verve's splendid ten-CD Billie Holiday anthology.

From where we sit, of course, what all these albums seem to say is that 1992 was a very good year for recorded music. We hope you agree.

-Steve Simels and Robert Ripps





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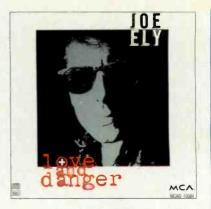
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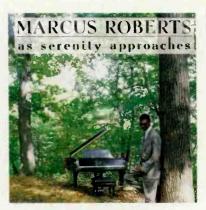
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# SENSIBLE GUDE

From two-speaker

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When this magazine was founded 35 years ago, the transition from monophonic sound reproduction to the twochannel stereo sound we enjoy and take for granted today had just begun. Now we are embarked on another, similar transition to greater spatial realism. It seems pretty clear that fivechannel surround sound, already the worldwide standard for movie-theater audio, will eventually become the norm for entertainment audio in the home and car as well (see "Our Five-Channel Future," page 50). Sooner or later, most of us will upgrade to a fivechannel playback system, so you may as well begin the transition now. The challenge is to make that transition a positive one, adding surround spaciousness without sacrificing the quality of your present stereo sound or having to cope with mismatched components or wasting money on products that will quickly become obsolete.

One of the most important issues to keep in mind is that the five speakers in a surround system should have very similar tonal quality. If the center speaker doesn't match the sound of the left and right front speakers, imaging and clarity will be impaired. And if the front and surround speakers differ in timbre, because of inherent differences in response or because of inappropriate room placement, spaciousness and realism may suffer. So if cost and space are not obstacles, the ideal solution may be to buy a matched set of five speakers for surround sound and use your present speakers only for straight two-channel listening.

In a large house you might put the two systems in separate, acoustically isolated rooms. Then you could listen to records in the music room while your spouse enjoys surround sound in the TV room. Alternatively, you could have your old two-speaker stereo and a system of five matched speakers for surround in the same room, switching from one system to the other according to what you are playing. This is not as crazy as it may seem: Several com-

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panies, including Atlantic Technology, Ohm Acoustics, Bose, and Boston Acoustics make complete surround systems consisting of five tiny satellites and a subwoofer, which are nearly invisible once installed. You would connect your video sources to the surround processor and continue to use your stereo system for music as before. But people who have experimented with this dual-system approach typically graduate to a single system for all listening.

So in this article we will discuss the process of upgrading from two-speaker stereo to a five-channel surround theater. Depending on your budget, you may prefer to upgrade in small, easily affordable steps. This has the advantage that you will educate your ears as you go, gaining experience that will help you to make wiser shopping

choices. Upgrading in stages may thus yield a better final result than buying everything at once.

# Stage 1: Passive Surround Decoding

All current recordings sold for home playback (including those with Dolby Surround encoding) are in two-channel form. While we normally think of a stereo signal as consisting of left and right channels, it can also be analyzed as a mono signal (L+R) and a "stereo difference" signal (L-R). The difference component contains left-to-right imaging and ambience in a stereo signal, as well as the surround information in a Dolby Surround recording.

Consequently, the easiest way to extract the surround portion of a stereo signal is to bridge a pair of speakers located toward the back of the



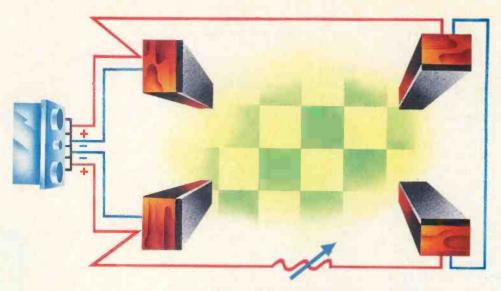


Figure 1. A crude ambience-extraction system can be assembled just by wiring a pair of side or rear speakers as shown above (the volume control in the line is useful but not essential).

room between your amplifier or receiver's left and right "hot" (positive) speaker terminals. Thus wired, the rear speakers will reproduce the L-R difference signal. This arrangement brings out hidden spaciousness in recorded music and also performs crude Dolby Surround decoding. To accomplish this, simply connect one wire from the red + terminal of your rightfront speaker to the + terminal of your right-rear speaker, and run a similar wire along the left side of the room from left-front + to left-rear + . Using a third wire across the back of the room, connect the black - terminals of the surround speakers together.

What surround speakers can you use? For guidance, see "Choosing Speakers for Surround Sound" in the September 1992 issue. In a nutshell, the most important ingredient is a smooth midrange sound that resembles the timbre of your main stereo speakers. No matter what you choose, plan to experiment with the location and orientation of the surround speakers, with the aim of achieving two objectives. (1) The surround sound must not fire directly at you but must arrive from many directions after reflecting off the walls and ceiling. (2) A portion of the surround sound must arrive at your head from the sides. As a rule, it also is wise to avoid putting the surround speakers in corners, unless they have weak upper-bass response and need the reinforcement provided by corner placement.

In a rectangular room most people

install stereo speakers along one of the short walls, firing down the room's longer dimension. But when you add surround decoding the back or side speakers may be much closer to you than the front speakers, so that their sound arrives at your head first. Consider re-arranging the room so that your main speakers fire across the shorter dimension and the surround speakers are at the ends of the room, farther away from you.

If that is not practical, you can make the reproduced ambience more realistically diffuse by aiming the surround speakers upward or away from you, spraying their sound off the ceiling and side walls. Even so they may be too loud. The wiring diagram (Figure 1) shows how a simple 25-ohm potentiometer (available from Radio Shack or other electronic-parts stores) serves as a surround volume control. A convenient alternative approach is to buy a Dynaco QD Series II processor (\$80); this passive surround decoder includes a volume control, a surroundoff switch, and clearly labeled speaker connections, including an L+R connection for a center speaker.

Now that you have a volume control for the surround speakers, it is time to learn its proper setting. When you first install surround speakers there is a temptation to play them too loud, producing a dramatic (but artificial) impression of large-hall spaciousness. This effect soon grows tiring. Most of the time the surround speakers should not be audible as discrete sound

sources. Their role is to enhance the realism of the soundstage produced by your main stereo speakers. Their most noticeable effect should be the abrupt loss you feel when you switch them off and hear the sound field collapse into the front wall.

### Stage 2: Connect TV Sound to Your Stereo

We shouldn't need to discuss this point at all, but a surprising number of people have installed a stereo system and a TV set in the same room but continue to listen to the TV through its own speakers. Since about ten years ago all major video sources (laserdiscs, hi-fi videocassettes, and broadcast TV) have contained wide-range stereo sound. In my experience each of these sources gains dramatically from the use of subwoofers and surround decoding. If you are still using an old TV set that lacks MTS stereo decoding, simply use a hi-fi VCR as a tuner and feed its audio line-out signals to your stereo amplifier. The quality of its sound may amaze you.

TV speakers are adequate for news, but even the larger amplifiers and speakers in new stereo TV sets can't do full justice to music and moviestyle special effects. You don't listen to CD's and audio tapes through your TV speakers; why listen to movies through them?

You do need to make sure that the TV screen is located midway between your stereo speakers, so that voices will be centered on the visual image. Remember the first time you heard a CD? It sounded so good, you hoped the music would never stop.

Which is the whole idea behind the CD changer.

Unfortunately most companies, in their rush to produce one, neglected to isolate the disc that's playing from the changer platform. A big mistake. (Not as big as the Hubble

telescope, but pretty darn serious.)

One that transfers internal and external vibrations to the playing disc. Creates resonance. Distorts the sound. And defeats a primary reason for buying a CD player in the first place.

Fortunately Yamaha avoided this common problem by developing an entire line of CD changers that are



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virtually vibration-free. A pretty amazing feat in itself.

How they do it is something called PlayXchange. A unique



Yamaha's PlayXchange System. The only carousel mechanism that doesn't transmit vibration to the playing disc. An important feature that permits four discs to be changed without disturbing the one playing.

design which not only isolates the playing disc from the loading tray, providing vibration-free playback, but also allows you to change four CDs without disturbing the fifth one that's playing.

And because you're supposed to spend your time listening to your CDs and not the machine that plays them, Yamaha's developed a new changing mechanism that's exceptionally quiet, quick and reliable.

But you can't judge a superior CD player merely by its changing mechanism. What makes the difference between a good player and a great one has to do with attention to details.

Take Yamaha's new CDC-835 for example. With Yamaha's

S-Bit Plus Technology, twin balanced D/A converters and

S-Bit Plus

Class A amplification at every stage, the CDC-835 outperforms most single disc CD players on the market.

Its fluorescent display can be dimmed or set to automatically

shut off during playback, eliminating any chance of interference.

And the CDC-835 is equally impressive in the convenience department.

Its TOC Memory memorizes the contents on each disc, speeding up access to specific songs, especially during random disc-to-disc play.

And to give your favorite kind of music even more presence,

there's a built-in equalizer with five digital presets.

In fact, the CDC-835 can remember your favorite songs on up to 100 discs and play them back in any sequence. It even remembers EQ settings.

Then there's 5-Disc Tape Edit. A useful recording fea-



The CDC-835. The only changer with a five-mode digital equalizer

ture that arranges the tracks you select so they fit neatly on two sides of your tape.

By now, if you're not quite sold on the CDC-835, you only have two options. You can drop by your nearest Yamaha dealer and let your ears make up your mind.

Or you can buy another changer. Which when you stop to think about it, would be a total shock to your system.



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And to minimize image-disturbing reflections of sound off the TV cabinet, the fronts of the speakers should project slightly forward of the screen. If your speakers are mounted on the wall now, try taking them down and putting them on stands three feet forward from the wall; this placement may yield a more precise and spacious stereo image.

It is easy to recommend that you should run a connecting cable from the audio line-out jacks of each video source to a spare line-level input on your stereo amplifier or receiver. It is not so easy to do if those inputs are already being used by your music sources (CD player, tape deck, and so forth). Eventually you may want to invest in an A/V receiver or control center that has enough inputs for everything. For now you can use an inexpensive add-on input selector—a simple switchbox with several sets of RCA phono-jack inputs and one set of outputs to feed the selected signal to the AUX input of your amplifier. Such products are available from DB Systems, Radio Shack, and others. Radio Shack's \$25 four-input audio/video selector, for example, switches line-level audio and video together.

Your audio wiring choices may be affected by your video options. With a recent TV set that has switching for multiple A/V sources, you can connect the VCR and laserdisc player to the TV and simply feed the selected sound from the TV's audio line-out jacks to your amplifier's auxiliary input. For this to work, you must use line-level connections from each source to the TV. (The 75-ohm antenna-cable output from a VCR or laserdisc player carries only mono sound with the picture.)

# Stage 3: Dolby Decoding and a Surround Amplifier

Passive decoding is an efficient way to get started with surround sound, and it can work remarkably well in a wide room. But it has important limitations. In most rooms the surround speakers are only a few feet away from you, causing their sound to arrive at your ears at about the same time as the sound from your front speakers, or perhaps even sooner. This early arrival causes your brain to focus on the surround speakers as discrete sound sources.

To avoid this, most surround decoders (including basic Dolby Surround models) contain a delay circuit that retards the rear signal by 15 to 30 milliseconds, long enough for your

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speakers standing out
as discrete sources.

brain to lock onto the stereo image formed by the front speakers. Thanks to what is known as the Haas, or precedence, effect, delayed surround sound is perceived as an enhancement of the frontal sound rather than as a separate source.

Consequently, the most cost-effective upgrade from passive surround extraction is a Dolby Surround decoder. A basic Dolby Surround processor performs L-R difference-signal extraction, delay, and Dolby B noise reduction to reduce hiss and correct the timbre of the surround sound. Though designed mainly for Dolby-encoded movie and TV soundtracks. Dolby Surround decoders can also extract hidden spaciousness in unencoded stereo recordings.

A Dolby Surround decoder operates with line-level signals, so it must be used with an amplifier to drive the surround speakers. Any small amplifier will do-preferably an integrated amp whose tone controls can be used to adjust the tonal balance of the surround speakers for a better match to the sound of your front speakers. But unless you already have a spare amp or buy one secondhand at very low cost, obtaining the decoder and amp separately will not be cost-effective. It's cheaper to buy an inexpensive surround amplifier with Dolby Surround circuits already built in. Such products, rated at about 10 watts per channel, are available for less than \$150. Select one with a straight stereo mode that bypasses the Dolby processing, so that the amp can be used with a high-performance decoder in the future (or simply serve as a general-purpose amplifier).

Ten watts is likely to be enough power for the surround speakers unless you play the system very loud. If you decide you can spend more than \$200 and get more amplifier power, select a decoder/amp equipped with Dolby Pro Logic. Pro Logic IC's add little to the cost but provide more accurate localization of both onscreen and off-screen sounds.

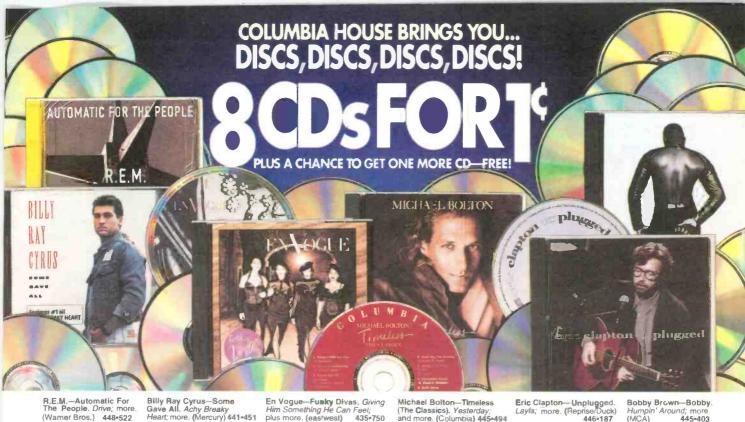
# Stage 4: Better Surround Speakers?

Despite what I said earlier about the problems caused by using speakers with mismatched timbre, your first surround speakers probably were not selected with great care. Now that you are using actual Dolby Surround decoding, you should re-examine your choices.

Before you spend money, invest some time experimenting with the placement and aiming of your surround speakers. Although often called "rear" speakers, much of their sound should reach you from the sides. That may involve mounting them high on the side walls, hanging them from the ceiling, or putting them behind you but aimed outward to bounce their sound off the side walls. I can't tell you what will work best; it will depend on the size and shape of your room as well as on the radiation pattern of your speakers. The goal is to obtain an impression of ambience that is uniform in all directions, without noticing the surround speakers as discrete sound sources.

When you think your system is working as well as it can, go to a store and listen to a system of four or five matched speakers from a single manufacturer, possibly a Home THX system. You may have to go to several stores to find a system that is set up really well. For the most valid comparison, bring from home a laserdisc or tape whose sound you have heard many times. If the matched systems in stores do not sound obviously better than what you have heard at home, you can be happy knowing that your system sounds as good as it does.

Do systems of matched speakers have a smooth and natural spaciousness that you have not heard at home? If so, and if this difference matters to you, consider upgrading to a more accurately matched system. In order of decreasing cost your options are: (1) replace your front and rear speakers with a new matched set; (2) replace



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### Stage 5: Getting Down

Strictly speaking, bass response is not related to surround sound. But both are part of the appeal of state-ofthe-art playback for music and video. It's no accident that high-performance Dolby Surround decoders usually have dedicated subwoofer outputs: Today's movies have more intense lows than most music.

At a recent Audio Engineering Society convention in San Francisco. where designers discussed future alldigital surround encoders, a Dolby engineer described why the new SR-D movie-soundtrack format has not just five but "5.1" channels (the ".1" refers to a narrow-band subwoofer channel). Given that human hearing is less sensitive in the bass than at midrange frequencies, measured sound levels must be higher in the bass in order to sound equally loud—which producers want. Allocating the most intense lows to a separate deep-bass channel enables the SR-D format to accommodate the remaining channels with no loss of dynamic range. You probably won't play the soundtrack of Terminator 2 at the same lease-breaking levels a theater would-if only because doing so might actually violate your lease. But if your stereo speakers don't have extended low-frequency response, consider adding a subwoofer or two.

You may also want to consider surround speakers large enough for good bass response, especially if you don't use a subwoofer. Although the strongest lows are always in the front, recent movies and TV shows may also have significant bass in the surround channel. In theory, bass below 100 Hz is supposed to be rolled off in the surround track when the signal is encoded for Dolby Surround playback. but producers have been bending this rule, putting "ambient" bass in all channels to intensify the impression that you are in the middle of the action. For example, Figure 2 shows the spec-

The cost of adding a high-performance surround processor is usually less when the processor is built into an amplifier than when it is bought separately.

trum of the front and surround channels of Backdraft, measured from a laserdisc. The surround channel is a few decibels softer-which is why you typically need only about one-fourth as much power for the back as for the front-but both curves show strong bass down to 30 Hz. So while small speakers are easier to conceal, there may be genuine sonic benefits to surround speakers with full-size woofers.

### Stage 6: A High-Performance Decoder

A basic Dolby Surround unit provides spacious reproduction of Dolbyencoded programs and also extracts ambience from many non-encoded signals. But for the finest surround sound you should graduate to a more specialized decoder. These can be classified into three types:

- (1) Pro Logic processors are Dolby Surround decoders that incorporate what are known as steering-logic circuits to achieve more precise directional effects. They are mainly used with movie and TV soundtracks. Some Pro Logic decoders have other special features, such as automatic input balancing (to correct soundtrack errors). Home THX processors are Pro Logic decoders too, with additional enhancements designed to make your home video theater sound more like a real theater.
- (2) Ambience-synthesis processors digital contain signal-processing (DSP) circuits that generate multiple delayed and equalized versions of the input signal resembling the actual reflection patterns in a concert hall or cathedral. This type of processing is useful primarily for music reproduction.
- (3) Ambisonic decoders provide an alternative form of surround decoding, different from Dolby Surround, used with certain (mainly British) music recordings.

Many surround decoders, fortunately, include two or more types of processing that can be used with the same four-speaker array that you have been using for basic Dolby Surround. Pro Logic decoders, for example, usually have a "phantom center" mode that works with the customary arrangement of two stereo speakers in front. (You can add a center speaker later for even more precise imaging and dialogue clarity.) Some DSP concert-hall processors (Yamaha's, for example) have an optional six-speaker mode, using a pair of "proscenium" speakers near the ceiling above your main speakers, producing even great-

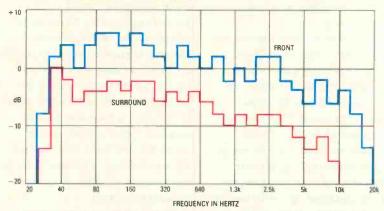


Figure 2. These frequency spectra from Backdraft show how movie producers sometimes ignore Dolby guidelines, putting substantial bass energy in the surround channel as well as the front.

### OUR FIVE-CHANNEL FUTURE

Home audio is finally moving from the relatively flat perspective of two-speaker stereo to the greater realism and threedimensionality of multispeaker surround sound. Nearly every modern movie contains a Dolby Stereo (Dolby Surround) soundtrack with surround effects. The surround encoding is preserved in that soundtrack when you watch the movie at home, regardless of its mediumlaserdisc, hi-fi videotape, or stereo broadcast or cable TV. And a growing number of made-for-TV programs, from football games to Arsenio Hall to Northern Exposure, are surround-encoded with crowd noise, music, and off-screen sounds. Plans have been made to include surround sound in media as diverse as CD-I, CD-ROM, and Nintendo video games.

Because of the commercial failure of quadraphonic records during the 1970's, record companies have been cautious about revisiting surround encoding. But Its appeal is undeniable—especially for largescale music that was recorded in a concert hall or cathedral. Hundreds of CD's on the Nimbus label have been made with Ambisonic encoding, while a number of Pro Arte discs are encoded for Dolby Surround using the compatible Shure/Museatex HTS system. Dolby Surround encoding is also featured in Telarc's recent "Switched-on Bach" and in dozens of BMG/RCA CD's and cassettes. And many ordinary stereo recordings contain hidden ambience whose reproduction via surround speakers generates a remarkably spacious and lifelike impression.

Pop records seldom contain concert-hall ambience, but surround decoding may reveal other interesting spatial effects. Performers such as Sting, Madonna, and Julian Lennon have used the Q-Sound process in their records to broaden the soundstage of stereo playback, while others have experimented with the Roland Sound Space system. These and other methods of "trans-aural" processing can produce a soundstage much wider than the spacing of your stereo speakers, and surround decoders transform some of these recorded effects into wrap-around sound.

The technical foundations have already been laid for the next generation in audio. After extensive studies of aural perception, standards organizations around the world have agreed that the Ideal playback system for both music and movie sound is a "three plus two" array-three channels across the front plus two channels of surround sound. This arrangement is well known because it is the speaker layout for Dolby Pro Logic decoding of matrixed two-channel Dolby Stereo soundtracks.

It is also the basis of two new fivechannel digital recording formats, Dolby AC-3 and Musicam-Surround. Each provides five full-bandwidth discrete channels (left front, center front, right front, left surround, and right surround), using low-bit-rate digital coding techniques similar to those used in DCC and MiniDisc. AC-3 coding is used in the new SR-D system of film sound. This "Dolby Digital" format was introduced last year in several popular movies. Dozens of theaters are set up for SR-D playback now, and SR-D equipment will be installed in hundreds more this year. And five-channel SR-D soundtracks will come home when digital VCR's and laserdiscs arrive on the scene later in this decade. The corresponding Dolby playback IC's will provide both AC-3 decoding for discrete digital soundtracks and Pro Logic decoding for the analogmatrix Dolby Stereo soundtracks now available on home video.

Musicam, a compressed-digital coding format developed in Europe, has been selected by digital-radio developers on both sides of the Atlantic. Musicam-Surround, an extension created for possible use in HDTV or future music recording formats, records discrete five-channel surround with sound quality similar to that of Dolby AC-3. But Musicam-Surround employs a special "compatible-code" format that conventional Muslcam IC's will decode into straight two-channel stereo in digital radios and portable players not equipped for surround.

Any way you look at it, two-channel stereo is headed for the history books. The future is five-channel.

er realism than ordinary four-speaker

Just as with basic decoders, the cost of adding a high-performance processor is less when it is built into an amplifier than when you buy the processor separately. So before you go shopping for a new decoder, think about your amplifier choices. Is the room becoming cluttered? In addition to your original stereo system and video components you already have a surround decoder/amplifier, an A/V selector, and perhaps a subwoofer and an amp to drive it. Before long you may need yet another amp for a center channel or other surround speakers.

Now might be the best time to consolidate some of these functions into a single product. You could trade in your old stereo amplifier and buy a comprehensive A/V receiver that includes decoders and five or more amplifier channels. If you prefer to keep your present stereo components, you can select a multichannel amplifier with built-in A/V switching, Pro Logic decoding, and three to six channels of power. Some multichannel amps permit "bridging" certain channels in pairs to double or triple the power. (The subwoofer and center speaker typically require high power, while surround speakers need less.)

### Stage 7: The Center Speaker

You may continue to use a Pro Logic decoder forever in phantomcenter mode with two front speakers, if you are satisfied with its imaging. This is okay as long as the system is normally used by just one person at a time. If your chair is equidistant from both speakers, dialogue will be properly centered on the TV screen. But when you have multiple listeners. those who are seated off-center will hear dialogue and action noises coming from the air near one speaker rather than from the screen—a loss of realism that may impair their enjoyment of the show.

A center speaker, located above or below the screen, brings on-screen sounds back where they belong. It may also improve the intelligibility of dialogue in complex scenes, even for a centered listener. A center speaker whose timbre accurately matches that of your left and right speakers is the final refinement of a Pro Logic surround installation.

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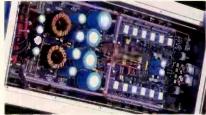




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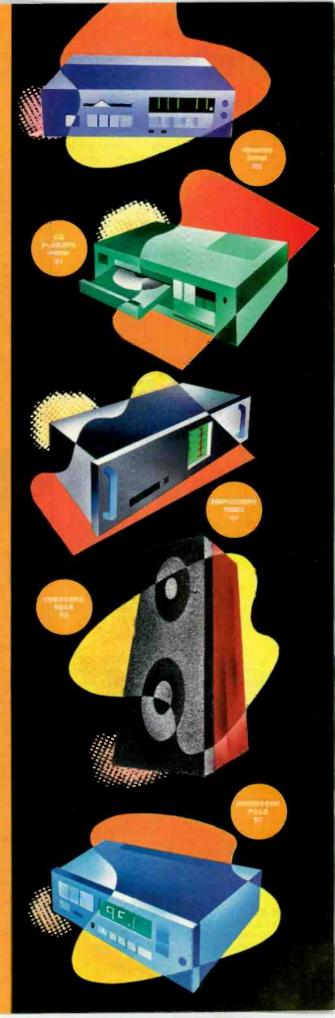
### BUYING BUYING GUIPMENT CHIPMENT CHIPMEN

SHOPPING for hi-fi equipment in the Nineties is a mixed affair. What was once strictly an audio-only expedition now has the potential of becoming an exciting journey into the world of home theater—a world that brings audio and video together through receivers with Dolby Pro Logic surround decoding, speakers that help recreate the cinema experience at home, and combi-players that "combine" a CD player and a videodisc player into one neat package. (Don't worry—there are still plenty of "traditional" components to choose from, too.)

Whether you're just starting out or upgrading, our buying guide is a good starting point, providing specifications, features, and prices for a wide range of components. In the next fifty pages, you'll find a sampling of models in the key categories of equipment from companies whose products are widely distributed. (Tape decks and blank tape will be covered in a future issue.) If a particular model or brand does not appear, that does not reflect on its quality.

All information was provided by the manufacturers, and the prices given are suggested retail; actual selling prices vary. For more information, contact the manufacturers (see the directory on page 111) or their authorized dealers. Happy hunting.

-Bob Ankosko



### RECEIVERS

### BANG & OLUFSEN

### Beomaster 7000 50-W/ch Receiver

### Beomaster 4500 20-W/ch Receiver

### CARRERA

### CR-2530 30-W/ch Receiver

### CARVER

The following feature Sonic Holography circuitry for ambience enhancement and proprietary multipath-suppression circuitry.

### HR-895 365-W A/V Receiver

### HR-772 140-W/ch Receiver

### HR-732 60-W/ch Receiver

### DENON

### AVR-3000 400-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features 5 discrete amps; optical Class A



circuitry for front and center channels; 3-poleequivalent tuner front end; videodisc- and CDdirect modes. 9 audio inputs; 5 video inputs; 4 Svideo inputs; 10 audio outputs; 3 video outputs; 3 S-video outputs; 2 center-channel outputs. 4 Dolby modes; wide-screen, live, mono-movie, classic. rock, church, jazz, stadium, and matrixsurround DSP modes; bass boost; dialog-enhancing EQ; auto input balance for Dolby Pro Logic; adjustable delay and room-size parameters; 16 AM/FM presets; basic-function and programmable remote controls. 110 W x 3 (front, center) + 35 x 2 (rear), all into 8 ohms ... AVR-2000. As above, 80 W x 3 (front, center) + 25 x 2 (rear). Without bass boost, dialogenhancing EQ, or basic-function remote control. 6 audio inputs; 3 video inputs; 2 S-video inputs; 2 video outputs; 2 S-video outputs . . . . . . \$850

### DRA-1035R 130-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features optical Class A amplifier circuitry; source-direct switch. 7 audio and 3 video inputs; MM/MC phono input; pre-out/main-in loops; connector for RC-615 multiroom system. Video switching capability; simulated-ste-



reo circuit; switchable wide/narrow FM IP bandwidth; 40 AM/FM presets; last-station memory; seek, preset-scan, and manual-step tuning; programmable remote control. 130 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.015% THD. S/N 92 dB MM, 75 dB MC, 103 dB line. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 37.3 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.3 dB; S/N 82 dBA stereo; THD 0.06% stereo . . . . \$1,000

### DRA-545R 60-W/ch Receiver

### DUAL

### CR-5950RC 70-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features Class A amplification; digital quartz-synthesis tuning; brushed metal housing; motor-driven volume control. 6 inputs including phono; gold-plated phono and CD inputs. 16 AM/FM presets; FM-stereo muting; auto/manual station scan; bass, treble, balance, and loudness controls; remote control. 70 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz or 130 x 2 into 4 ohms. S/N 75 dB phono, 95 dB line. Black anodized finish. \$620

### ISHER

### RS646 300-W A/V Receiver

### RS636 240-W A/V Receiver

4 channels with Dolby Surround decoder. Features motor-driven volume control. 5 audio and 2 AV inputs; 2 audio and 2 AV outputs. 7-band graphic EQ; input balance control; video dubbing capability; 30 AM/FM presets; timer; remote control. 100 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.05% THD (front) + 20 x 2 rms (rear). FM: 50-dB quieting sens 42 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.5 dB; alt-ch sel 55 dB. 17¾ x 5¾ x 13¾ in; 22 lb. \$400

### RS616 50-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features quartz-synthesis tuner. 6 audio and 2 video inputs; headphone jack. 5-band graphic EQ; remote muting and loudness; FL display; remote control. 50 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 20-20.000 Hz with 0.05% THD. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 42.1 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.5 dB; alt-ch sel 55 dB. 171/4 x 43/4 x 133/6 in . . . . . \$300

### HARMAN KARDON AVR30 190-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. 4 audio inputs; 4 video inputs; 2 VCR-monitor loops; 2 tape-monitor loops. 4 room-size settings; 5 effects levels; 12-way dubbing matrix; simulcast capability; memory presets for surround and DSP settings; 16 AM/FM presets; on-screen displays; remote control. 50 W x 3 into 6 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.09% THD (front, center) + 20 x 2 into 4 ohms from 100-10,000 Hz with 0.3% THD (rear) or 60 x 2 into 6 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.09% THD...........\$1,049

### HK3600 75-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Motor-driven volume control. 7 inputs/outputs including subwoofer output; two tape- and video-monitor loops. Interactive video switching; 7-way tape-copy selector; 16 AM/FM presets; seek tuning; separate volume control for subwoofer; loudness, mono, and subsonic-filter switches; remote control. 75 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.09% THD. S/N 78 dBA phono, 98 dBA line. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 37.2 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1 dB; adj-ch sel 5 dB; alt-ch sel 70 dB. 173/8 x 47/8 x 131/2 in; 18.8 lb . . . . \$799 HK3500. As above, without interactive video switching or subsonic filter. 50 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.09% THD. Cap ratio 1.5 dB; adj-ch sel 10 dB; alt-ch sel 75 dB. 16.4 lb ..... HK3400. As HK3500, 6 inputs. 35 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.09% THD. 14.9 HK3300. As HK3400, without remote control or motor-driven volume control. 25 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.09% THD. 13.5 lb ...... \$319

### JVC

The following feature CompuLink presets to store and recall 3 sets of volume, balance, EQ, surround, loudness, and ambience settings for each program source and tuner preset.

### RX-905VTN 370-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features Super A amp circuitry for Class A sonic characteristics and Class B efficiency characteristics. 3 video inputs; 2 S-video terminals; video-monitor output; connectors for 2 speaker pairs; subwoofer output; headphone jack. Hall, pavilion, stadium, and live-club digital ambience modes; 7-band graphic EQ with 5 programmable and 5 factory presets; 40 AM/FM presets with labeling; adjustable digital delay; on-screen displays; programmable remote control. 120 W x 2 with 0.007% THD (front) + 70 x 1 (center) + 30 x 2 (rear) with 0.7% THD, all rms into 8 ohms; 360 x 2 into 2 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB phono, 5-50,000 Hz +0, -1 dB line .....\$1,100

### RX-807VTN 345-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features Super A amp circuitry for Class A sonic characteristics and Class B efficiency characteristics. 2 video inputs; connectors for 2 speaker pairs; headphone jack. 7-band graphic EQ with 5 programmable and 5 factory presets; 40 AM/FM presets with labeling for 20 stations; adjustable digital delay; programmable remote control. 120  $W \times 2 \text{ (front)} + 65 \times 1 \text{ (center)} + 20 \times 2 \text{ (rear)}$ with 0.007% THD, all rms into 8 ohms; 200 x 2 into 4 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 0.5 dB phono, 5-50,000 Hz +0, -1 dB line .....

### RX-707VTN 290-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features Super A amp circuitry for Class A sonic characteristics and Class B efficiency characteristics. 2 video inputs; connectors for 2 speaker pairs; headphone jack. 7-band graphic EQ with 5 programmable and 5 factory presets; 40 AM/FM presets with labeling for 20 stations; adjustable digital delay; A/V remote control. 100 W x 2 with 0.007% THD (front) + 50 x 1 (center) + 20 x 2 (rear) with 0.7% THD, all rms into 8 ohms; 200 x 2 into 4 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 0.5 dB phono, 5-50.000 Hz +0, -1 dB line ..... \$520

### RX-507VTN 200-W A/V Receiver

3 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Linelevel center-channel output; 2 video inputs; connectors for 2 speaker pairs; headphone jack. 7band graphic EQ with 5 programmable and 5 factory presets; 40 AM/FM presets with labeling for 20 stations; adjustable digital delay; A/V remote control. 80 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms with 0.007% THD (front) + 40 x 1 rms into 8 ohms with



### Kenwood KR-V7040

0.7% THD (center), FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB phono, 10-30,000 Hz ± 1 dB line . . . . . . . \$390

### KENWOOD

KR-V9030 265-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features Dolby Time Link digital-delay system; multiroom capability; discrete amp circuitry; CD-direct switch; two power supplies. 4 audio inputs; MM phono input; 3 video inputs including 1 S-video; 3 video outputs including 1 S-video; line-level rear-channel output. 6 surround



modes; Dolby 3 Stereo mode; 6 surround-parameter presets; adjustable digital delay; Dolby testtone generator; 30 AM/FM presets with scan; direct station access; video dubbing capability; 3 switched AC outlets; programmable remote control. 130 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.03% THD or 75 x 3 (front, center) + 20 x 2 (rear) into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz with 0.9% THD. FM: S/N 74 dB and THD 0.2% at 1,000 Hz stereo; AM rej 65 dB; ch sep 50 dB at 1,000 Hz; cap ratio 2 dB. AM: S/N 50 dB. 17% x 61/2 x 161/8 in; 32.1 lb ...... \$980

### KR-V7040 225-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features Dolby Time Link digital-delay system; CDand source-direct switches; motor-driven volume control. 4 audio inputs; MM phono input; 2 video inputs; 2 video outputs; connectors for 2 speaker pairs. Dolby 3 Stereo mode; 4 surround user presets; normal, wide, and phantom centerchannel modes; adjustable digital delay; 20 AM/ FM presets with labeling; direct station access; video dubbing capability; system remote control. 100 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.06% THD or 65 x 3 (front, center) + 15 x 2 (rear) rms into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz with 0.9% THD. FM: S/N 73 dB and THD 0.5% at 1,000 Hz stereo; ch sep 40 dB at 1,000 Hz. AM: S/N 50 dB. 

### KR-V6040 250-W A/V Receiver

4 channels with Dolby Surround decoder. Features Dolby Time Link digital-delay system; CDdirect switch; motor-driven volume control. 4 audio inputs; MM phono input; 2 video inputs; 2 video outputs; connectors for 2 speaker pairs. Dolby 3 Stereo mode; 4 surround user presets; adjustable digital delay; 10 AM/20 FM presets with labeling; direct station access; video dubbing capability; system remote control. 100 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.06% THD or 110 x 2 rms with 0.06% THD (front) + 15 x 2 rms with 0.9% THD (rear) into 8 ohms. FM: S/N 73 dB and THD 0.5% at 1,000 Hz stereo; ch sep 40 dB at 1,000 Hz. AM: S/N 50 dB. 17% x 5% x 15% in; 22 lb ......\$400

### KR-V5040 80-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features discrete amp circuitry; separate power transformers for audio and control sections; CD-direct switch; motor-driven volume control. 3 audio inputs; MM phono input; connectors for 2 speaker pairs. 10 AM/20 FM presets with scan; direct station access; A/B speaker switching; switchable loudness; system remote control. 80 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.09% THD, FM: THD 0.5% and S/N 73 dB at 1,000 Hz stereo; ch sep 45 dB at 1,000 Hz. AM: S/N 50 dB. 173/8 x 51/8 x 131/8 in; 18.7 lb ..... \$300

### LUXMAN

The following feature multiroom capability.

### RV-371 295-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features voltage-driven amplification; Duo-Beta feedback loop; star topology. Il A/V inputs; front-panel S-video A/V input; headphone jack. 4 simulated-surround modes; variable digital delay; video dubbing capability; separate A/V recout selectors. 70 W x 2 with 0.04% THD (front) + 55 x 1 with 0.04% THD (center) + 50 x 2 with 0.05% THD (rear), cont avg into 8 ohms .. \$1,500

### R-361 100-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features voltage-driven amplification; Duo-Beta feedback loop; star topology. 11 A/V inputs; front-panel S-video A/V input; fixed line-level output; headphone jack. Video dubbing capability; separate A/V rec-out selectors; one-touch CD-to-tape dubbing with compatible equipment. 100 W x 2 cont avg cont into 8 ohms with 0.04% THD ......\$1,100

### R-351 55-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features voltage-driven amplification; Duo-Beta feedback loop; star topology. Fixed line-level outputs. Two-way dubbing capability; 8-position rec-out selector; one-touch CDto-tape dubbing with compatible equipment. 55 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms with 0.05% THD. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 14 dBf mono, 38 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.5 dB; alt-ch sel 65 dB. 171/4 x 5 x 141/2 in; 19.2 lb ...... \$650

### MARANTZ

### SR-92 365-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features motor-driven volume control; multiroom capability. 4 video inputs including front-panel composite/S-video A/V input; S-video and composite-video inputs and outputs; line-level subwoofer output; banana-plug connectors for 9 speakers; pre-out/main-in loops for each channel; 2 antenna inputs. Hall, matrix, and simulated-stereo surround modes with adjustable digital delay; 30 AM/FM presets with wide/narrow IF memory and 2-week battery-free backup; direct station access; programmable remote control. 110 W x 2 from 20-20,000 Hz (front) + 75 x 1 from 40-20,000 Hz (center) + 35 x 2 from 40-20,000 Hz (rear), all rms into 8 ohms. S/N 75 dB MM, 82 dB line. FM: cap ratio 1 dB; THD 0.5% and SN 68 dB stereo at 1,000 Hz; alt-ch sel 60 dB wide, 70 dB narrow. Gold finish with matching side panels. 17% x 5% x 15 in; 34 lb ..... \$1,099

### SR-82 285-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features multiroom capability; motor-driven volume control. 7 audio inputs; 4 composite-video inputs; 2 S video inputs; front-panel S-video input; coaxial CATV input; 2 antenna inputs; pre-out/ main-in loops; subwoofer output with 70-Hz 12dB/oct crossover; RC-5 interface for remote compatibility with Marantz components. Halland matrix-surround and simulated-stereo modes; 30 AM/FM presets, each with memory for alphanumeric label, IF-bandwidth setting, and antenna input; auto preset store; programmable remote control. 75 W x 3 (front, center) + 30 x 2 (rear) into 8 ohms. 17% x 5% x 15 in ..... \$849

### MCINTOSH

### MAC 4300V 100-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features SLL tuning system; DMOS-FET FM amp tuner; J-FET AM section; MPX filter; anti-clipping circuitry. 2 tape-monitor loops; 2 infrared-sensor inputs for multiroom control. 5band EQ; loudness control; 6 AM/FM presets; signal-strength indicator; remote control. 100 W x 2 cont avg into 8 or 4 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz +0, -0.5 dB; THD 0.02%; S/N 80 dBA phono, 90 dBA line. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 37 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.5 dB; S/N 75 dB stereo. 181/2 x 61/8 x 14 

### MAC 4280 75-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features anti-clipping circuitry; MPX filter. 3-band EQ; 5 AM/FM presets; station scan; signal-strength indicator. 75 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz +0, -0.5 dB; THD

### RECEIVERS

0.03%; S/N 100 dBA. FM: THD 0.1%; S/N 75 dB stereo. 181/4 x 51/4 x 151/2 in; 25 lb ..........\$1,995

### MITSUBISHI

HTS-300 400-W A/V Receiver

### M-R8010 300-W A/V Receiver

4 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features subsonic and high-cut filters; auto calculation of room-delay setting; stereo blend; motor-driven volume control. Phono input and 6 A/v inputs; 2 S-video inputs; center-channel, sub-woofer, surround, and monitor outputs; head-phone jack. Stadium, club, and theater surround modes; 16 AM/FM presets; programmable remote control. 125 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.05% THD (front) + 25 x 2 into 8 ohms from 50-10,000 Hz with 0.5% THD (rear). S/N 80 dB

### NAD

The following feature extended-dynamic-power circuitry and soft-clipping circuitry to prevent speaker-damaging distortion.

### Model 705 40-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features dual-gate MOSFET PLL tuner design; infrasonic filtering in phono stage; IF-count circuitry. 7 line-level inputs; 2 tape-monitor loops; buffered multiroom output; 5-way binding posts. Independent listen/rec capability; loudness and tone controls; 39 AM/FM presets; remote control. 40 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB with 0.03% THD. S/N 76 dBA phono, 90 dBA line; dynamic headroom



### Onkyo TX-SV909PRO

3.5 dB. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 35 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.8 dB; alt-ch sel 60 dB ........... \$499

### Model 701 25-W/ch Receiver

### Model 7225PE 20-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features infrasonic filter. Gold-plated phono inputs; 5-way speaker binding posts; pre-out/main-in loops. Bass EQ; imp selector. 20 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz + 0.5, -1 dB with 0.03% THD. SN 75 dBA Mc, 85 dBA line; dynamic headroom 4 dB. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 37 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.5 dB; altch sel 58 dB. 16½ x 3½ x 10½ in; 12 lb . . . . \$299



### NAKAMICHI

The following, except AV-1 and AV-2, feature multiroom capability with inputs for up to 3 infrared repeaters.

### AV-1 310-W A/V Receiver

### RE-1 80-W/ch Receiver

### RE-2 55-W/ch Receiver

### ONKYO

### TX-SV909PRO 450-W A/V Receiver

### TX-SV70PRO 315-W A/V Receiver

### TX-SV303PRO 184-W A/V Receiver

4 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features motor-driven volume control. 6 audio inputs; 2 video inputs; rear and center-channel line-level outputs. Hall surround mode; adjustable digital delay; 40 AM/FM presets with battery-free backup; 6 preset groups with scan; direct station access; video dubbing capability; remote control. 80 W x 2 rms + 12 x 2 into 8 ohms or 155 x 2 into 3 ohms.

### TX-905 144-W Receiver

4 channels. Features auto tuner reception-optimization system to select mode, high-blend, and sens; motor-driven volume control. 6 audio inputs; 2 video inputs. 40 AMFM presets with battery-free backup; 6 preset groups with scan; direct station access; video dubbing capability; rec-out selector; source-direct switch; sleep timer; remote control. 60 W x 2 rms + 12 x 2 into 8 ohms or 130 x 2 max into 3 ohms......\$400

### OPTIMUS, BY RADIO SHACK

### STAV-3250 220-W A/V Receiver

### STAV-3160 245-W A/V Receiver

### STA-2170 100-W/ch Receiver

### PARASOUND

### R/DR-50 50-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features FMX digital tuner; discrete high-current output. 6 inputs. 16 AM/FM presets; scan/manual tuning; remote control. 50 W x 2. FR 10-40,000 Hz; dynamic headroom 1.5 dB; THD 0.2%; S/N 90 dB. 19 x 3½ x 12½ in . . . . . . \$435

### PHILIPS

The following feature Philips's ESI bus for communication among 900 Series components, 30 AM/FM presets, and direct station access.

### FR-940 240-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features dual-room capability; auto cooling fan; electronic speaker switching. 8 audio and 4 video

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### RECEIVERS

inputs; 2 digital inputs; 2 audio and 2 video outputs; 1 digital output. EQ presets; 5 surround modes; 4 digital-delay settings; video dubbing; remote control. 100 W x 2 (front) + 20 x 1 (center) + 10 x 2 (rear), all into 8 ohms ... \$480

### FR-930 170-W A/V Receiver

### PIONEER

Models with auto source control feature one-touch power-on and auto recall of 2 source components' previous operating parameters.

### VSX-D901S 395-W A/V Receiver

### VSX-D701S 275-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features Dolby Time Link digital-delay system; multiroom capability. 5 video and 4 audio inputs including phono; front-panel A/v input; video-monitor output; 2 audio and 2 video outputs; line-level output for each channel. Jazz, dance, church, hall, theater, and simulated-surround ambience presets; 30 AM/FM presets with labeling; programmable SR-system remote control. 110 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.05% ThD or 65 x 3 (front, center) + 40 x 2 (rear) into 8 ohms.

### VSX-511S 235-W A/V Receiver

### VSX-451 225-W A/V Receiver

### VSX-401 240-W A/V Receiver

4 channels with Dolby Surround decoder. Features discrete output transistors; multiroom ca-



pability; motor-driven volume control. 3 audio inputs including phono; 2 video inputs: 1 audio and 2 video outputs; 1 video-monitor output; headphone jack. Studio/simulated surround modes; simulated-stereo mode; adjustable digital delay; 30 AM/FM presets with scan; direct station access; 7-band graphic EQ; SR-system remote control. 100 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.05% THD (front) + 20 x 2 into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz with 0.8% THD (rear) ... \$395

### SX-311R 70-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. 5 audio inputs including phono; headphone jack. 30 AM/FM presets with scar; direct station access; 5-band graphic EQ; SR-system remote control. 70 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.8% THD or 145 x 2 into



### Elite Series

All models feature SR-system remote-control compatibility.

### VSX-95 370-W A/V Receiver

### VSX-52 190-W A/V Receiver

### PROTON

### AV-646 60-W/ch Receiver

### AV-445 50-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features PLL four-gang GASFET tuner. Line-level outputs; tape-monitor loop. Rotary tuning; tone controls; loudness switch; 8 AM/ 16 FM presets; mono/stereo switch; remote control. 50 W x 2 into 8 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB; THD 0.02%; S/N 100 dBA line; FM: AM rej 63 dB; cap ratio 1.5 dB at 45 dBf ..........\$400

### ROTEL

### RX950AX 50-W/ch Receiver

### SANSUI

RZ-9500AV 300-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features quartz-PLL digital-synthesis tuner. 4 audio and 3 video inputs; rear and center line-level outputs; speaker-level inputs; tape-monitor loop. 3 surround modes; 4 surround presets; adjustable digital delay; test-tone generator; source-direct switch; 30 AM/FM presets; preset scan; manual tuning; programmable remote control. 100 W x 2 (front) + 40 x 1 (center) + 30 x 2 (rear), all contravg into 8 ohms with 0.02% THD.

### RZ-5500AVII 70-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. 4 speaker terminals. Bass boost; variable loudness; direct station access; 30 AM/ FM presets; remote control. 70 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.05% THD. S/N 73 dB phono, 90 dB line. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 38.2 dBf stereo. 17 x 5 x 13¼ in; 21 lb . . . . \$429

### SHERWOOD

### RV-6010RS 276-W A/V Receiver

### RV-5010R 200-W A/V Receiver

### SONY

All models, except the ES Series, feature a digitalsynthesis tuner with 30 AMIFM presets and a selectable dynamic bass boost.

### RECEIVERS

### STR-D2090 285-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with digital Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features 2-room capability; digital 3band parametric EQ with ± 10-dB boost/cut; digital dynamic-range-compressor/expander. 6 audio inputs; 3 A/V inputs including one on front panel; 2 video-monitor outputs; tape-monitor loop; linelevel center-channel output. Church, jazz, live, disco, theater, stadium, opera, and 2 hall ambience presets; 10 user ambience presets; programmable remote control. 120 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.04% THD or 75 x 3 into 8 ohms with 0.8% THD (front, center) + 30 x 2 into 8 ohms ...\$1,000 with 0.8% THD (rear).... STR-D1090. As above, without 2-room capability, compressor/expander, line-level centerchannel output, or on-screen displays. Remote control not programmable ..... \$630

### STR-D990 245-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder, 5 audio inputs; 3 A/V inputs including 1 on front panel; 1 video-monitor output; 2 center-channel outputs; tape-monitor loop. Hall, live, disco, theater, and simulated ambience presets; 7 userdefined ambience presets; variable delay time; sound-field memory for tuner presets; remote control. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.1% THD or 65 x 3 into 8 ohms with 0.1% THD (front, center) + 25 x 2 into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz with 0.8% THD (rear). FM: 50-dB quieting sens 38.3 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.2 dB... STR-D790. As above, 80 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.1% THD (front) + 20 x 3 into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz with 0.8% THD (center, rear) .... \$380

### ES Series

The following feature Class A circuitry, separate transformers for audio and control functions, a source-direct switch, and two AC outlets.

### STR-GX99ES 285-W A/V Receiver

4 channels with digital Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features multiroom capability; variable digital delay from 15-30 ms. 5 audio inputs; 3 A/V inputs including 1 on front panel; line-level center- and rear-channel outputs; tape-monitor loop; 2 video-monitor outputs; 2 center-channel outputs. Icon- and window-based on-screen displays; 20 user/factory ambience presets including opera, church, stadium, live, jazz, disco, theater, and 2 hall; digital 3-band parametric EQ; digital dynamic-range compressor/expander; programmable remote control. 120 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.08% THD or 75 x 3 (front, center) + 60 x 1 (rear) ......\$1,000

### STR-GX69ES 300-W A/V Receiver

4 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features 3-position digital delay; source-direct switch. 5 audio and 2 A/V inputs; main-amp inputs for front channels; video-monitor output; line-level center- and rear-channel outputs; 2 center-channel speaker outputs; signal-processor and tape-monitor loops. Hall and simulated surround modes; programmable remote control. 100 W x 2 into 4/8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.08% THD (front) + 50 x 2 into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz with 0.8% THD (center, rear). S/N 85 dB phono, 86 dB line. 17 x 5% x 14% in; 30 lb. \$700 STR-GX59ES. As above, 80 W x 2 into 4/8 ohms with 0.08% THD (front) + 30 x 2 into 8 ohms (center, rear). Without main-amp inputs or surround modes. Remote control not program-

### AG-V1200 230-W A/V Receiver

4 channels with Dolby Surround decoder. Features quartz-PLL tuner. Surround input-level cali-



bration; hall and theater surround modes; 30 AM/ FM presets; tone and variable-loudness controls; remote control. 100 W x 2 (front) + 15 x 2 (rear), all cont avg into 8 ohms with 0.08% THD. S/N 73 dB mono, 40 dB stereo. FM: cap ratio 1.5 dB; alt-

### AG-V1020 200-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features discrete design; quartz-PLL tuner. 2 A/V inputs; 1 A/V output; headphone jack. 30 AM/FM presets; preset scan; remote control. 100 W x 2 cont. avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.08% THD. S/N: 70 dB phono, 94 dB line. FM: AM rej 60 dB; cap ratio 1.5 dB; image rej 55 dB; THD (at 1,000 Hz) 0.2% mono, 0.4% stereo; S/N 75 dB mono, 70 dB stereo. 171/8 x 51/4 x 13% in; 23 lb ...... \$380

### TECHNICS

SA-GX910 370-W Digital A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features 1-bit MASH D/A converter; quartzsynthesis digital-encoded rotary tuning; Class A amp circuitry; cooling fan. 2 fiber-optic inputs; 5 audio and 4 video inputs; 3 S-video inputs; frontpanel A/V input; 1 fiber-optic output; pre-out/ main-in loops. Hall, stadium, and club surround modes; Dolby 3 Stereo mode; 4-band parametric EQ with 3 fixed and 3 user presets; 15-band spectrum analyzer; normal and phantom centerchannel modes; adjustable digital delay (15-30 ms); 30 AM/FM presets; programmable remote control with LCD. 125 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.008% THD (front) + 60 x l from 100-15,000 Hz into 8 ohms with 0.8% THD (center) + 30 x 2 into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz with 0.8% THD (rear). S/N 70 dBA ......\$1,000

### SA-GX730 370-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features quartz-synthesis digital-encoded rotary tuning; Class A amp circuitry; cooling fan. 5 audio and 4 video inputs; front-panel A/V input; pre-out/main-in loops. Hall, stadium, and club surround modes; Dolby 3 Stereo mode; 4-band parametric EQ with 3 fixed and 3 user presets; 15band spectrum analyzer; normal and phantom center-channel modes; adjustable digital delay



(15-30 ms); 30 AM/FM presets; remote control. 125 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.008% THD (front) + 60 x 1 from 100-15,000 Hz with 0.8% THD (center) + 30 x 2 into 8 ohms at 1,000 Hz with 0.8% THD (rear) ...... \$750

### SA-GX530 245-W A/V Receiver

4 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features quartz-synthesis digital-encoded rotary tuning; Class A amp circuitry; cooling fan. 4 audio and 2 video inputs. Hall, stadium, and club surround modes; Dolby 3 Stereo mode; 4band parametric EQ with 3 fixed and 3 user presets; 15-band spectrum analyzer; normal and phantom center-channel modes; 30 AM/FM presets; remote control. 110 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.05% THD (front) + 15 x 1 at 1,000 Hz with 0.8% THD (center) + 10 x 1 into 8 ohms with 0.8% THD (rear) ...... \$450

### VECTOR RESEARCH

VRX-5200R 50-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features 8 discrete output transistors; quartz-synthesis tuning. Pre-out/main-in loops; video-monitor output; A/V-processor loop. Matrix surround; 20 AM/FM presets; scan tuning; 2 AC outlets; separate FM mute and mono; video signal routing. THD 0.07%; FR 10-50,000 Hz \$370

### VRX-3600R 40-W/ch A/V Receiver

2 channels. Features 8 discrete output transistors; quartz-synthesis tuning. Pre-out/main-in loops; video-monitor output; A/V-processor loop. Matrix surround; 20 random AM/FM presets; auto scan; 2 AC outlets; separate FM mute and mono; video signal routing. 40 W x 2 into 8 ohms. THD 0.08%; FR 10-50,000 Hz ...... \$320

### YAMAHA

RX-V1050 390-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with digital Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features direct-PLL IF count tuning; auto input balance. 8 audio and 4 video inputs; 3 S-video inputs; subwoofer output with low-pass filter; pre-out/main-in loops for main channels; line-level outputs for rear and center channels; switchable center-channel outputs for 2 speakers. 4 DSP modes; digital test-tone generator for Dolby Pro Logic; 40 AM/FM presets; programmable RS-system remote control. 110 W x 3 (left, right, center) into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.015% THD + 30 x 2 (rear) at 1,000 Hz with 0.08% THD .... RX-V850. As above, no S-video inputs. 7 audio inputs; 3 video inputs. 80 W x 3 (left, right, center) into 8 ohms + 25 x 2 (rear) ..... \$799

### RX-950 120-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features Class A amplification; direct-PLL IF count synthesis tuning; motor-driven input selector. 5 audio and 2 video inputs; 2 linelevel outputs for multiroom systems; pre-out/ main-in loops; 5-way binding posts. 40 AM/FM presets; remote control. 120 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms with 0.015% THD or 340 x 2 dynamic into 2 ohms

RX-750. As above, without multiroom outputs. Class AB amplification. 80 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms with 0.015% THD or 200 x 2 dynamic into 2

### RX-V660 205-W A/V Receiver

5 channels with digital Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features PLL IF count tuning; auto input balance. 7 audio and 3 video inputs; 2 tapemonitor loops; line-level center-channel output; pre-out/main-in loops for front channels. 4 DSP modes; 40 AM/FM presets; RS-system remote control. 65 W x 2 (front) into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.02% THD + 25 x 3 (center, rear) into 8 ohms with 0.08% THD ...... \$649

### RX-550 60-W/ch Receiver

2 channels. Features direct PLL IF count synthesis tuning; motor-driven input selector. 6 audio inputs; 5-way binding posts. 40 AM/FM presets; signal-strength meter; defeatable tone, balance, and loudness controls; rec-out selector; A/B speaker switching; sleep timer; remote control. 60 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms with 0.015% THD ..... \$399

### AMPLIFIERS

### POWER AMPLIFIERS

### ACOUSTIC RESEARCH Limited S250 250-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features XLR and RCA connectors. 250 W x 2 into 8 ohms. 50 lb. . . . . . . . . \$2,900

Limited \$100. As above, 100 W x 2 ... \$1,800

### ACURUS

### A250 250-W/ch Amplifier

ADCOM

### GFA-585 250-W Mono Amplifier

1 channel. Features 20 discrete transistors in output stage. 250 W x 1 into 8 ohms or 400 x 1 into 4 ohms. THD 0.002%; FR 20-20,000 Hz; damping factor 600. Black \$1,200

GFA-565 300-W Mono Amplifier

GFA-55511 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features 1-ohm stability; low-negative-feedback design; constant damping factor; toroidal transformer; direct-coupled circuitry. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 350 x 2 into 4 ohms. THD 0.04%; damping factor 800 . . . . . . \$850

GFA-545II 100-W/ch Amplifier

GFA-53511 60-W/ch Amplifier

### AMC

### Model 2445 180-W Amplifier

4 channels. 45 W x 4 into 4 ohms or 100 x 2 into 8 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB; THD 0.04%; S/N 100 dBA at 1 W; input imp 20 kilohms; damping factor 100. \$400

ARAGON

### Palladium Mono 100-W/ch Amplifier

Model 4004 MkII 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual-mono design: 2 power supplies: 2 toroidal transformers; quad-array transistor: Monster Cable output wiring. Gold-plated connectors. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms. 400 x 2



ARCAM

### Delta 120 100-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual-mono design; separate power supplies and toroidal transformers; bridgeable. Outputs for 2 speaker pairs. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms. 150 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 300 x 1 into 8 ohms.

AUDIO BY VAN ALSTINE FET-Valve 500 250-W/ch Tube Amplifier

Omega II 400 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features active feedback design. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms. Slew rate 500 V/s; THD 0.005%. 17 x 7½ x 14½ in; 45 lb . . . . . . \$1,295

### AUDIO DESIGN ASSOCIATES

MPA-500 2,000-W Amplifier

MPA-6 700-W Amplifier

6 channels. Designed for home-theater applications. Features variable 20-200 Hz subwoofer crossover. Subwoofer output with level control;



**B&K Components ST-202** 

PF-250 100-W/ch Amplifier

### AUDIO RESEARCH

D400 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features Class AB design; dualmono design; 40 multiple-emitter transistors in direct-coupled output stage; all hand-soldered connections; separate transformers for input and output stages; 600-joule power supply; amplifier and speaker protection circuitry; 5 computer-designed polymer damping feet. Balanced XLR inputs; normal and inverted single-ended RCA inputs; brass output connectors. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 400 x 2 into 4 ohms. Input sens 1.91 V rms; input imp 150 kilohms normal/inverted, 300 kilohms balanced; slew rate 50 V/µs; peak current 60 amperes/ch. 3-yr warranty. 19 x 9 x 17½ in; 73 lb. \$4,995

D240 MkII 120-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Direct-coupled output stage with 12 high-current multiple-emitter transistors per channel; thermal-overload and DC current-sensing protection circuitry; 180-joule power supply. Normal and inverted RCA inputs; XLR connectors; gold-plated proprietary binding posts. 120 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 240 x 2 into 4 ohms. Input sens 1.6 V rms; input imp 150 kilohms normal/inverted, 300 kilohms balanced; negative feedback 7.7 dB; slew rate 50 V/μs. 19 x 5¼ x 11½ in; 38 lb ... \$2,995

### AUDIOSOURCE

Amp One 60-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. MOSFET circuitry; toroidal power transformer; soft-clipping output circuitry. Dual analog power-output meters; LR output level controls. 60 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms or 170 x 1 max into 8 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz; THD 0.04% \$300

### AUDIRE

Tenendo 200-W/ch Amplifier

Forte 125-W/ch Amplifier

Crescendo 75-W/ch Amplifier

### B&K COMPONENTS

Video-5 Sonata 525-W Amplifier

5 channels. For surround or multiroom applications. Gold-plated input/output connectors. Level controls. 105 W x 5. FR 5-45,000 Hz ±3 dB; s/n 90 dB; dynamic headroom 0.9 dB; slew rate 20 V/µs; THD 0.09% at 1,000 Hz. 17 x 6 x 17½ in; 40 lb. \$1,298

VMR-6 360-W Amplifier

6 channels. For surround or multiroom applications. Gold-plated inputs/output connectors. Level controls. 60 W x 6. Fr. 5-45,000 Hz ± 3 dB; \$\xext{sy}\$ 94 dB; dynamic headroom 0.9 dB. 17 x 5\fmathbf{x}\$ x 5\fmathbf{y}\$ x 17 in; 27 lb \$\xext{898}\$

ST-202 Plus 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Balanced inputs. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms. THD 0.09%; FR 5-45,000 Hz; S/N 95 dB;

### AMPLIFIERS

slew rate 14 V/µs; dynamic headroom 1.1 dB. 17 

### ST-140 105-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features Class A design up to MOS-FET output stage. Balanced inputs. 105 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 150 x 2 into 4 ohms. THD 0.09%; FR 5-45.000 Hz; S/N 95 dB; slew rate 14 V/µs; dynamic headroom 1.4 dB. 17 x 51/4 x 17 in; 25 lb ... \$548

### BEDINI

BA-903 250-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Solid-state design. 250 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms with 0.15% THD or 500 x 2 cont avg into 4 ohms. IM 1%; FR 20-20,000 Hz; S/N 105 dB; dynamic headroom 3 dB; damping factor 500; slew rate 55 V/ $\mu$ s. 19 x 7½ x 18¾ in; 66 BA-901. As above, 120 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms with 0.15% THD or 240 x 2 cont avg into 4 ohms. 19 x 5¼ x 14½ in; 33 lb ............\$1,750

### BEL

Model 2002 100-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual-mono construction; two Class A amplifiers per channel; independent power supplies for each channel. Balanced outputs. Temperature, frequency, output, and load indicators for each amp section. 100 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms or 200 x 1 into 4 ohms. Input imp 22 kilohms; high-level sens 1.4 V; gain 26 dB; bandwidth 3-250,000 Hz with input filter. 19 x 73/4 x 14¾ in; 52 lb ......\$4,395

### Model 1001P 400-W Mono Amplifier

1 channel. Features Class A design; temperature-stabilizing circuitry; fault-sensing system. Balanced output. Balanced input optional. 400 W x 1 into 1 ohm. Input imp 13.5 ohms; high-level sens 1 V; FR 5-200,000 Hz. 171/4 x 71/4 x 123/4 in; 28 lb ......\$2,195

### Model 1001 MkII 50-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features Class A design; fault-sensing system. Balanced output; balanced input optional. 50 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms, 100 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 200 x 1. 171/4 x 71/4 x 123/4 in; 28 

### BERNING

EA-2101 100-W/ch Tube Amplifier

2 channels. Features triode vacuum tubes; regulated power supply; voltage protection; 4 output transformer windings/channel. 100 W x 2 cont avg. FR 10-60,000 Hz ±1.5 dB; THD 2% into 8 ohms; S/N 100 dB. 19 x 51/4 x 19 in; 40 lb . . \$4,290

### BGW SYSTEMS

Model 750G Series 300-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features discrete circuitry; low-feedback design; solid-state DC speaker protection; magnetic circuit breaker; precision-stepped attenuators; switchable subsonic filters. Activebalanced inputs; XLR and 1/4-in inputs; 5-way binding posts. Dynamic range LED display; status, modulation, and clip indicators. 300 W x 2 into 8 ohms, 450 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 900 x 1 into 8 ohms. FR 3-85,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB, 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm 0.2$ dB; IM 0.03%; slew rate 20 V/µs stereo; damping factor 400. Gold and black finish. 19 x 7 x 121/2 in; 55 lb ......\$1,849

### Model 350A Series 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features discrete circuitry; low-feedback design; solid-state DC speaker protection. Active-balanced inputs; XLR and 1/4-in inputs; 5-



way binding posts. Dynamic range LED display and status indicators; modulation and clip indicators; switchable subsonic filters. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms, 325 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 600 x 1 into 8 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm 0.2$  dB; IM 0.03%; slew rate 20 V/μs stereo; damping factor 400. Gold and black finish. 19 x 51/4 x 101/8 in; 34 lb ............\$1,349

### Model 200 100-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features short-current protection. XLR and 1/4-in input connectors; active-balanced inputs; 5-way binding posts. Clipping LED indicators; magnetic circuit breaker/power switch. 100



Carver TFM-35

W x 2 into 8 ohms or 200 x 1 into 16 ohms. FR 1-85,000 Hz ±3 dB, 20-20,000 Hz ±0.25 dB; IM 0.02%; damping factor 400. 19 x 13/4 x 11 in; 14 

### BOULDER

Boulder 500 150-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features 2-stage amplification; toroidal power transformer; shielded power cord; short-circuit, DC-offset, and thermal protection. LED indicators; recessed controls; output-level controls. 150 W x 2 into 8 ohms, 250 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 500 x 1 into 8 ohms. THD 0.005%; slew rate 70 V/μs mono, 35 V/μs stereo; imp 10,000 ohms; peak current 50 amperes. 17 x 51/4 x 151/2 

### Boulder 102AE 100-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features 2-stage design; discrete circuitry; toroidal power transformer. Gold-plated connectors. Voltage and current clipping indicators. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms .........\$2,249

### BRYSTON

The following amplifiers feature a 20-year partsand-labor warranty.

### Model 4B NRB 250-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual power supplies with multiple filter capacitors; 2,496-sq-in heat sink; soft-start circuitry; input buffer. Balanced-XLR and unbalanced-RCA inputs. 250 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.01% THD. Slew rate 60 V/µs; power bandwidth 1-100,000 Hz; IM 0.008%; damping factor 500 at 20 Hz, 8 ohms; input sens 1.25 V; input imp 50 kilohms. 19 x 51/4 . \$2,295 x 151/2 in; 42 lb. Model 3B NRB. Similar to above, 100 W x 2 \$1,395 Model 2B NRB. Similar to 4B NRB, 50 W x 2 into 8 ohms ..... \$750

### Model 7B NRB 500-W Mono Amplifier

I channel. Features toroidal transformers; softstart circuitry; 2,496-sq-in heat sink. Gold-plated balanced-XLR and unbalanced-RCA inputs. Series/parallel switch. 500 W x I from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.01% THD. Slew rate 60 V/µs parallel, 120 V/us bridged; power bandwidth 1-100,000 Hz; damping factor 300 at 20,000 Hz, 8 ohms; input

sens 1 V; input imp 50 kilohms. 19 x 53/4 x 151/2 in; 42 lb .....\$2,195

### CAMBRIDGE AUDIO

A100 110-W/ch Power Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual-mono design; two oversized toroidal transformers coupled with 4 large reservoir capacitors; high-pass filter input. Gold-plated inputs; 5-way binding posts. 110 W x 2 into 8 ohms, FR 3-82,000 Hz ±3 dB; THD+noise 0.01% at 50% rated power; S/N 100 dBA. 17 x 3% x 12½ in; 21.6 lb ...... \$700 A70. As above, 60 W x 2. 13.8 lb......

### CARVER

TFM-75 750-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual-mono solid-state design with 2 separate AC power cords; fully regulated power supply; amplifier and speaker overload protection circuitry; fan cooling. 2 analog power meters; clipping indicators; variable L/R input sens control. 750 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 1,000 x 2 into 4 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.1% THD; 1,300 x 2 into 2 ohms. S/N 100 dBA; peak current 40 amperes. 19 x 51/4 x 13 in ...., \$2,000

### Silver 9-t MkII 550-W Mono Amplifier

I channel. Features solid-state design with transfer function modified for vacuum-tube sound characteristics; fully regulated high-current highvoltage power supply; speaker and amplifier overload protection circuitry. Black finish. 550 W x 1 into 8 ohms or 900 x 1 into 4 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.5% THD; 1,000 x 1 into 2 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz; S/N 100 dBA. 111/2 x 61/4 x 151/2 in; 23 lb .....\$1,200

### TFM-55 380-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features solid-state design with transfer function modified for vacuum-tube sound characteristics; regulated power supply; amplifier and speaker overload protection. Two analog power meters; variable L/R input sens controls. 380 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 600 x 2 into 4 ohms with 0.5% THD; 1,200 x 1. S/N 101 dBA. 19 x 4½ x 14 in . . . . . . . . . . . . . TFM-35. As above, 250 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 350 x 2 into 4 ohms; 700 x 1. S/N 98 dBA. 19 x 41/2 x 14½ in ...... \$700

### AV-634 240-W Amplifier

4 channels. Designed for multiroom, surround, or subwoofer/satellite applications. Features 18dB/oct active crossover at 80, 100, or 150 Hz; input sens controls for all channels. 60 W x 4 or 60 x 2 + 150 x 1 into 8 ohms or 100 x 4 into 4 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.15% THD. 19 x 37/8 x 117/8 in ..... \$600

### CELLO

Duet 350-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. 350 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms. 23% x 12 x 17¾ in; 95 lb.....\$7,500

### **Encore 60-W Mono Amplifier**

I channel. Dual-choke power supply; nickelplated copper heat sinks. 60 W x 1 ... \$6,000/pr

### CLASSÉ AUDIO

Classé Twenty-Five 250-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features polystyrene and polypropylene capacitors; toroidal transformer. Balanced and single-ended inputs. 250 W x 2 or 1,000 x 1 into 8 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±1 dB; S/N 100 dB; THD 0.1%. 19 x 20¼ x 8 in ...\$3,995 Classé Fifteen. As above, 175 W x 2 or 700 x 1

### AMPLIFIERS

into 8 ohms. 19 x 17¼ x 7¼ in\$2,995
Classé Ten. As above, 125 W x 2 or 400 x 1 into
8 ohms. 19 x 16 x 6½ in
Classé Seventy. As above, 75 W x 2 into 8 ohms
or 150 x 2 into 4 ohms. 19 x 1134 x 438 in . \$1,095

CONRAD - JOHNSON Evolution 2000 200-W/ch Tube Amplifier 2 channels. Hybrid design with tube driver stage and MOSFET output; zero feedback. 200 W x 2. 

MV125 125-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features low-imp power supplies and polystyrene capacitors. LED bias indicators. 125 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms. S/N 94 dB. 19 x 9 

MF200 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. MOSFET output stage; JFET input stage; low-feedback design; polypropylene and polystyrene capacitors. 200 W x 2 cont avg. FR 20-20,000 Hz; THD 1% into 8 ohms; S/N 98 dB. 19 

### COUNTERPOINT

SA-220 220-W/ch Tube Amplifier

2 channels. Features hybrid design with vacuumtube input and MOSFET output; protection circuit-ry outside signal path; 1,000-V transformer; 1ohm stability. 220 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 700 x 1. FR 1.2-200,000 Hz; THD 0.02%; S/N 84 dB. 19 x 61/4 x 19 in: 69 lb ......\$2,995

### SA-100 100-W/ch Tube Amplifier

2 channels. Features hybrid design with tube input, MOSFET output; 1,000-V transformer. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms. FR 5-100,000 Hz; THD 1%; S/N 92 dB; dynamic headroom 3 dB. 19 x 41/2 x 123/4 in; 28 lb ......\$1,495

Solid-1 100-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features FET signal path; 2-ohm stability. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms. Dynamic headroom 

### CROWN INTERNATIONAL

Macro Reference 760-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features grounded bridge circuitry: full output-protection circuitry; regulated cooling system. Selectable range/output-level meter; 2 input sensitivities; bridged-mono and parallelmono modes: distortion, protection, and signalpresence indicators; level control. 760 W x 2 into 8 ohms, 1,160 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 1,500 x 2 into 2 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.1 dB; S/N 115 dB; damping factor 20,000. 19 x 7 x 16 in; 56.5 

PS-400 190-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features Class AB/B design; lowfrequency protection; ground-isolation jumper; bridged-mono mode. Level controls; distortion and signal-presence indicators. 190 W x 2 into 8 ohms. 330 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 660 x 1 into 8 ohms. FR 0-20,000 Hz  $\pm$  0.1 dB; THD 0.05%; slew rate 16 V/μs; damping factor 400; s/N 112 dB. 19 x 7 x 101/8 in: 55 lb . ....\$1,195 PS-200. As above. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms, 170 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 345 x 1 into 8 ohms. 19 x 51/4 x 10% in: 25 lb ...... \$995

### DB SYSTEMS

DB-6A 40-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features 1-ohm load stability; 12-dB/



oct infrasonic filter; clipping LEDs; electronic clamp. 40 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20.000 Hz with 0.003% THD. FR 20-40,000 Hz +0, -1 dB; input sens 1 V; input imp 50 kilohms; S/N 112 dBA at 1 V; slew rate 15 V/µs; damping factor 400 from 20-1,000 Hz. 16 x 41/8 x 12¾ in ..... \$795

### DENON

POA-3000RG 250-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features bridgeable dual-mono design; optically-coupled Class A MOSFET circuit-



Fosgate-Audionics Model 4100

ry; toroidal transformer. Balanced-XLR and unbalanced-RCA inputs. Self-diagnostic circuit with LEDs; input-level controls; speaker selector; power meters. 250 W x 2 or 500 x 1 into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.05% THD: FR 1-100,000 Hz at 1 W; THD 0.005% at -3 dB; S/N 121 dBA .....\$4,000

### POA-5000 400-W Amplifier

6 channels. Designed for use with the AVP-5000 AV preamplifier. Features optically-coupled Class A circuitry; toroidal power transformer; separate power supply for each channel pair; bridgeable to 5, 4, or 3 channels. Remote powerswitching from Denon preamps. 100 W x 2 + 50  $x + 2 + 50 \times 2$ , all into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz. FR 1-150,000 Hz at 1 W; THD 0.02%; S/N 118 dBA ......\$1,500

### POA-2800 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features optically-coupled Class A MOSFET circuitry; dual power supplies with toroidal transformers. Phono inputs. Remote powerswitching from Denon preamps; A/B speaker switching. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.01% THD. FR 1-150,000 Hz at 1 W; THD 0.002% at -3 dB; s N 123 dBA ...... \$800

### DYNACO

Stereo 70 Series II 35-W/ch Tube Amp

2 channels. Features EL34/6CA7 output tubes; 1% metal-film resistors; poly-composition capacitors: 6GH8A driver tubes. Gold-plated RCA inputs and 5-way binding posts. Front-panel user-adjustable LED biasing system; flat openloop gain; 3-wire grounded power cord. 35 W x 2 cont avg into 4, 8, or 16 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; THD 0.25%; IM 1%; damping factor 15. Black finish. 3-yr parts-and-labor warranty. 13 x 7 x 9½ in; 35 lb ...... \$995

### FORTÉ

F6 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features bipolar output transistors; FET/bipolar front end; Class A/AB gain stages; glass-epoxy circuit boards; toroidal power transformer. Gold-plated inputs and outputs. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.1% THD. Slew rate 50 V/µs; current capability 16 amperes cont, 50 amperes max into 0.1 ohm. 17 x 63/4 x 91/4 in: 33 lb . \$1,590 F5. As above, high-bias Class A/AB output stage. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 0-20,000 Hz with 0.1% THD; output imp 0.04 ohm; current capability 10 amperes cont, 30 amperes max into 

### FT-1 485-W Amplifier

5 channels. Features bipolar output transistors; FET input stage. 125 W x 3 + 55 x 2, all into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.15% THD. FR 3-50,000 Hz ±1 dB .....\$1,490

### FOSGATE-AUDIONICS

Model 4100 240-W Amplifier

4 channels. Designed for surround applications. Bridgeable to 3 channels. 60 W x 4 into 8 ohms or 100 x 4 into 4 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.05% THD: 225 x 2 into 8 ohms or 300 x 2 into 4 ohms with 0.1% THD ...... \$949

### M-60 Mkll 35-W Mono Amplifier

1 channel. Designed for center-channel amplification in surround systems. Features fully complementary discrete circuit design. Input-level control. 35 W x 1 into 8 ohms or 60 x 1 into 4 ohms with 0.2% THD. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±1 dB. 8½ x 2¾ x 7½ in; 6 lb ...... \$219

### GOLDMUND

Mimesis 8.2 175-W Mono Amplifier

I channel. Features mechanical grounding platform to reduce vibration; 2 toroidal transformers with 4 separate power supplies; oscillation and DC offset protection; asymmetrical and symmetrical inputs; 2 power keys for protection against accidental power off. 175 W x 1 rms into 8, 4, or 2 ohms. FR 0-150,000 Hz ±1 dB; S/N 105 dB from 0.01-1,000,000 Hz; slew rate 100 V/µs. 19 x 6 x 19 in; 88.4 lb ......\$9,990 Mimesis 8.5. Stereo version of above with 1 power key. 200 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms. 111 

### Mimesis 6.8 80-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features mechanical grounding platform to reduce vibration: proprietary self-compensating symmetrical circuitry; protection circuits. 80 W x 2. S/N 80 dB; slew rate 100 V/µs. 19 

### HAFLER

Transnova 9500S 250-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features 16 MOSFET output devices; four 20,000-µF 100-V storage capacitors. 250 W x 2 or 750 x 1 into 8 ohms, 375 x 2 into 4 ohms. THD 0.1%; S/N 100 dB; slew rate 150 V/µs; damping factor 1,000 at 1,000 Hz. Rack mountable; silver. 19 x 51/4 x 121/2 in; 50 lb .........\$1,900

### Transnova 9300\$ 150-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features 12 MOSFET output devices; four 15.000-μF 75-V storage capacitors. 150 W x 2 or 450 x 1 into 8 ohms, 225 x 2 into 4 ohms. THD 0.07%; S/N 100 dB; slew rate 150 V/µs; damping factor 800 at 1,000 Hz. Rack mountable; silver. 19 x 3½ x 12½ in; 36 lb ......\$1,300

### Model 9270S 135-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features 12 MOSFET output devices; J-FET double-differential front end; double-sided glass circuit boards; twin-core transformers. Level controls, 135 W x 2 or 400 x 1 into 8 ohms,

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#### HTG

#### SPA-100 100-W/ch Amplifier

#### JRM

#### Power Tower 540-W Amplifier

#### KINERGETICS

#### KBA-75 Platinum Series 75-W/ch Amp

2 channels. Features Class A operation; dualmono construction; 1,000-VA power supply; mul-



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tiple high-power output transistors; servo-controlled DC output; low-imp drive capability. 75 W x 2 into 8 ohms,  $150 \times 2$  into 4 ohms, or  $300 \times 2$  into 2 ohms. Slew rate  $65 \text{ V/}\mu\text{s}$ .  $19 \times 15\frac{1}{2} \times 17$  in ......................\$1,995



#### KBA-505 525-W Amplifier

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#### KSA-250 250-W/ch Amplifier

#### KST-100 100-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features DC coupling; Class A/B circuitry; balanced and single ended input. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 400 x 1 into 8 ohms ... \$2,950

#### KSA-5 5-W/ch Headphone Amplifier

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2 channels. Features screened transformer; housing made of one-piece solid-aluminum extrusion. Biwire/triwire terminals. 80 W x 2. 24.2 lb ... \$3,695

#### LK100 50-W/ch Power Amplifier

2 channels. Features overcurrent and thermal protection; internal heat sink. Biwire/triwire terminals. 50 W x 2 into 8 ohms. 0.5% distortion \$1,095

#### LUXMAN

#### M-117 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual-FET-per/ch input stage. Gold-plated binding posts and inputs; variable and fixed inputs. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms, 550 x 2 into 4 ohms, 820 x 2 into 2 ohms, or 700 x 1. THD 0.03% at rated power; sn 120 dB; slew rate 20 V/ $\mu$ s. 174 x 64 x 174 in;  $52 lb \dots s1,250$ 

#### M-111 100-W Amplifier

4 channels. Features voltage-driven amplification; Duo-Beta feedback; star topology. 4-way binding posts. Rear-panel bridging switches for ch 1-2 and 3-4; input-level controls. 25 W x 4 cont avg into 8 ohms or 75 x 2 into 8 ohms. THD 0.05%; S/N 112 dB; IM 0.02%; slew rate 12 V/µs...\$400

#### MARANTZ

#### SM-80 120-W/ch Amplifier

#### MA-500 120-W Mono Amplifier

1 channel. Features pending THX certification. 1 gold-plated RCA input; 1 gold-plated RCA in-

#### MARK LEVINSON

#### Model 27.5 100-W/ch Amplifier

#### Model 29 50-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual-mono construction; 320-VA toroidal transformer in each ch; separate power supplies; audio signals processed through two Class A cascaded voltage-gain stages and 3 current-gain stages; cascoded differential input stage; Class AB output stage. 50 W x 2 into 8 ohms, 100 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 175 x 2 into 2 ohms.



#### McIntosh MC-7106

#### MCCORMACK

#### Power Drive DNA-1 150-W/ch Amplifier

#### MCINTOSH

#### MC-7300 300-W/ch Amplifier

#### MC-7106 600-W Amplifier

6 channels. Designed for multiroom and surround applications. Features THX certification; anti-clipping circuitry; sentry circuitry to prevent overload; thermal and DC output protection; 2 bridgeable channel pairs. LED power-level indicators for each channel. 100 W x 6, 100 x 4 + 300



We're pleased to announce two new speakers designed by Henry Kloss specifically for use as center channel speakers in Dolby Surround Pro Logic systems—the Center Channel and Center Channel Plus. Our experience with Dolby Surround Pro Logic systems has shown that the center channel is *very* important. A significant portion of movie soundtracks is directed to the center channel. It's very important to use a speaker that reproduces that material





accurately, with the proper volume level and dispersion pattern.

#### Center Channel by Henry Kloss.

Center Channel is a compact, two-way acoustic suspension speaker with a 4" woofer and a ring radiator tweeter. Because of its compact size (8%"×5%"×4"), it's simple to place Center Channel directly on top of or below your TV screen, so that dialog and sound effects will seem to emanate from their on-screen source.

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#### Center Channel Plus by Henry Kloss.

The Center Channel Plus is a larger speaker recommended for achieving theater-like playback levels in the most sophisticated and powerful home theater systems. It uses

four 3" long-throw woofers and a tweeter that perfectly matches the acoustics of our Ensemble® and Ensemble II systems. The frequency range of the outer pair of 3" woofers is intentionally limited to maintain proper dispersion characteristics.

Because of its wide, low profile (25" wide, 4" high, 6½" deep), Center Channel Plus is ideal for placement directly on top of or, uniquely for a product of its type, beneath a TV-with optional support unit, it can act as a base for your TV. We don't know of any speaker, at any price, that outperforms Center Channel Plus. The factory-direct price of Center Channel Plus is \$219.

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MC-7150 150-W/ch Amplifier

MC-7100(W) 100-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features anti-clipping circuitry; DC output and thermal protection; toroidal power transformer; power-on muting. 100 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.005% THD. S/N 95 dBA; damping factor 200; dynamic headroom 1.7 dB; input sens 1.4 or 2.5 V. 17½ x 3½ x 14½ in; 24 lb. \$995

#### MELOS

Triode 200 ST Plus Deluxe 200-W/ch Tube Amp

SHA-1 3-W/ch Tube Headphone Amplifier Vacuum tube/differential DC Class A amp designed to drive headphones. Doubles as line-level preamp with two inputs and one line-level output. Features zero feedback amplification; direct coupling; imp-matched output stage circuitry; toroidal transformer; regulated power supplies; Tiffany connectors. 3 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.2% THD. Sens 100 mV; output 9 V max line; input imp 100 kilohms. 20 lb .... \$1,095

#### MERIDIAN

Model 605 150-W Mono Amplifier

1 channel. Features Class AB direct-coupled discrete design; MOSFET output devices; extruded aluminum case and heatsink. Balanced XLR input; direct-coupled, unbalanced RCA input; gold-plated 5-way binding posts. 150 W x 1 into 8 ohms. FR 0.4-20,000 Hz +0, -0.5 dB; S/N -95.5 dB (full gain). 12½ x 4 x 12 in; 22.1 lb. \$3,500/pr

Model 205 100-W Mono Amplifier

channel. Features Class AA design; toroidal high-current power supply; fully complementary



NAD Model 906

#### MOBILE FIDELITY

UltrAmp 100-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual-mono Class A design;



#### MOTIF

MS2001 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features MOSFET output stage; polystyrene capacitors. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms. THD 1%; FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 0.1 dB; s/N 100 dB; input imp 100 kilohms. 19 x 7 x 18½ in; 63 lb . . \$4,395 MS1001. As above, 100 W x 2 . . . . \$3.295

#### MTX SOUND CRAFTSMEN

A5002 250-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features Class H Vari-Proportional circuitry; 2-ohm load capability; crowbar output protection without current limiting. 20 LED indicators per channel; front-panel switching for 2 speaker pairs; clipping indicators; input-level controls. 250 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 375 x 2 cont avg into 4 ohms with 0.09% THD. S/N 105 dB; slew rate 50 V/µs; dynamic headroom 2 dB . . . \$949

A400 205-W/ch Amplifier

PCR800 205-W/ch Amplifier

A200 125-W/ch Amplifier

#### MUSEATEX

Melior AS-10 100-W/ch Amplifier

#### NAD

Model 2700THX 150-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features THX certification; infrasonic and ultrasonic filtering. Imp selector; overload indicators. Rack handles optional. 150 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.03% THD or 400 x 1 into 8 or 4 ohms. s/N 100

dBA; damping factor 120 at 50 Hz; dynamic headroom 4 dB. 171/2 x 5 x 151/2 in; 29 lb... \$829

Model 906 180-W Amplifier

Model 902 30-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features high-current power supply; 2-ohm drive capability; variable input sens. 30 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.05% THD or 90 x 1 into 8 ohms. S/N 85 dBA; damping factor 100 at 50 Hz; dynamic headroom 2 dB. 16½ x 3% x 10% in \$249

#### NAIM

NAP 250 70-W/ch Amplifier

NAP 180 60-W/ch Amplifier

NAP 140 45-W/ch Amplifier

#### NAKAMICHI

PA-7AII 225-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Stasis topology; two internal amps for high- and low-imp sources; 700-W toroidal power transformer; bridge rectifiers; electrolytic filters. 225 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms with 0.05% THD. Frequency response 20-20,000 Hz +0, -0.2 dB; s/n 120 dB; damping factor 60; dynamic headroom 1.7 dB. 171/6 x 77/6 x 165/6 in: 62.7 lb. \$2,195

#### NHT

MA-1 80-W Mono Amplifier

#### OCM TECHNOLOGY

Model 200 100-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features Class ÅB MOSFET output circuitry with temperature-independent biasing; 1,000-VA, shielded, toroidal power transformer; electrolytic capacitors. Gold-plated unbalanced stereo RCA inputs; balanced mono XLR input; 5-way binding posts. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms, 200 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 400 x 1 into 8 ohms. THD 0.25%; FR 0.2-100,000 Hz ±3 dB \$\frac{1}{2}\$\$.\$\$\$\$1,595\$

# The Powered Subwoofer That Has The Audio And Video Press Jumping Out Of Their Seats.

A jet roaring in *Top Gun*. The heavyfooted killer robot in Robocop. A semi

hitting concrete after a 20 foot fall in Terminator 2. These are examples of the substantial. very low-frequency effects on the soundtracks of today's movies. Such frequencies are rare in music, and are beyond the capabilities of most speakers designed for music.

The new Cambridge SoundWorks Powered Subwoofer by Henry Kloss was created to reproduce those ultra-low, ultra-strong bass signals with the power and impact you would experience in movie theaters with the very best sound systems. It's designed to supplement (not replace) the subwoofer(s) of Ensemble or Ensemble II. It will also work with speakers from other companies.

#### Remarkable bass performance.

The Powered Subwoofer consists of a heavy duty, 12 inch long-throw acoustic suspension woofer integrated with a 140



watt amplifier-all in a high-pressure black laminate cabinet. Its control panel includes a bass level control and an 18dB per octave, four-position electronic crossover frequency selector (to match the subwoofer to your other speakers).

Additionally, an optional electronic crossover\* will provide 18 dB per octave,

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Powered Subwoofer



Slave Subwoofer

high-pass, line-level filters for the main and center amplifiers. These filters allow you to keep strong, low frequencies of sound effects out of the front speakers. These signals can cause distortion, even in speakers designed for full-range music.

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Our Ultimate Home Theater Speaker System consists of our dual-subwoofer Ensemble system; our low profile Center Channel Plus speaker; a pair of our critically acclaimed surround speakers, The Surround; our Powered Subwoofer; our Slave Subwoofer. Factory-direct price: \$1,999.

theaters! At the press event when we introduced our Powered Subwoofer, we had startled members of the audio and video press literally "jumping out of their seats" during demonstrations of movie soundtracks. The factory-direct price of the Powered Subwoofer is \$599.

#### Optional "slave" subwoofer.

For all-out home theater performance,

you can add our optional Slave Subwoofer, which is identical to our Powered Subwoofer except that it lacks the amplifier and controls. It uses the amplifier and controls built into the Powered Subwoofer. Amplifier output jumps from 140 to 200 watts when the Slave Subwoofer is connected.

The combination of the two speakers can reproduce a 30 Hz signal cleanly to a sound pressure level of over 100 dB in a 3,000 cubic foot room! That's enough clean, deep bass for the largest home theaters, and the most demanding listeners. The factory-direct price of the Slave Subwoofer is \$299.

#### No compromises. No apologies.

The combination of our Ensemble speaker system, Center Channel Plus speaker, The Surround rear/side speakers, Powered Subwoofer and Slave Subwoofer (see photo at left) creates a home theater speaker system that we believe is the best of

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CIRCLE NO. 6 ON READER SERVICE CARD

# The Critics Love Ensemble And Ensemble II. What's The Difference, Anyway?

Cambridge SoundWorks changed the audio world when we began direct-marketing Ensemble\* by Henry Kloss. Ensemble is a revolutionary dual-subwoofer/satellite speaker system offering all-out performance, without cluttering up your room with huge speaker cabinets. Available only factory-direct from Cambridge SoundWorks, with no expensive middle-men, Ensemble is priced at hundreds less than it would have sold for in stores. Audio magazine says Ensemble "may be the best value in the world."

#### And Then There Were Two.

Now Cambridge SoundWorks has introduced Ensemble II, a more affordable version of Ensemble using only one cabinet to hold both subwoofer drivers. Ensemble II has joined Ensemble in the ranks of the country's best-selling speak-



The real difference is in the subwoofer.

ers. We believe Ensemble II is a better system than the new Bose\* AM-5 Series II. And because we sell it factory-direct, it's half the price. Stereo Review said "Ensemble II performs so far beyond its price and size that it can be compared only with much larger speakers at substantially higher prices." We agree with the writer who said, "It's hard to imagine going wrong with Ensemble." The question is, which Ensemble system is right for you?

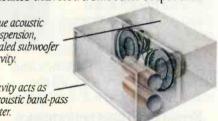
#### The Same Satellite Speakers.

When you listen to either Ensemble system, almost 90% of the music you hear is being reproduced by the satellite speakers. Both Ensemble and Ensemble II use satellite speakers that are virtually identical.\* Unlike many competing systems, Ensemble's satellites are true two-

way speaker systems, each containing a high performance tweeter and a 4-inch woofer. Stereo Review said, "The Ensemble satellites delivered a smoother output than

True acoustic suspension. sealed subwoofer cavity.

Cavity acts as acoustic band-pass





many larger and more expensive speakers."
Small (8%"×5%"×4") and unobtrusive, they'll fit into the decor of any room. They're available in scratch-resistant gunmetal grey Nextel, or primed so you can paint them any color you wish.



Ensemble satellite speakers are available primed for painting, so they can match your decor exactly.

#### The Same Overall Sound.

In many rooms, Ensemble II sounds virtually the same as Ensemble, especially when Ensemble's two subwoofers are placed right next to each other. The real difference between the two systems is that Ensemble, with its two ultra-compact subwoofers (12"×21"×4½"), gives you ultimate placement flexibility.

#### The Same Attention To Detail.

Ensemble and Ensemble II are constructed with the very best materials and no-compromise workmanship. Their subwoofers use heavy-duty woofers in true acoustic suspension enclosures. The satellites are genuine two-way systems with very high quality speaker components. Individual crossover networks are

built into every cabinet for maximum wiring flexibility. Robust construction is used throughout, featuring solid MDF cabinets and solid metal grilles.

# The Same Factory-Direct Savings.

Cambridge SoundWorks products are available *only* factory-direct. By eliminating the middle-men, we're able to sell Ensemble and Ensemble II for hundreds less than if they were sold in stores.

# The Same 30-Day Total Satisfaction Guarantee.

Choosing a loudspeaker after a brief listen at a dealer's showroom is like deciding on a car after one quick trip around the block. So we make it possible to audi-



Stereo systems featuring Ensemble and Ensemble II speakers with Pioneer or Philips electronics start at only \$799, including CD player. Dolby Surround Sound systems start at only \$999.

in your own home. You get to listen for hours without a salesman hovering nearby. If within 30 days you're not happy, return your speaker system for a full refund. We even reimburse original UPS ground shipping charges in the continental United States.





The only difference in satellites is that the original Ensembles use gold-plated connectors that allow use of even the heaviest gauge wire.

# The Real Difference: The Ultimate Placement Flexibility Of Dual Subwoofers.

Placement of bass and high-frequency speakers in a room—and how those speakers interact with the acoustics of the room—has more influence on the overall sound quality of a stereo system than just about anything. As an alternative to spending hundreds (or thousands) of dollars on this or that "latest" amplifier or CD player design, you should invest some of your time experimenting with various speaker positioning schemes. Ensemble's two ultra-slim (41/2") subwoofers give you more placement flexibility than any speaker system we know of (including Ensemble II), and is most likely to provide the performance you want in real world...in-your room.

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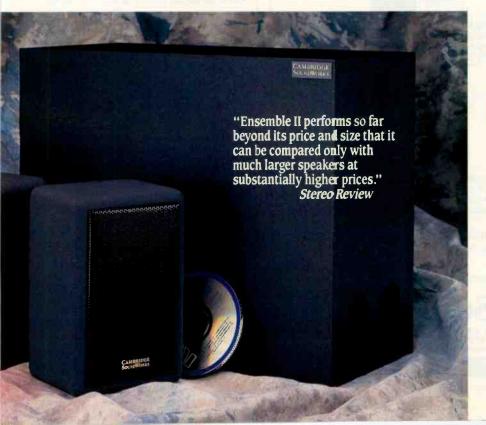
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#### Integra M-588F 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features balanced dual-mono design; low-imp drive capability; discrete outputs; optically-isolated output; overload protection. XLR and RCA inputs. 2 optically-isolated power meters with auto meter-range selection. 200 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms or 750 x 2 max into 2

#### Integra M-504 165-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features high-current dual-mono design; low-imp drive capability; discrete outputs; linear switching. 4-way speaker selector. 165 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms or 530 x 2 max into 2 ohms.



#### Onkyo Integra M-588F

THD 0.003%; S/N 120 dB; damping factor 140. 181/4 x 71/4 x 165/8 in; 46 lb ...... \$830

#### Integra M-502 140-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual-mono design; low-imp drive capability; discrete outputs; linear switching. 140 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms or 425 x 2 max into 2 ohms. THD 0.005%; S/N 120 dB; damping factor 140. 17% x 7% x 16% in; 41 lb ....... \$650

#### PARASOUND

#### HCA-1206 720-W Amplifier

6 channels; bridgeable to 5 or 4 channels. Features THX certification; high-current discrete circuitry; FETs; toroidal transformer. 5-way binding posts. Level controls. 120 W x 6 or 280 x 2 + 120 x 2. FR 8-90,000 Hz; THD 0.01%; IM 0.05%; S/N 104 dB. 19 x 7 x 16 in .......\$1,535

#### HCA-1200 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features high-current design; discrete circuitry; toroidal transformer; 60-MHz output transistor; 57-ampere peak current. 5-way binding posts; gold-plated inputs. Level controls. 200 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms or 600 x 1 rms. FR 8-90,000 Hz; THD 0.08% ..... \$845

#### HCA-80011 100-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features high-current design; discrete circuitry. Gold-plated RCA inputs; 5-way binding posts; headphone jack. Level controls; rear-panel bridging switch. 100 W x 2 cont into 8 ohms, 150 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 260 x 1 into 4 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm 0.5$  dB; THD 0.1%; S/N 104 dB; damping factor 120. 171/4 x 33/4 x 113/4 in ... \$425

#### Elite M-91 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features direct signal paths; 130-W output transistors; honeycomb heat sink and insulators. CD- and line-direct inputs with level controls; two pairs of speaker outputs. A/B speaker switching. 200 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with THD 0.003%. FR 20-20,000 Hz +0, -0.1 dB; s/N 125 dB. 18 x 61/2 x 17

#### Elite M.72 200-W Amplifier

4 channels. Features semiconductor non-linearity cancellation; direct signal paths. 2 inputs;



#### PS AUDIO

PS 200 Delta 200-W/ch Amplifier

PS 100 Delta 120-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual-mono design; twelve  $5,000-\mu F$  filter capacitors in power supply. 120 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 200 x 2 into 4 ohms. THD 0.1%; slew rate 150 V/ $\mu$ s. \$1,295

#### PSE

Studio V 120-W Mono Amplifier

1 channel. Features Class A/AB design; bipolar transistors; toroidal transformer; independent regulated supplies for each stage; auto mute; oFC wiring; thermal. DC-offset, and short-circuit protection. XLR-balanced and RCA-unbalanced inputs. 5-yr warranty. 120 W x 1 into 8 ohms with 1% THD. Slew rate 200 V/μs; s/N 97 dB into 8 ohms at 1 W. Wood and black acrylic finishes. \$1,995/pr Studio IV. As above, 2 channels. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 1% THD. Slew rate 100 V/μs. \$1,995

#### QUAD

Model 606 140-W/ch Amplifier

Model 306 60-W/ch Amplifier

#### QUICKSILVER

Model 135 135-W Mono Tube Amplifier

#### ROTEL

RB990BX 200-W/ch Amplifier

 RB960BX 60-W/ch Amplifier

#### JEFF ROWLAND

Model 8 250-W/ch Amplifier

#### SONANCE

Sonamp 260 60-W/ch Amplifier

#### SONOGRAPHE

SA150 120-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features MOSFET output stage. 120 W x 2 into 8 ohms. 17 x 51/4 x 13 in ...... \$995

#### SONY

TA-N80ES 200-W/ch Amplifier

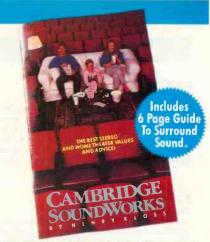
#### TA-N55ES 110-W/ch Amplifier

#### SOUNDSTREAM

DA-1 THX 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features dual-mono design; discrete Darlington transistor circuitry. Dual overload indicators. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms, 300 x 2 into 4 ohms, or 400 x 2 into 2 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.01 dB; bandwidth 2-100,000 Hz; slew rate 35 V/µs; S/N 110 dB; dynamic headroom 3 dB. 5% x 17 x 14 in; 35 lb. \$1,195

SA-100 50-W/ch Amplifier



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BPA-101B 100-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features proprietary multiple feedback loops; DC coupling with regulated power supply; protection circuitry. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms, 350 x 1 into 8 ohms, or 174 x 2 into 4 ohms. THD 0.07%; S/N 98 dB; slew rate 40 V/µs; damping factor 200. 19 x 51/4 x 14 in; 40 lb . . . . \$1,895

#### SUMO

Andromeda II 240-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features Class AB MOSFET design; fully balanced path from input to output; pure Class A operation except for Class AB output stage. 240 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 400 x 2 into 4 ohms. THD 0.05% into 8 ohms, 0.1% into 4 ohms; rise time 2 μs; slew rate 115 V/μs; damping factor 500. 19 x 7 x 16¼ in; 55 lb ......\$1,599

Polaris II 120-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features Class AB MOSFET design; proprietary MOSFET linearization circuit; pure Class A gain stage. 120 W x 2 or 350 x 1 into 8 ohms. 50 amperes peak/ch; THD 0.05% into 8 ohms, 0.1% into 4 ohms; rise time 2 µs; damping 

Ulysses 60-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Class AB MOSFET design; proprietary Class A gain stage. 60 W x 2 or 180 x 1 into 8 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz; THD 0.05%; input imp 47 kilohms; damping factor 500; slew rate 85 V/µs; rise time 2  $\mu$ s. 19 x 3½ x 13 in; 25 lb . . . . . . \$579

#### SUPERPHON

SA-120 60-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features symmetrical circuitry in dual-mono configuration; high slew-rate differential Class A gain circuit; 40,000-µF storage capacitance; OFC Teflon-insulated wiring. Goldplated RCA connectors; 5-way binding posts. 60 W x 2. 17 x 41/4 x 121/2 in; 18 lb ...... \$499

#### THRESHOLD

S/450e Stasis 200-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features single 1,200-toroidal transformer; 31,000-µF front-end decoupling/ch; 22 high-speed 250-W output devices/ch. 200 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.1% THD. 19 x 834 x 1714 in; 79 lb ..... \$5,200

SA/6e Stasis 125-W Mono Amplifier

1 channel. Features Class A operation; single 800-W toroidal transformer; 1,900-μF front-end



#### Spectrascan BPA-101B

decoupling; 28 high-speed 250-W output devices. 125 W x 1 into 8 ohms with 0.1% THD. 19 x 834 x 13¼ in; 56 lb ......\$3,950

S/350e Stasis 150-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features single 800-W toroidal transformer; 950-µF front-end decoupling/ch; 14 highspeed 250-W output devices/ch. 150 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.1% THD ......\$3,490



#### YAMAHA

MX-830 170-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Banana-plug outputs. A/B/C speaker switching; independent L/R level controls; clipping indicators. 170 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 600 x 1 dynamic into I ohm. THD 0.003% ...... \$699

MX-460 80-W/ch Amplifier

2 channels. Features symmetrical input-to-output design; direct ground-sensing circuit; dual extruded heat sinks. 5-way binding posts. A/B speaker switching; independent L/R level controls. 80 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.012% THD. S/N 123 dB. 171/8 x 51/8 x 151/8 in; 25 lb ...... \$349

MX-35 80-W Amplifier

4 channels. Features independent level controls. 20 W x 4 with 0.07% THD or 40 x 2 with 0.05% THD, all into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz ... \$299

#### PREAMPLIFIERS

#### ACURUS

L10 Preamplifier

6 inputs; 2 outputs; gold-plated connectors. Features discrete Class A circuitry; polypropylene capacitors; silver-to-silver switch contacts; glass-epoxy circuit board; 1% metal-film resistors. 17 x 3 x 9 in ...... \$595

#### ADCOM

GFP-565 Preamplifier

5 line-level inputs; 1 MM/MC phono input; 3 outputs including 1 direct-coupled output; signalprocessor loop. Features Class A circuitry; 1% Roederstein metal-film resistors and metallizedfilm capacitors; separate headphone amplifier. Rec-out selector; loudness control. FR 5-90,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; THD 0.009% phono, 0.0025% line; S/N 95 dBA phono, 100 dBA line; ch sep 75 dB at 1,000 Hz. Black. 17 x 3 x 11% in; 11 lb . . . . \$800

GTP-500II Preamplifier/Tuner

4 line-level inputs; MM phono input; AC- and DCcoupled outputs. Features 1% Roederstein resistors; quartz-referenced digital-synthesis tuning; high-blend circuit. Auto up/down scan; 8 AM/FM presets; 5-LED signal-strength display; remote control. Remote sensor for multiroom applications optional. FR 5-65,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; S/N 85 dBA phono; IM 0.0015%. FM: THD 0.09% at 1,000 Hz stereo; S/N 75 dB stereo; ch sep 52 dB at 1,000 Hz. 17 x 31/4 x 123/4 in; 16 lb...... \$600

**GFP-555II** Preamplifier

5 line-level inputs; MM and MC phono inputs; ACand DC-coupled outputs; bypass output; signalprocessor loop. Features 1% Roederstein resistors and film capacitors throughout; switchable phono input capacitance and gain; separate headphone amp. Tape dubbing; rec-out selector. FR 5-85,000 Hz  $\pm 0.5$  dB; s/N 90 dBA phono, 100 dBA line; THD 0.02% phono, 0.003% line. 17 x 3 x 11% in; 11.5 lb......\$500

GTP-400 Preamplifier/Tuner

MM/MC phono input. Features Class A phono stages. 8 AM/FM presets; rec-out selector; tone control. THD 0.01%; IM 0.005%; FR 20-20,000 Hz

±0.1 dB; S/N 80 dB phono, 95 dB line. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 13.5 dBf mono, 37 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.7 dB; s/N 80 dB mono, 75 dB stereo. 17 x 31/4 x 123/4 in; 15 lb..... \$399

#### ARAGON

Aurum Preamplifier

Features Class A circuitry; dual-mono design; Teflon dielectric wiring; Penny and Giles volume control. 19 x 3½ x 14 in ......\$1,750

Model 18K Preamplifier

6 inputs; 2 outputs; gold-plated connectors. Features Class A circuitry; dual-mono DC power supply. 19 x 3 x 11 in ...... \$995

#### ARCAM

Delta 110 Digital Preamplifier

1 coaxial and 1 fiber-optic digital inputs; 5 analog inputs; MC/MM phono inputs; 2 tape-monitor loops; headphone jack. Features 1-bit D/A converter; standby mode. Separate listen and record; switching for 2 speaker pairs; mono switch; balance control; remote control .......\$1,500

Delta 110S. As above, without digital inputs. One additional analog input .........\$1,100

#### AUDIO ALCHEMY

PCM Preamplifier

Features silver rotary source and mode switches; plastic rotary attenuator ...... \$399

#### AUDIO BY VAN ALSTINE

FET-Valve Tube Preamplifier

Phono inputs; 2 tape-monitor loops; 3 line-level inputs; selectable signal-processor loop; headphone jack. Features hybrid vacuum tube/MOS-FET design; voltage and current-overload protection; toroidal transformer; regulated power supplies .....\$1,195

Transcendence Two Preamplifier

2 tape-monitor loops; switchable processor loop; headphone jack. Features solid-state design with current-source FET input pairs; Class A currentsource pre-drivers; hybrid current amplifiers in feedback loop; regulated power supply. Defeata-

Super Pas Four Omega Tube Preamplifier Gold-plated phono input; 5 gold-plated line-level inputs; 2 tape-monitor loops; headphone jack. Features straight-line vacuum-tube voltage gain circuits followed by solid-state current drivers; toroidal transformer; regulated power supplies; 240-V operation. Black anodized faceplate \$845

Kit.....\$595

#### AUDIO RESEARCH

SP-14 Tube Preamplifier

7 inputs including phono; 4 outputs; 2 tape loops. Features hybrid tube/solid-state design; regulated power supplies. Separate gain and attenuation controls; separate input and record-out selectors; bypass switch for balance and mode controls; mute switch; 2-way tape dubbing; 3 AC outlets. Frequency response 30-40,000 Hz ±0.3 dB phono, 5-50,000 Hz ±0.5 dB line; distortion 0.01% at 2 V rms. Anodized black front panel and knobs optional. 19 x 51/4 x 101/4 in; .....\$2,995 12 lb SP-9 MkII. As above, without record-out selector, attenuation control, bypass switch, 2-way tape dubbing, or AC outlets ......\$1,995

#### LS2 Tube Preamplifier

#### LS3 Preamplifier

5 line-level inputs; 2 single-ended outputs. Features design for shortest signal paths and minimal



#### **Audio Research LS2**

point-to-point wiring; DC-coupled inputs; 2 regulated power supplies; aircraft-grade power-on, mute, monitor-source, and source-direct switches. Rotary gain, balance, input selector, and stereo/mono controls. FR 2-100,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; distortion 0.01% at 2 V rms; overall gain 18 dB. 19 x 5¼ x 10¼ in; 11 lb \$1,495 LS3B. As above, with one XLR balanced output. \$1,995

#### AUDIRE

#### Diffet 3 Preamplifier

MM phono input. Features discrete circuitry; FET design; regulated power supply. MC phono input optional. FR 5-100,000 Hz; THD 0.005%; S/N 94 dB. 19 x 2¼ x 7 in; 7 lb \$990

#### Legato Preamplifier

MM phono input; 5 line-level inputs; 2 tape loops; two outputs. Features regulated power supply; subsonic filter. FR 0-100,000 Hz +0, -0.25 dB; S/N 90 dB. 19 x 1¾ x 7 in; 6 lb..............\$440

#### B&K COMPONENTS

#### Sonata MC-101 Preamplifier

#### CS-117 Preamplifier

4 line-level inputs; 1 switchable phono/line-level input; 2 line-level outputs; 1 balanced output; 1 tape loop. Features selectable passive mode; tone controls. FR 1-100,000 Hz; 5/N 89 dB; THD 0.02%; sens 2.7 mV. 17 x 2½ x 9 in; 10 lb . \$398 CS-115. As above, no tone controls. . . . . \$348

#### BERNING

#### TF-12-B Tube Preamplifier

MM/MC phono input; 5 line-level inputs; balanced outputs. Features dual-mono differential-tube design; digitally controlled switching matrix in 1-dB steps over 80-dB range for volume and balance; high-frequency resonant power supply. LED dot-matrix level meters; remote control. FR 5-100,000 Hz ±3 dB; gain 32 dB line; sens 0.38 mV for 0.5-V output at 1,000 Hz MM, 32 mV line \$\$3,795\$



#### BOULDER

#### L3AE Preamplifier

#### Modular Preamp Components

Each module has gold-plated connectors and measures 141/4 x 31/2 x 41/4 in.

#### Boulder Ultimate Preamplifier

MS01, MS11, MS21, and MS32 mounted in one dual frame and two single frames .....\$5,299

#### **Boulder Complete Preamplifier**

#### MS32 Output Controller Module

Buffered inputs. Stereo/mono and switches; -20 dB mute; volume and balance controls \$1,439

#### MS11 Phono Preamp Module

#### Preamplifier Housings

MF04. Mainframe for 4 preamp modules. Full-rack size with removable ears \$249 MF02. Mainframe for 2 preamp modules. Half-rack size \$199 MF01. Mainframe for 1 preamp module \$179 MS00. Blank panel for unused slots \$79

#### BRYSTON

The following feature a 20-year warranty covering parts and labor.

#### Model 12B Preamplifier

#### **BP4.2** Preamplifier

2 balanced inputs and 1 balanced output. FR 22-20,000 Hz ± 0.05 dB; sens 50 mV . . . . . \$1,095

#### Model .5B Preamplifier

Phono input; 3 line-level inputs; 1 tape and 1 processor loop. Features two-stage phono section; CD input protected by volume control; no internal wiring; components plug directly into boards. FR 22-20,000 Hz; max output 15 V; THD 0.005%; high-level sens 50 mV; SN 80 dBA phono, 95 dBA line. 19 x 1½ x 8 in; 7 lb . . . . . 5795

#### CAMBRIDGE AUDIO

#### C100 Preamplifier

#### C70 Preamplifier

Gold-plated MM and MC phono inputs; tape-monitor loop; dual active and passive outputs. Features toroidal power transformer; passive EQ in RIAA stage. Defeatable passive tone controls. FR 10-140,000 Hz; S/N 75 dB MC, 80 dB MM, 95 dB line; input sens 0.5 mV MC, 4.5 mV MM, 300 mV line. \$500

#### CARVER

Models with Sonic Holography use proprietary circuitry to enhance sound-stage ambience. ACCD is a multipath rejection circuit.

#### C-19 Tube Preamplifier

#### CT-17 A/V Preamplifier/Tuner

7 audio inputs including CD-direct; 2 video inputs with dubbing capability; 2 tape-monitor loops; signal-processor loop; video monitor output; headphone jack; remote infrared sensor input for 2-zone multiroom applications. Features Dolby Pro Logic decoder; Sonic Holography; ACCD; high-cut filter; motor-driven volume control. 3-band EQ; 20 AMFM presets with scan;



**Bryston Model 12B** 

#### C-16 Preamplifier

#### CT-6 Preamplifier/Tuner

6 audio inputs; 2 tape-monitor loops with dubbing capability; headphone jack. Features Sonic Holography; ACCD; motor-driven volume control. 20 AM/FM presets with scan; auto/manual tuning; FM-mono switch; bass, treble, balance, and loudness controls; 3-level signal-strength indicator; 4 AC outlets; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 1 dB; THD 0.008%; S/N 78 dBA MM. FM: IHF sens 14.3 dBf; cap ratio 1.9 dB; AM rej.

62 dB; alt-ch sel 72 dB; ch sep 46 dB and THD 0.25% at 1,000 Hz; s/N 74 dB stereo ...... \$580

CT-3 A/V Preamplifier/Tuner

#### CELLO

**Encore Preamplifier** 

#### The Palette Preamplifier

5 unbalanced inputs; 2 unbalanced fixed-level outputs; 2 unbalanced and 1 balanced outputs; 2 tape-monitor loops. Features external power supply; 6 tone controls. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB; THD 0.005%; max output 9 V .....\$6,500

#### Audio Suite

Modular system built around an open-architecture mainframe that accepts up to 10 slide-in vertical modules (sampling listed below). Can control multiroom and multimedia systems.

P101. MC phono input	\$3,800
<b>P301</b> . Output	\$3,800
Master Supply. 120 V	
P201. CD input	\$2,800
P100. MM phono input	\$2,250
Mainframe Chassis	\$2,000
B301. Output	\$2,000
P200. Tape input	
P200. CD input	\$1,700
P200. Tuner input	\$1,700
B100. MM phono input	
B100. MC phono input	

#### CLASSÉ AUDIO

Classé Six Preamplifier

MM/MC phono, balanced, and 5 line-level inputs; balanced, single-ended, and buffered tape outputs. Features polystyrene and polypropylene capacitors. Input, mode, and bypass selectors; tape-monitor and mute switches. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.1 dB; S/N 95 dB line, 85 dB phono; THD 0.1%. Satin black and soft shadow silver. 19 x 14½ x 6 in. \$3,295 Classé Five. As Classé Six, 24-V output. \$2,295 Classé Four. As Classé Five, without bypass selector. Output 20 V. 19 x 12½ x 3¾ in. \$1,595

#### CONRAD-JOHNSON

PVII Tube Preamplifier



#### PF1 Preamplifier

#### PV10a Tube Preamplifier

#### COUNTERPOINT

SA-5000 Tube Preamplifier

#### Soild-8 Preamplifier

#### CROWN INTERNATIONAL

PSL-2 Preamplifier

#### DB SYSTEMS

All models include the outboard DB-2A power supply, which features a double-shielded transformer for AC line isolation.

**DB-1A Preamplifier** 

ume control. FR 1-250,000 Hz ±3 dB; S/N 92 dB;

THD 0.0006%; sens 120 mV line ..... \$535

DENNESEN

JC-90 Mono Preamplifier

MC phono input; balanced output. Features polarity inverter. THD 0.005%; S/N 100 dB MM, overload 500 mV ......\$2,500

#### DENON

PRA-2000RG Preamplifier

AVP-5000 Digital A/V Preamplifier

4 fiber-optic and 2 coaxial digital inputs; 4 video inputs; composite and S-video inputs; 11 analog inputs; 1 fiber-optic digital output; 6 video outputs; 8 variable-level and 4 fixed-level analog outputs. Features 2 digital iCs for preamp, sound-field processing, Dolby Pro Logic, and surround-sound functions; 2 Lambda ladder-type and 4 AI hybrid multi/1-bit D/A converters driving analog volume control and preamp outputs; dual Sigma-Delta A/D converters; 3-band parametric EQ; signal compression and expansion. Adjustable delay time (0-180 ms) and reverberation in surround and sound-field modes; programmable remote control

PRA-1500 A/V Preamplifier

#### DYNACO

PAS-3 Series II Tube Preamplifier

4 line-level inputs; MM phono input; 2 tape loops; signal-processor loop. Tape-dubbing capability; mono switch. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.25 dB; THD 0.005% at 1,000 Hz; max output 10 V; high-level gain 20 dB; output imp 50 ohms. Black acrylic or polished-chrome faceplate \$650

#### FORTÉ

F44 Preamplifier

#### GOLDMUND

Mimesis 7.1 Preamplifier

#### HAFLER

Model 9158 Preamplifier

Model 945S Preamplifier/Tuner

5 line-level inputs; 2 tape loops; 1 A/V output; headphone jack. Features Class A JFET line amplifiers; MPX filters. Defeatable tone controls; double-balanced mixer; 18 tuner presets. THD 0.02%; S/N 100 dB; sens 6.5 dBf mono, 12 dBf stereo. Rack mountable; silver. 7-yr warranty. 19 x 21/2 x 101/2 in; 10 lb ...... \$650

#### HARMAN KARDON

Citation25 Preamplifier

Headphone jack. Features discrete circuitry: high-cut and subsonic filters. Interactive A/V switching; tone-defeat and mono switches; selectable bass and treble center frequencies; remote control ...... \$899

PT2300 A/V Preamplifier/Tuner

5 inputs including 2 A/V inputs and 2 VCR/tape monitors; I subwoofer and 2 line-level outputs. Features digital quartz-locked tuner. 7-way dubbing matrix; 16 AM/FM presets; remote control ..... \$529

#### HEYBROOK

C-3 Preamplifier

MM, MC, tape, and 5 line-level inputs. Features overload protection; rear-panel power switch. FR 10-50,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 160 mV line. 17 x 3 x 

#### HTG

DCC-1 Digital A/V Preamplifier

7 analog inputs including video; 1 fiber-optic, 1 coaxial, and I fiber-optic/coaxial digital inputs; AES/EBU input; S-video terminals. Features 8x oversampling, 18-bit D/A converter; upgradable digital section; video switching and dubbing capabilities; switchable gain stage; rec-out selector ......\$1,195 ACC-1. As above, without digital stage .. \$895

#### JRM

JRM Preamplifier

MC and MM phono inputs; 4 line-level inputs. Features 2-stage RIAA EQ with ±0.1 dB conformity; 18-dB subsonic filter; 10 W x 2 headphone amp. Separate input select for main, rec, and out. FR 0-50,000 Hz +0, -1 dB; THD 0.001%; S/N 76 dB MC, 87 dB MM; slew rate 20 V/μs. 19 x 2¾ x 

#### KINERGETICS

**KPA-2** Preamplifier

Balanced outputs; isolated processor loop. Features discrete Class A circuitry; outboard power supply. Independent audio and video switch-

#### KRELL

**KBL** Preamplifier

2 balanced and 4 single-ended inputs; 2 tape loops; balanced and single-ended outputs. Features DC coupling; Class A circuitry; external dual-mono power supply ..... \$4,500

**KSL Preamplifier** 

2 balanced and 3 single-ended inputs; 1 tape loop; balanced and single-ended outputs. Features Class A circuitry. Phono stage optional .....\$2,500

**KPE** Preamplifier

Features discrete circuitry; MC/MM phono stage;



external power supply; selectable gain and phono loading ...... \$850

#### LINN

Kairn Preamplifier

7 inputs; 3 line-level outputs. Remote-control operation; front-panel controls. 13 x 31/2 x 13 in; 10 lb ......\$2,795

LK1 Preamplifier

MM, MC, and 4 line-level inputs. Features microprocessor-controlled design with independently adjustable input-level matching. Keyboard lockout; remote control ......\$1,295

#### LUXMAN

TP-117 Dual Preamplifier/Tuner

Signal-processor loop; CD-direct input. Dual preamps in one chassis for independent source selection and volume control for two sets of



Marantz AV-500

components. Features AM/FM tuner with computerized tuning... 20 AM/FM station presets with auto-seek tuning; FM fine tuning in 25,000-Hz steps; video switching with buffer amplifiers; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; THD 0.006%; S/N 86 dB phono, 96 dB line. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 38 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.5 dB; altch sel 68 dB. AM: S/N 50 dB. 171/4 x 41/8 x 13 in; 11.4 lb ......\$1,250

TP-114 Preamplifier/Tuner

Fixed line-level outputs; phono input; remotecontrol output. 20 AM/FM presets; auto seek; preset scan; FM fine tuning; local/remote sensor selector; auto phono/aux input switching; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB phono, 5-160,000 Hz ±3 dB line; S/N 78 dBA phono, 95 dBA line; THD 0.008% at 1 V output. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 14.8 dBf mono, 38 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.5 dB; alt-ch sel 65 dB ............. \$330

#### MARANTZ

AV-500 A/V Preamplifier

8 gold-plated RCA audio inputs; 4 gold-plated RCA video inputs; 4 S-video inputs; front-panel composite/S-video A/V input; 4 gold-plated RCA audio outputs; 3 gold-plated RCA video outputs; 3 S-video outputs; 3 gold-plated RCA line-level outputs for front, center, and surround. Features Dolby Pro Logic decoder; auto input balance; motor-driven volume control. Matrix, moviesurround, 3-ch logic, and 2 concert-hall surround modes; adjustable digital delay; movable digital color PIP for 2 video sources; switchable 3-, 5-, or 7-dB bass boost at 70 Hz; remote control. Black finish. 17% x 3\% x 13\/2 in ..... \$899

SC-80 Preamplifier

MM/MC phono input; 4 line-level inputs; normal and phase-inverted outputs; 2 tape-monitor

loops; signal-processor loop. Features Class A design; all-discrete primary signal path; balanced output coupling via impedance-matching transformers; source-direct switch; motor-driven volume control. Defeatable narrow-Q bass and treble controls; rec-out selector; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB phono, 10-40,000 Hz ±0.1 dB line; S/N 75 dB MC, 91 dB MM, 95 dB line; THD 0.015% line. Gold finish with die-cast alloy side panels.17% x 41/8 x 141/4 in ..... \$699

#### MARK LEVINSON

Model 28 Preamplifier

7 inputs, including 2 gold-plated XLR balanced inputs; 5 single-ended inputs; 1 selectable phono/ line input; balanced and unbalanced main outputs; single-ended outputs for 2 tape decks. Features dual-mono construction; low and high-gain phono modules each with 2 gain settings; separate power supply. Output imp 10 ohms; singleended line gain 0, 6, 12, or 18 dB; balanced line gain 6, 12, 18, or 24 dB. Preamp: 17½ x 2¾ x 10¾ in. Power supply: 8½ x 2¾ x 13½ in ..... \$3,495

#### MCCORMACK

Line-Drive GEN-2 Preamplifier

5 line-level inputs and 2 tape loops; 1 passive and 1 buffered main outputs wired in parallel for biamplification. Front-panel input selector with mute, volume, and balance controls. FR 0-200,000 Hz +0, -3 dB; THD 0.0001%; input imp 15 kilohms; output imp variable for passive output, 200 ohms for buffered output; ch sep 80 dB. 19 x 3½ x 11½ in; 9 lb ...... \$995

#### MCINTOSH

C-39 A/V Preamplifier

5 line-level and 1 phono/line-level input; 6 A/V inputs; front-panel A/V input; processor loop; balanced main outputs; 13 serial data ports; control connectors for 2 CD players, tuner, and SCR switcher. Compatible with CR-10 multiroom system and HC-1 controller. Features Dolby Pro Logic decoder with delay and calibration controls; 2-zone control; variable loudness and tone controls; muting; switched AC outlets. FR 20-20,000 Hz +0, -0.5 dB; THD 0.002%; S/N 90 dB phono, 105 dB line. 17½ x 7½ x 15½ in ...\$2,795

C-38 A/V Preamplifier

6 line-level, 1 A/V, and 1 phono/line-level inputs; two processor loops; balanced outputs; 9 serial data ports; control connectors for 2 CD players and I tuner. Compatible with CR-10 multiroom system and HC-1 controller. Features digital logic ICs; electromagnetic switching. 2-zone control; variable loudness and tone controls; muting; switched AC outlets. FR 20-20,000 Hz +0, -0.5 dB; THD 0.002%; S/N 90 dBA phono, 105 dBA line. 171/2 x 51/8 x 151/2 in; 23 lb ..... \$1,995

C-36 A/V Preamplifier

6 line-level, 1 phono, and 1 video inputs; dual processor loops; gold-plated inputs and outputs; AC-switched outputs. Features digital logic ICs. Separate listen and rec switching; variable loudness and tone controls; power-on muting. FR 20-20,000 Hz +0, -0.5 dB; THD 0.002%; S/N 90 dB phono; 105 dB line. 171/2 x 51/8 x 151/2 in; 18 

#### MELOS

MA-111B Preamplifier

MC, MM phono inputs; I tape loop. Features heavy-aluminum chassis and external toroidal power supply. FR 2-300,000 Hz ±1 dB; THD

#### MERIDIAN

Model 603 Digital Preamplifier

2 coaxial and 2 fiber-optic digital inputs; 3 analog inputs. Features 2-chassis design with digital audio, computer control circuits, and power supplies in 1 box, D/A converters and analog audio circuitry in other; 1-bit PDM D/A converters; auto 32- or 48-kHz sampling-rate selection; passive differential analog filtering; 8 regulated power supplies. 64-step volume control; remote control. s/N 106 dBA \$2,500

Model 201 Preamplifier

#### MOBILE FIDELITY

UltrAmp Preamplifier

#### MOTIF

MP11 Preamplifier

#### MTX SOUNDCRAFTSMEN

Pro-Control 422 A/V Preamplifier/EQ

3 audio inputs including phono; 3 AV inputs; 2 tape-monitor loops; signal-processor loop. Features independent listening and tape recording in



#### Onkyo Integra P-388F

P100 Preamplifier



#### MUSEATEX

Melior DCC-1 Digital Preamplifier

4 fiber-optic/coaxial digital inputs; 2 tape-monitor loops; processor loop; analog outputs. C-Lock jitter elimination circuitry; programmable LCD interface; remote control. 5-yr warranty. FR 1-20,000 Hz; THD 0.03%; \$/N 105 dB ... \$2,349

Melior AVC-1 A/V Preamplifier

4 audio inputs; 4 A/V inputs including 2 S-video; processor loop; balanced outputs. Programmable LCD interface; remote control. FR 1-100,000 Hz; THD 0.25%; S/N 95 dB audio \$2,299

Melior ACC-1 Preamplifier

#### NAD

Model 106 Monitor Series Preamplifier

5 line-level inputs; switchable MC/MM input; gold-plated inputs and outputs; XLR balanced outputs. Features discrete phono preamp stage; power-on muting. Defeatable tone controls; discrete head-phone amp. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB; THD 0.01%; SN 76 dBA MC/MM, 96 dBA line. 16 x 3½ x 10½ in: 8 lb \$549

Model 1600 Monitor Series Preamp/Tuner

4 line-level and 1 video inputs; MCMM phono input; gold-plated phono and CD inputs; signal-processor loop. Features FM blend; infrasonic filter. 14 AM/FM presets; bass EQ: 2-way tape dubbing; defeatable tone controls; remote control. Rack mountable. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.3 dB; THD 0.01%; S/N 75 dBA phono, 100 dBA line. FM: cap ratio 1.6 dB; alt-ch sel 68 dB .......\$449

Model 1000 Monitor Series A/V Preamp

#### NAIM

NAC 72 Preamplifier

NAC 62 Preamplifier

4 line-level inputs. Power supplied externally from Naim power amps with preamp supply or Naim Hi-Cap preamp supply. Mute/monitor switch. Input sens 75 mV at 100 kilohms line; overload margin 40 dB. 11¾ x 3 x 8 in .... \$965

#### NAKAMICHI

CA-7A Digital Preamplifier

6 line-level inputs; MC and MM phono inputs; 2 main-speaker outputs. Features separate digital

and analog sections; isolated ground technology; multiroom remote control with RS-7 infrared sensor. FR 1-100,000 Hz +0, -3 dB; THD 0,002%; S/N 94 dBA. 171/8 x 31/4 x 121/4 in; 15.3 lb \$\$ \$2,750\$

CA-5All Preamplifier

5 line-level inputs; MC and MM phono inputs; gold-plated inputs and outputs. Features bipolar transistors; low-noise FETs; multiregulated isolated-ground power supply. Tape-dubbing capability; balance and tone controls. FR 1-100,000 Hz +0, -3 dB; THD 0.002%; SN 95 dBA. 17½ x 2½ x 11¼ in; 11.3 lb. \$1,150

#### OCM TECHNOLOGY

Model 55 Preamplifier

1 line-level input; 4 unbalanced, 2 main (1 balanced, 1 unbalanced), and 2 tape outputs; gold-plated RCA connectors. Features direct-coupled design with DC-servo loop; silver-plated copper wiring. Dual monitoring capability. Input imp 50 kilohms; FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.1 dB; gain 20 dB; THD 0.05%. Anodized black-aiuminum face-plate \$1,395

#### ONKYO

Integra P-388F Preamplifier

Integra P-304 Preamplifier

P-301 A/V Preamplifier

7 audio and 2 video inputs. Features multiroom capability; motor-driven volume control. Selective tone control; video dubbing; source-direct switch. FR 15-30,000 Hz ± 1 dB; THD 0.009% line; SN 92 dB MM. 17% x 4% x 12% in; 9 lb ... \$270

#### OWL

Owl 1 Phono Preamplifier

#### PARASOUND

P/FR-2000 Preamplifier

C/PT1100 Preamplifier/Tuner

P/HP-750II Preamplifier

Phono and line-level inputs. Features C-MOS switching for inputs, tape; high- and low-pass filters. Variable loudness contour; tape dubbing. FR 5-65,000 Hz; THD 0.006%; S/N 92 dB; phono overload 200 mV. 171/4 x 31/8 x 91/2 in; 10 lb. \$299

#### PIONEER

Elite Series

C-91 A/V Preamplifier

5 audio inputs including 2 tape-monitor loops and one MM/MC phono input; 5 video inputs including 3 VCR loops; 3 S-video inputs; 3 S-video outputs; gold-plated terminals. Features video enhancer; motor-driven volume control. Rec-out selector; tape dubbing capability; programmable remote control. THD 0.002% from 20-20,000 Hz; FR 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm 0.2$  dB MM, 20-20,000 Hz + 0, -0.1 dB line. 18 x 51/4 x 151/8 in; 22.8 lb .. \$1,300

C-72 A/V Preamplifier

5 audio inputs; 5 composite/S-video inputs including front-panel A/V input; gold-plated terminals. Features multiroom capability. A/V-rec selector; video dubbing capability; programmable remote control. THD 0.002% from 20-20,000 Hz; FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB MM, 20-20,000 Hz  $\pm 0.3 \text{ dB MC}$ , 1-150,000 Hz +0, -3 dB line. 18 x 

#### PS AUDIO

PS 5.6 Preamplifier

MC/MM inputs; gold-plated connectors. PS 6.1 line stage and PS Phono Link phono stage in single chassis. Features military-grade glass-epoxy circuit board; multiple-regulation diode-isolated power supply; passive phono EQ. Straightwire and bypass switches. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.1 dB; THD 0.1%; S/N 74 dB MC, 85 dB MM, 100 dB 

Model 6.1 Preamplifier

6 inputs and 4 outputs; gold-plated connectors. Features active or straight-wire/passive operation; defeatable balance and tape-monitor circuits. Frequency response 20-20,000 Hz ±0.1 dB; THD 0.1%; S/N 100 dB. 17 x 21/2 x 9 in; 14 lb ...... \$695

#### PSE

Studio SL Preamplifier

6 inputs; switchable MM/MC input; XLR-balanced and RCA main outputs. Features discrete FET Class A design; separate discrete phono and line power supplies; metal-film resistors; absolutephase reverse; auto mute. Volume and balance controls. Rack mount optional. 5-yr warranty. FR 30-16,000 Hz ±0.25 dB phono, 1-60,000 Hz ±0.25% line; output imp 330 ohms; gain 48 dB MM, 32 dB MC, 20 dB line. 18 x 13/4 x 81/2 in; 6 lb ..... \$950

#### QUAD

The following feature a tilt control that adjusts FR slope in seven 1-dB steps.

Quad 66 Preamplifier

inputs. Features high-frequency filter with 5,000- or 7,000-Hz rolloff; bass control with rolloffs at 50 and 200 Hz; remote control. FR 30-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB phono, 20-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB line; THD 0.05%; sens (phono) 3 mV with options of 1 mV or 200 µV, S/N 75 dB; sens (aux 1/aux 2) 300 mV, S/N 93/99 dB; sens (CD) 300 mV, S/N 99 dB; sens (tuner) 100 mV, S/N 93 dB. 12¼ x 3¼ x 10 in; 7.5 lb ......\$1,649



**Quad 34 Preamplifier** 

4 inputs, 3 push-button filters; bass control. Distortion 0.5%; residual noise - 105 dBA ... \$849

#### QUICKSILVER AUDIO

Quicksilver Tube Preamplifier

Output imp 12.5 ohms; bandwidth 0-650,000 Hz; distortion 0.001% ......\$1,795

#### ROTEL

RTC950AX Preamplifier/Tuner

6 inputs including MM/MC phono; processor loop; 2 main outputs; headphone jack. Bass and treble



#### Spectrascan LCA-10-MC

controls; tone defeat; tuner presets; auto/manual tuning; remote control. FM; usable sens 10.8 dBf; S/N 75 dB at 65 dBf stereo; THD 0.25% at 65 dBf and 1,000 Hz stereo; 50-dB quieting sens 37.2 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1 dB; alt-ch sel 70 dB. Preamp: FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB phono, 4-100,000 Hz +0, -3 dB line; THD 0.004%; S/N 80 dB phono, 100 dB line. 17% x 3% x 13% in; 12.1

RC980BX Preamplifier

8 inputs including MM/MC phono; headphone jack. Features high-frequency passive and lowfrequency active EQ; direct signal paths. CDdirect switch. THD 0.004%; FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB phono, 4-100,000 Hz +0.5, -3 dB line; S/N 85 dB MM, 70 dB MC, 100 dB line. 173/8 x 23/4 x 123/4 in: 9 lb ..... \$500

RC960BX Preamplifier

8 inputs including MM/MC phono; headphone jack. Features direct signal paths. Defeatable tone controls; separate bass and treble controls; tone defeat/mono switch, THD 0.004%; FR 40-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB phono, 4-100,000 Hz - 3 dB line; S/N 80 dB MM, 70 dB MC, 100 dB line. 173/8 x 2% x 11¼ in; 6.6 lb ......\$300

#### JEFF ROWLAND

Consummate Preamplifier

3 balanced and 3 unbalanced inputs; balanced and unbalanced outputs. Features Class A FET design; separate power supply with dual toroidal transformer: AC power-line filter. Microprocessor-controlled volume and switching; selectable gain; remote control. Bandwidth 0.05-160,000 Hz +3 dB; THD 0.008%; input imp 600 ohms, 10 kilohms, or 100 kilohms; output imp 300 or 600 .... \$5,950 ohms. 15 x 51/2 x 131/4 in; 28 lb ...... Consummate Phono Stage. For above. Features balanced and unbalanced inputs and outputs; selectable gain. Output imp 150 or 300 ohms; bandwidth 0.15-250,000 Hz +3 dB; s/N 80 dB; THD 0.02%. 15 x 2% x 13% in; 10 lb .. \$2,800 Consummate Phono Stage II. Single-ended input and output for above. Selectable gain. Bandwidth 0.15-220,000 Hz +3 dB; s/N 80 dB; THD 0.04%. 71/2 x 21/8 x 131/4 in, 3 lb ...... \$950

#### Coherence One Series II Preamplifier

MM/MC phono input; 3 line-level inputs; tapemonitor loop. Solid-state FET design with power supply. Split-passive RIAA EQ; phase reversal and full muting; separate L/R level controls. Phono: bandwidth 0.15-220,000 Hz +3 dB; gain 61 dB; THD 0.025%. Line: gain 19 dB; bandwidth 0.06-650,000 Hz +3 dB; THD 0.01%. 19 x 34 x 12½ in; 29 lb ......\$4,600

Consonance Preamplifier

I phono and 5 unbalanced inputs; balanced and unbalanced outputs. Features microprocessorcontrolled volume and switching; remote control. Line: bandwidth 0.08-160,000 Hz +3 dB; THD 0.012%; input imp 600 ohms, 10 kilohms, or 100 kilohms; output imp 300 or 600 ohms; selectable gain. Phono: bandwidth 0.15-220,000 Hz +3 dB; THD 0.04%, 15 x 25/8 x 131/4 in; 14 lb .. \$3,700

#### SONOGRAPHE

SC22 Preamplifier

6 line-level inputs. Features FET design with polypropylene and polystyrene capacitors for all audio circuits; discrete power-supply regulation. FR 5-100,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; max output 10 V; THD 0.1%. 17 x 12¼ x 2½ in ...... \$695

#### SONY

TA-E2000ESD Digital A/V Preamplifier

7 A/V inputs including 3 S-video inputs, 3 VCRmonitor loops, and I front-panel S-video input; 5 audio inputs including phono; I coaxial and 2 fiber-optic digital inputs; fiber-optic digital output; 2 subwoofer and 2 center-channel outputs. Features DSP with pulse A/D conversion, 1-bit D/A conversion, 45-bit digital filter, and auto sampling-rate switching; Dolby Pro Logic decoder. 10 factory and 10 user sound-field presets; 10 adjustable sound-field parameters; digital 3-band parametric EO with 91 center frequencies, 16 slopes, and ± 12-dB boost/cut in 0.1-dB increments; independent EQs for front, center, and rear channels; digital dynamic-range compression/expansion; programmable A/V remote control. FR 10-20,000 Hz ±0.1 dB line; THD 0.004% at 1,000 Hz. Simulated-wood side panels. 181/2 x 6 x 141/4 in; 18.8 lb......\$1,200

TA-E80ES Preamplifier

7 audio inputs including MM/MC phono; balanced XLR analog inputs and outputs; signal-processor loop. Features glass-epoxy circuit boards; dualmono design; source-direct switch. Selectable phono load imp; rec-out selector; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB phono; 3-300,000 Hz +0, -3 dB line; S/N 83 dB MC, 95 dB MM, 105 dB line; THD 0.001%. Simulated-wood side pan-

#### SOUNDSTREAM

C-1 MkII A/V Preamplifier

4 line-level inputs; 1 phono/aux input; 3 video inputs. Features dual-mono Class A circuitry; discrete component signal path; separate power supply for audio; digital switching circuitry to link Soundstream components. A/V dubbing capability; rec-out selector; programmable remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.1 dB; THD 0.05%; S/N 100 dB; input imp 30 kilohms; input sens 100 

#### SPECTRASCAN

LCA-10-MC Preamplifier

MM/MC input; 6 inputs; 2 line-level outputs. Features input buffer amp; dual head amps; toroidal

#### SUMO

Diana Preamplifier

Athena II Preamplifier

Gold-plated balanced inputs/outputs. Features fully complementary, Class A discrete line stage; all 1% metal-film resistors; polystyrene bypass capacitors; separate power supplies for each channel; 50 V peak-to-peak output voltage swing. Separate record and select functions; laser-trimmed volume potentiometer; CD-direct switch; tape monitor. FR 0.2-300,000 Hz +0, -3 dB; THD 0.005% at 3 V rms; SN 100 dB lihe, 3 V rms output \$699 Bitstream D/A-converter card \$500 Plug-in MM/MC phono card \$150

#### SUPERPHON SP-100 Preamplifier

5 inputs; 1 tape loop; gold-plated RCA connectors. Features power regulation through 2-stage dual-mono shunt regulators; zero-gain, zero-feedback, direct-coupled, imp conversion line-stage; panel controls with silver regulators. Volume and balance controls. THD 0.0018%; SN 95 dBA \$399

#### THRESHOLD

Model FET Ten/e Preamplifier

Model FET Nine/e Preamplifier

3 line-level inputs; MM/MC phono input; 2 tape loops. Features noninverting FET design; external power supply; military-grade glass-epoxy circuit board with gold-over-nickel-over-copperplated paths; gold-plated connectors with Teflon insulation; metal-film and wire-wound resistors used throughout. FR 0-125,000 Hz at -3 dB; THD 0.01% at 3 V rms 20-20,000 Hz into 10,000-ohm load; input imp 25 kilohms line. 19 x 1¼ x 11 in \$2,250 Without phono stage \$1,990

#### AHAMAY

CX-1000U Digital A/V Preamplifier

4 coaxial and fiber-optic digital inputs; 4 video inputs; MM/MC phono input; 1 fiber-optic and 2 coaxial outputs; 5 audio outputs; 2 video out-



CX-830 A/V Preamplifier

#### INTEGRATED AMPLIFIERS

#### ACURUS

AMC

CVT 3030 30-W/ch Tube Integrated Amp 2 channels. Features Class A design; two EL34 vacuum tubes/ch; seven 240-V MOSFET devices/ch; fixed-bias output tubes; no relay or switch contacts between output transformer and speaker terminals. 1 phono and 6 line-level inputs; tape loop; gold-plated speaker terminals. Tone defeat. 30 W x 2 from 50-20,000 Hz with 1% THD. S/N 80 dBA at 1 W \$900

#### ARCAM

Delta 90.2 70-W/ch Integrated Amplifier 2 channels. Features toroidal power transformer; aluminum chassis. MC/MM phono inputs; 2 tapemonitor loops; 2 pairs of speaker outputs. Separate listen and rec; defeatable tone controls;



Creek Model 6060

Alpha 3 40-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features toroidal power transformer; aluminum chassis. MC/MM phono inputs; video input; tape-monitor loop; 2 pairs of speaker out-

puts; headphone jack. Defeatable tone and balance controls. 40 W x 2 into 8 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz; THD 0.02% at 1,000 Hz . . . . . . . . \$399

#### CAMBRIDGE AUDIO

P70 60-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

#### CARVER

CM-1090 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features Sonic Holography ambience-enhancement circuitry; motor-driven volume control. 7 audio inputs; CD-direct input; 2 tape-monitor loops with dubbing capability; preout/main-in loops. Matrix surround mode; 3-band EQ; A/B speaker switching; balance control; analog power meters; 4 AC outlets; remote control. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 140 x 2 into 4 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.1% THD ...... \$600

#### CREEK

Model 6060 60-W/ch Integrated Amplifier 2 channels. MM/MC phono inputs; 3 line-level inputs and outputs; 2 tape-monitor loops; pre-out/main-in loops. Tape dubbing; active/passive tone controls; A/B speaker switching. 60 W x 2 or 200 x 1 \$1,095

#### DENON

AVC-3030 400-W A/V Integrated Amp

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features 5 discrete amps; 3 front amps with optically-coupled Class A circuitry. 5 video inputs; 5 S-video inputs; 10 audio inputs; 3 video outputs; 3 S-video outputs; 13 audio outputs. 4 Dolby modes; wide-screen, live, mono-movie, classic, rock, church, jazz, stadium, and matrix ambience presets; bass boost; cinema sound equalizer; adjustable delay and room size; auto input balance for Dolby Pro Logic; videodiscand CD-direct modes; programmable remote control with 5 command-sequence keys. 110 W x 2 (front) + 110 x 1 (center) + 35 x 2 (rear), all into 8 ohms

PMA-1080R 105-W/ch Integrated Amp

2 channels. Features optically-coupled Class A circuitry; complementary topology; toroidal transformer. MM/MC phono input; line-level outputs. Separate input and rec-out selectors; last-function memory; remote control; Denon IS remote-control compatibility. 105 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz. THD 0.005%; FR 1-250,000 Hz; S/N 94 dB MM. 76 dB MC, 110 dB line \$650

PMA-880R 75-W/ch Integrated Amplifier 2 channels. Features optical Class A circuitry; complementary topology; toroidal transformer. MM/MC phono input; line-level outputs. Separate input and rec-out selectors; last-function memory; remote control; Denon IS remote-control compatibility. 75 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 20-

20,000 Hz. THD 0.02%; FR 4-100,000 Hz; S/N 94 dB MM, 76 dB MC, 110 dB line ...... \$450

#### HARMAN KARDON

HK6950R 170-W/ch Integrated Amplifier 2 channels. MM/MC phono inputs; 5 line-level inputs; 2 tape-monitor loops; pre-out/main-in loops; headphone jack. Phase-correct-loudness and tone-defeat switches; phono and rec-out selectors; remote control. 170 W x 2 into 4/8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.08% THD. FR 0.2-20,000 Hz +0, -3 dB at 1 W; S/N 80 dB MM, 76 dB MC. 98 dB line, 110 dB amp; slew rate 280 V/μs. 171/8 x 6¼ x 15¾ in; 39.6 lb .....\$1,299 HK6650R. As above, tone controls not defeatable. Features mono switch. 100 W x 2 into 4/8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.08% THD. FR 0.5-200,000 Hz +0, -3 dB; slew rate 180 V/ $\mu$ s. 17% x 51/8 x 141/8 in; 24.6 lb ...... \$799 HK6350R. As above, without rec-out switch or pre-out/main-in loops. Features signal-processor loop. 60 W x 2 into 4/8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.09% THD. Slew rate 140 V/µs; damping factor 60. 17% x 41/8 x 141/2 in; 18.1 lb ...... \$499

HK6250 45-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. 6 inputs including 2 tape-monitor loops; headphone jack. Phase-correct loudness switch; remote control. 45 W x 2 into 4/8 ohms with 0.09% THD. FR 0.5-150,000 Hz +0, -3 dB; S/N 80 dB phono, 98 dB line; slew rate 90 V/μs. 17% x 4% x 141/2 in; 15 lb ... HK6150. As above, 30 W x 2 into 4/8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.09% THD. S/N 78 dB phono, 98 dB line. 14 lb......\$279

#### JVC AX-Z911BK 100-W/ch Digital Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features separate digital and analog circuitry; proprietary circuitry for Class A sonic characteristics and Class B efficiency; D/A converter with 4x-oversampling filter; low-imp drive capability; motor-driven volume control. Fiberoptic and coaxial digital inputs; switchable digital coaxial input/output; gold-plated terminals; MM/MC phono inputs. Compu Link system compatibility; remote control. 100 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.0005% THD .....\$1,100

#### Super Digifine Series AX-V1050TN 400-W Digital A/V Integrated Amplifier

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features 1-bit A/D and D/A converters with 4th-order noise shaping. 6 audio and 7 video inputs; 2 audio and 3 video outputs; tape-monitor loop; 3 S-video terminals; 2 mono subwoofer outputs; 6 speaker outputs. Normal, wide, and phantom center-channel modes; symphony-hall, recital-hall, church, jazz-club, pavilion, and stadium ambience presets; parametric center-channel EQ; adjustable center-channel delay; programmable remote control. 100 W x 2 with 0.007% THD (front) + 80 x 1 (center) + 60 x 2 (rear) with 0.7% THD ......\$1,500

#### AXZ-1010TN 100-W/ch Digital Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features Digital Pure-A design to reduce switching distortion and heat dissipation; K2 digital input interface with 8x-oversampling filter and four 18-bit D/A converters; parallel push-pull transistor configuration. MM/MC phono inputs; connections for 2 speaker pairs. Switchable D/A-converter-direct mode; remote control.



100 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.004% THD .......\$1,200

#### KENWOOD

KA-V9500 360-W A/V Integrated Amp

6 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features discrete amp circuitry; 18-bit A/D converter; 16-bit digital delay; dual power transformers; motor-driven volume control; sourcedirect switch. 6 audio and 6 video inputs; MM phono input; 6 S-video inputs and 6 S-video outputs; line-level outputs for each channel; outputs for 2 speaker pairs; outputs for 2 centerchannel speakers; subwoofer output. 4 DSP presence modes; Dolby 3 Stereo mode; 10 DSP ambience presets; normal, wide, and phantom center-channel surround modes; auto input balance for Dolby Pro Logic; 5 system presets with alphanumeric labeling; digital tone controls; center-channel tone control; on-screen displays; programmable remote control. 80 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.08% THD or 90 x = 2 (front left, right) + 45 x 2 (center) + 45 x 2 (rear) rms into 8 ohms ......\$1,500

KA-V7500 246-W A/V Integrated Amp

6 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Features discrete amp circuitry; source-direct switch. 6 audio and 6 video inputs; MM phono inputs; 4 S-video inputs and 3 S-video outputs; outputs for 2 speaker pairs; outputs for 2 centerchannel speakers; line-level outputs for each channel; subwoofer output. Dolby 3 Stereo mode; normal, wide, and phantom center-channel surround modes; adjustable digital delay; A/B speaker switching; 5 system presets with alphanumeric labeling; on-screen displays; programmable remote control. 70 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.08% THD or 70 x 2 (front left, right) + 35 x 2 (center) + 18 x 2 (rear) rms into 8 ohms ...... \$900

#### LINN

Intek 50-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. MM and MC phono inputs; switched/ unswitched speaker outputs; power-amp-driven headphone jack. Separate rec/play paths. 50 W x 

#### LUXMAN

LV-105U 80-W/ch Tube Integrated Amp

2 channels. Features hybrid solid-state/tube design with J-FETs and twin-triode vacuum tubes; high-current MOSFET output devices; Duo-Beta dual feedback loop; star circuit topology. MM/MC phono inputs; signal-processor loop. CD-direct button; tape and video dubbing; rec-out selector. 80 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms ......\$1,000

#### MARANTZ

PM-700AV 200-W A/V Integrated Amp

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. 4 audio inputs; front-panel A/V input; 4 A/V inputs including 2 S-video; composite and S-video outputs. Switchable bass boost; preprogrammed remote control. 50 W x 2 from 20-20,000 Hz (front left, right) + 50 x 1 at 1,000 Hz (center) + 25 x 2 rms at 1,000 Hz (rear), all rms into 8 ohms. Gold finish with matching side panels. 17% x 6 x 13% in; 29 lb ...... \$699

#### РЫ-80 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features 2 discrete amp sections; selectable Class A/AB mode; high-current discrete output transistors; low-imp-drive power supply; source-direct switch. 9 inputs including MM/MC phono; 3 tape-monitor loops; signal-processor loop; banana-plug outputs for 2 speaker pairs; gold-plated inputs. Rec-out selector; mono switch; tone and balance controls. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.03% THD or 160



Marantz PM-700AV

x 2 rms into 4 ohms (Class AB). 25 W x 2 into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.03% THD or 360 x 2 into 2 ohms (Class A). Damping factor 200 into 8 ohms; slew rate 45 V/μs; peak current 150 amperes. Gold finish with die-cast alloy side 

#### MCINTOSH

C-40 20-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features anti-clipping circuitry; logic-driven electromagnetic switching. Balanced input and output; 2 processor loops; AC switched outputs. Dynamic-range compressor/expander; 5-band EQ; separate listen and rec; variable loudness control; monitor amp switchable between listen/rec circuits and inputs; 7-position mode selector; mute switch. 20 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz +0, -0.5 dB; THD 0.001%; s/N 100 dBA. 171/2 x 51/8 x 151/2 in; 23 lb .....\$2,795

#### MISSION

Cyrus II 60-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features high peak-current delivery; nonmagnetic, polypropylene and polystyrene capacitors. 6 inputs including MM/MC; headphone jack. Separate rec-out for all inputs; balance control for all inputs. 60 W x 2 into 8 ohms. FR 20-20,000 Hz; THD 0.003% at 1,000 Hz; S/N 83 dB; slew rate 10 V/µs; damping factor 100. 8½ x 3 x 13½ in; 16 lb ..... \$999

#### Cyrus 1 30-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features magnesium die-cast chassis and heat sink; aluminum die-cast front and cover; metal-film resistors and capacitors, 6 inputs including MM/MC. Separate rec-out control for all inputs; balance control for all inputs. 30 W x 2 

#### MITSUBISHI

HTS-100 200-W A/V Integrated Amplifier 6 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder. Center-channel, surround-channel, and subwoofer outputs. Tv on/off sensing; balance, center-level, and surround-level controls; calibration tone; programmable remote control. 50 W x 2 (front) + 25 x 2 (center) + 25 x 2 (rear) rms into 8 ohms with 1% THD ..... \$599

#### NAD

Model 3225PE 25-W/ch Integrated Amp 2 channels. Features infrasonic filter; discrete 4-

transistor phono preamp. Gold-plated phono inputs; pre-out/main-in loops; 5-way binding posts. Speaker imp selector. 25 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms with 0.03% THD. S/N 75 dBA MC, 85 dBA line; damping factor 50 at 50 Hz; dynamic headroom 4 dB. 16½ x 3¾ x 10¾ in; 12 lb . . . . \$249

#### NAIM

#### NAIT 2 18-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. MM phono input; 3 line-level inputs. Tape monitor/mute function; defeatable amp section. 18 W x 2. Input sens (at 47 kilohms) 2.5 mV phono, 75 mV line; tape output level and imp 75 mV at 1,000 ohms. 10% x 3 x 8 in . . . . \$995

#### NIKKO

#### NA 150 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

#### ONKYO

#### Integra A-SV810PRO 325-W A/V Integrated Amplifier

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features low-impedance-drive design; dual power transformers; 8-mode digital sound-field processor; motor-driven volume control. 6 video inputs including 5 S-video inputs; 10 audio inputs; 5 video outputs including 3 S-video outputs; 5 audio outputs; line-level subwoofer output. 10 sound-field presets; adjustable digital delay; on-screen displays; record-out selector; mute switch; Onkyo RI-system remote-control compatibility; remote control. 85 W x 3 (front, center) + 35 x 2 (rear) into 8 ohms or 180 x 2 max into 3 ohms

#### Integra A-809 105-W/ch Integrated Amp

#### A-RV401 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features low-imp-drive design; discrete outputs; motor-driven volume control. 7 audio and 2 video inputs. Video dubbing; source-direct switch; loudness control: mute switch; Onkyo RI-system compatibility; remote control. 100 W x 2 rms into 8 chms or 190 x 2 max into 4 ohms. \$400

#### PHILIPS

#### FA-950 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. 7 inputs including MC and MM phono; digital inputs/outputs; ESI bus for communication among 900 Series components. Remote control. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms or 140 x 2 into 4 ohms.

#### PIONEER

#### VSA-7500 254-W A/V Integrated Amp

5 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features 6 audio and 6 video inputs: S-video connectors; front-panel AV input including Svideo input; line-level output for each channel; 2



#### A-51 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Direct signal paths. 8 inputs including gold-plated phono and CD inputs. Muting; loudness contour; rec-out selector; source-direct switch; A/B speaker switching. 100 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.007% THD \$850

#### A-301 40-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features direct signal paths. 6 inputs including phono. Rec-out selector; source-direct



switch: A/B speaker switching. 40 W x 2 cont avg into 8 ohms from 20-20,000 Hz with 0.01% THD or 50 x 2 into 4 ohms with 0.02% THD . . . . . \$375

#### PROTON

#### AM-656 60-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

#### AM-455 50-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

#### ROTEL

#### RA980BX 100-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

#### SONY

#### TA-AV670 270-W A/V Integrated Amp

4 channels with Dolby Pro Logic decoder and DSP. Features discrete output transistors: separate power transformers for audio and control sections; motor-driven volume control. 7 A/V inputs including 3 S-video inputs and 5 VCR-monitor loops; 5 audio inputs including phono; 2 tape-monitor loops; gold-plated inputs; speaker binding posts. 5 sound-field presets; source-di-

#### TEAC

#### A-X5000 75-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

#### A-X3000 60-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

#### TECHNICS

#### SU-V660 90-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features Class AA circuitry. 6 inputs; switchable MC/MM phono inputs; source-direct input; A/B speaker terminals; pre-out/main-in loops. Defeatable tone and loudness controls. 90 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.005% THD.... \$400

#### SU-V460 50-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features Class AA circuitry. 6 inputs; source-direct input; pre-out/main-in loops; A/B speaker terminals. Defeatable tone and loudness controls. 50 W x 2 into 8 ohms with 0.007% THD .....\$270

#### YAMAHA

#### DSP-A1000 340-W A/V Integrated Amp

#### DSP-E1000 180-W A/V Integrated Amp

#### AX-550 85-W/ch Integrated Amplifier

2 channels. Features motor-driven input selector; switchable subsonic filter with 18-dB/oct slope. Switchable MC/MM phono input; pre-out/main-in loops; 5-way binding posts. Continuously variable loudness control; defeatable tone and balance controls; RS-system remote control. 85 W x 2 rms into 8 ohms................\$449

#### ADCOM

GCD-575 CD Player

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Features selectable analog frequency/phase-contouring circuitry; 3-beam laser pickup. Fixed and variable outputs. 24-track programming; 4 repeat modes; audible fast scan; 20-track music calendar; timer display; 3-in-CD compatibility; remote control. FR 5-20,000 Hz +0.1, -0.5 dB; THD 0.0025%; S/N 105 dB; ch sep 95 dB. 17 x 3½ x 11¼ ..... \$600 With white front panel ...... \$650

#### AMC

CD6 CD Player

1-bit D/A converter. Features interpolating digital filter; 4-pole Butterworth filter. I fiber-optic output; 1 coaxial digital output. FR 10-20,000 Hz ±0.1 dB; THD 0.004% at 1,000 Hz; S/N 96 dBA; ch sep 90.dB from 10-10,000 Hz; output level 2 V rms at 0 dB ...... \$600

#### ARCAM

Delta 70.3 CD Player

1-bit D/A conversion. Features separate transformers. Coaxial digital outputs. 20-track programming; 3-speed search; track skip; repeat; defeatable display; remote control. FR 10-20,000 Hz ±0.1 dB; S/N 105 dB; dynamic range 96 dB. 

Alpha CD Player

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Digital outputs. 3-speed search; track skip; 20-track programming. S/N 101 dB; dynamic range % dB. 34 x 17 x 11½ in; 8 lb ...... \$849

#### AUDIO BY VAN ALSTINE **FET Tube CD Player**

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Class A hybrid vacuum tube/MOSFET driver circuits; toroidal transformer; regulated power supply; phase-gain tracking. 20-track programming;



#### Adcom GCD-575

repeat; random play; time/track display; 3-speed track search with cueing; 3-in-CD compatibility; remote control with index selection and direct track access ......\$1,195

Omega II CD Player

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Features hybrid output stages and film-coupling capacitors; filter drivers with 200-V/µs slew rate; phase-gain tracking. 20-track programming; repeat; random play; time/track display; 3-speed track search with cueing; 3-in-CD compatibility; remote control with index selection and direct 

#### BANG & OLUFSEN

Music Module 10-Disc CD Changer

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters, 10disc magazine. Features multiroom capability. Random play; repeat; remote control compatibility with Beomaster 7000 receiver. FR 20-20,000 Hz + 1.5 dB, - 2 dB; THD 0.08%; dynamic range 96 dB; S/N 80 dB; ch sep 75 dB at 1,000 Hz. 1134 x 



Beogram CD 7000 CD Player

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Integrates with Beosystem 7000. Features frontloading drawer; digital Bessel filter; elliptical analog filter; 3-in-CD compatibility. Track/skip search; direct track access; track-time, elapsedtime, remaining-time, and track-index displays. S/N 110 dBA. Polished-aluminum or white finish. 16½ x 3 x 12¾ in; 18 lb ......\$1,250

Beogram CD 4500 CD Player

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Integrates with Beosystem 4500. Features toploading mechanism; digital Bessel filter; elliptical analog filter; 3-in-CD compatibility. Track/skip search; direct track access; programming via optional Beolink 5000 remote control. FR 3-20,000 Hz ± 0.3 dB; S/N 110 dBA; ch sep 101 dB. Polished-aluminum finish with white trim. 161/2 x 

#### CALIFORNIA AUDIO LABS

Genesis CD Player

1-bit MASH D/A converters. Features computergrade plug-in module with all digital electronics; discrete FET analog stages with balanced output. Fiber-optic output .....\$1,995

Tercet MkIV CD Player

8x oversampling, 20-bit hand-trimmed D/A converters. Features DC-coupled output stage; 23 separate regulated power supplies; FET input; 24bit digital filter; custom clock module; EMI filter. Plug-in coaxial or fiber-optic digital output. Remote control. FR 5-22,000 +0, -0.5 dB .. \$1,495

Icon MkII CD Player

8x oversampling, 18-bit hand-trimmed D/A converters. Features 5 separate regulated power supplies; 24-bit digital filter; FET input; custom clock module; EMI filter. Plug-in coaxial or fiberoptic digital output. Remote control. FR 5-22,000 +0, -0.5 dB.....\$850

#### CAMBRIDGE AUDIO

CD3 CD Player

16x oversampling, eight 16-bit D/A converters. Features CDM1/Mk11 fully suspended, die-cast aluminum chassis and transport mechanism; toroidal transformer; discrete power supplies for digital and analog stages; no analog filtering stage. Fiber-optic and digital outputs. 20-track programming; 3-speed search; track and index point selection; remote control ...... \$1,700

#### CARRERA

CD-3400R 6-Disc CD Changer

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters, 6disc magazine. Fixed line-level outputs; headphone jack. Elapsed disc/track time displays; 32track programming; 3 repeat modes ..... \$250

#### CD-3300R CD Player

Dual 16-bit D/A converters. Music calendar; direct track access; 3-in-CD compatibility; random play; remote control ...... \$200

#### CARVER

SD/A-370 10-Disc CD Changer

1-bit D/A converter, 10-disc magazine. Features

EQ stage. Headphone jack with volume control. Tape edit; 32-track programming; intro scan; alldisc random play; track/disc skip, scan, and repeat; music calendar; FL display; remote con-

SD/A-490t Tube CD Player

1-bit D/A conversion. Features two 6DJ8 tubes in output stage; EQ stage; auto 30-second standby mode for tube preheat; motor-driven volume control. Fiber-optic and coaxial digital outputs;



fixed and variable analog outputs; headphone jack. Variable-length fade; tape edit; 24-track programming; random play; 4 repeat modes; music calendar; remote control. FR 10-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB; THD 0.5% ...... \$700

SD/A-450 CD Player

1-bit D/A conversion. Features EQ stage. Coaxial digital output. Variable-length fade; tape edit; 24-track programming; random play; 4 repeat modes; track skip, and scan; music calendar; remote control ...... \$500

SD/A-350 5-Disc CD Changer

1-bit D/A conversion, 5-disc carousel. Features EQ stage. Coaxial digital output; headphone jack. Ability to change 2 discs during play; 20-track programming; track, program, or disc repeat; one-disc random play; direct track/disc access; music calendar; remote control ...... \$400

#### CREEK

CD60 CD Player

4x oversampling, 16-bit D/A converter. Features. dual power supplies. FR 20-20,000 Hz; S/N 110 dB; THD 0.005% ......\$1,295

#### DENON

DCD-3500RG CD Player

8x oversampling, four 20-bit Lambda ladder-type D/A converters. Features 4 MSB linearity adjustments per converter; 20-bit digital filter; optical isolation between digital and analog stages; separate power transformers, power supplies, and circuitry for digital and analog sections; motordriven volume control. Switchable fiber-optic/ coaxial digital outputs; balanced analog outputs. Direct track access; 20-track programming; index search; auto space; auto edit; headphone jack with level control; remote control; Denon 1S-system compatibility. Champagne-gold finish and polished wood case ...... \$2,000

LA-3100 Combi-Player

8x oversampling, dual D/A converters. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Features 20-bit digital filter; dual-side videodisc play. Coaxial digital output. 20-track programming; direct track access; highlight scan: random play; front-panel and remotecontrol jog and shuttle controls; music calendar; electronic volume control; Denon IS-system remote control compatibility ...........\$1,200

DCD-2560 CD Player

16x oversampling, four 20-bit Lambda laddertype D/A converters. Features 20-bit digital filter

#### CD PLAYERS

DCD-1290 CD Player

8x oversampling, dual 20-bit Lambda laddertype D/A converters. Features 20-bit digital filter. Fiber-optic and coaxial digital outputs; headphone jack with volume control. Digital pitch control with ±12% range in 0.1% steps; digital fader; peak search; index search; 20-track programming; 2 random-play modes; remote volume control; direct track access; 3-way repeat; tape edit; auto space; timer play; 3-step display dimmer; music calendar; remote control; Denon 1S-system remote control compatibility... \$500

DCD-690 CD Player

CD Changers

Models DCM-520, DCM-440, and DCM-340 feature a drawer-type carousel that enables 4 discs to be changed while one is playing.

DCM-520 5-Disc CD Changer

DCM-440 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters, 5-disc carousel. Features MSB linearity adjustment for D/A converters; 20-bit digital filter; noise shaping. Coaxial digital output. Favorite-track memory for 100 discs; 20-track programming; 3 random-play modes; 5 repeat modes; Denon IS-system remote control...........\$400

DCM-340 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters, 5-disc carousel. Features MSB linearity adjustment for D/A converters; 20-bit digital filter with noise shaping. 20-track programming; 5 repeat modes; Denon IS-system remote control.....\$300

#### DUAL

CD-5150RC CD Player

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Features motor-driven disc loading. Digital output. 20-track programming; 3-speed scan; random play; remote control \$555

CD-1070RC CD Player

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters. Features motor-driven disc loading. 16-track programming; auto space; remote control . . . . \$345

#### FISHER

DAC199B 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters, 5-disc carousel. Features 18-bit digital filter. Head-



DAC145 5-Disc CD Changer/Turntable

8x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters, 5-disc top-loading carousel/semiautomatic turntable. Features 18-bit digital filter; disc loading during play 32-track programming; random play; intro scan; remote control. \$400

DAC243 5-Disc CD Changer

AD-738 CD Player

#### GOLDSTAR

FH-R20R 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual D/A converters, 5-disc carousel. Allows discs to be changed while playing. Features 32-track programming; random play; 4-way repeat; remote control. 14 lb .......\$230

HARMAN KARDON

HD7725 CD Player

8x oversampling, 20-bit RLS D/A converter. Features heavy-duty damping; motor-driven volume control. Coaxial and fiber-optic digital outputs; fixed and variable outputs; headphone jack. 30-track programming; index search; repeat; audible 2-speed cue/review; remote control ... \$749

TL8600 5-Disc CD Changer

HD7525 CD Player

8x oversampling, 20-bit RLS D/A converter. Features damped tray. 30-track programming; repeat; index search; audible 2-speed cue/review; music calendar; remote control ........ \$499

FL8400 5-Disc CD Changer

HD7450 CD Player

l-bit D/A converter. Features balanced D/A interface. 30-track programming; audible 2-speed cue/review; remote control.......\$399

HD7225 CD Player

#### HITACHI

VIP-RX6EX Combi-Player

8x oversampling, 1-bit D/A conversion. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Features 20-bit signal pro-

DAC501 5-Disc CD Changer

#### JVC

The following feature JVC Compu Link system compatibility and 32-track programming.

XL-G512NBK CD+G Player

4x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters. Plays CD+G (graphics) discs. Features noise shaping; disc-stabilizing clamper; NTSC signal format. S-video, composite-video, and MIDI outputs. 15-channel graphic-data selector; intro scan; 3 repeat modes; 20-track music calendar; multi-disc tape dubbing; remote control. FR 2-20,000 Hz; S/N 100 dB; THD 0.004%, dynamic range 96 dB, and ch sep 90 dB at 1,000 Hz; graphics resolution 288 x 192 pixels ...... \$500

XL-M507TN 7-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 1-bit D/A converters, 6disc magazine, single-disc tray. Headphone jack with volume control. 8-character magazine/disctitle memory for up to 20 magazines/120 discs; tape edit; disc/track intro scan; auto/manual search: all-disc non-track-repeating random play; 15-track music calendar; delete play; resume play; direct track/disc access; 4 repeat modes; remote control with LCD ...... \$380 XL-M407TN. As above, without magazine/ disc-title memory. Remote control without \$330 LCD XL-M307TN. As XL-M407TN, without remote control, delete play, or direct disc access. No volume control for headphone jack ... \$300

XL-M207TN CD 5-Disc Changer

XL-Z451TN CD Player

8x oversampling, dual 1-bit D/A converters. Features balanced buffer. Fiber-optic digital output; headphone jack with volume control. Tape edit; 3-in-CD compatibility; 4 repeat modes; index search; non-track-repeating and delete random play; delete program play; 20-track programming; auto CD-to-tape rec with peak search; remote control \$240



#### KENWOOD

LVD-700 Combi-Player

Dual 1-bit D/A converters. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Features 3-line comb filter; digital timebase corrector; PLL FM-detection circuit. Fiberoptic digital output; S-video output; headphone jack with volume control. Random play; 20-track programming; intro scan; synchro play with compatible cassette decks; direct track access;

#### PLAYERS

remote control with jog/shuttle. FR 4-20,000 Hz +0, -1.5 dB; S/N 105 dB; dynamic range 92 dB; THD 0.01% and ch sep 90 dB at 1,000 Hz. Video S/N 50 dB; hor res 425 lines ..... \$980

LVD-300 Combi-Player

4x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Features digital timebase corrector. Fiber-optic digital output; S-video output. 20-track programming; synchro play with compatible cassette decks: random play; intro scan; direct track access; remote control. FR 4-20.000 Hz: S/N 105 dB; dynamic range 98 dB; THD 0.07% and ch sep 90 dB at 1,000 Hz. Video S/N 49 dB; hor res 425 lines ..... \$600

#### DP-M7740 7-Disc CD Changer

Dual 1-bit D/A converters, 6-disc magazine, single-disc tray. Features 3-in-CD compatibility. Headphone jack with volume control. Program memory for 42 magazines with 8-character alphanumeric labeling for each magazine and each disc within magazine; program memory for single-disc tray; peak search with memory; direct track access; random play; 4-mode time display; system remote-control compatibility; remote control with LCD ......\$380

#### DP-R4440 5-Disc CD Changer

Dual 1-bit D/A converters, 5-disc carousel. Features bidirectional tray rotation. Headphone jack with volume control. 20-track programming; random play; repeat; system remote-control compatibility; remote control ......\$280 DP-R892. As above, without headphone jack or remote control ..... \$250

#### DP-2040 CD Player

Dual 1-bit D/A converters. Headphone jack. Synchro play with compatible cassette decks; 20track programming; direct track access; random play; repeat; 20-track music calendar; timer. FR 4-20,000 Hz ±1 dB; S/N 94 dB; THD 0.005% and ch sep 90 dB at 1.000 Hz . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$220

#### KINERGETICS

KCD-40 Platinum Series CD Player

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters. Features fully balanced circuit topology; singlebeam laser: 7-V output. Volume and balance controls; remote control ......\$2,295 KCD-20B. As above, 4x oversampling, 16-bit D/A converters. Features distortion-canceling 

#### KRELL

CD-DSP CD Player

16x oversampling. Top-loading design; discrete buffered. Class A. high-bias balanced output stage; Philips CDM-1 MkII glass lens. Custom cover and fiber optics optional .........\$3.650

#### CD-I CD Player

1-bit D/A converter. Features discrete buffered, Class A, high-bias balanced output stage; drawer-loading transport .....\$2.850

#### LINN

Karik CD Player

1-bit D/A conversion. Features 4-motor mechanism. Diagnostic output; fiber-optic output; 2 line-level outputs. Remote control . . . . . \$3,395

#### LUXMAN

D-105U Tube CD Player

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters. Fea-



tures twin-triode vacuum-tube analog output stage; metal chassis and component shielding; magnetic disc clamper; 3-beam laser pickup. Fiber-optic and coaxial digital outputs, 32-track programming; random play; tape edit; auto scan/ pause; timer/power-off memory; remote control. FR 5-20.000 Hz ±1 dB; THD 0.05%; S/N 105 dB; dynamic range 92 dB ..... \$900

#### DC-114 7-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters, 6disc magazine, single-disc tray. Features 3-beam laser; magnetic disc changer; all-metal housing and chassis. 24-track programming; random play; timer play; remote control. S/N 104 dBA; THD 0.005%: ch sep 95 dB at 1.000 Hz .... \$800

#### D-351 CD Player

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters. Features MSB D/A-converter adjustments; voltagedriven amplification; gradual-slope linear-phase analog filters. Fiber-optic digital output. 24-track



#### Linn Karik

programming; random/repeat play; synchro play with compatible cassette decks ...... \$600

#### DZ-122 CD Player

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters. Features 3-beam laser pickup; magnetic disc clamper; metal chassis; motor-driven volume control. Gold-plated fixed and variable analog outputs; fiber-optic output: multiroom inputs/ outputs; headphone jack. 32-track programming; tape edit; normal/timed fader; random play; intro scan; direct track access; repeat; auto pause; timer play; remote control ..... \$400

#### MARANTZ

CDR-1 CD Recorder

1-bit Bitstream A/D converter, four 1-bit Bitstream D/A converters. Features playback compatibility of recorded discs with any CD player; microphone preamp. Coaxial and fiber-optic digital inputs and outputs: balanced XLR input and output; unbalanced analog output; stereo mic input; headphone jack with level control. Track skip and block delete; auto/manual track numbering; random play; repeat; digital peak display. S/N 100 dB; THD + noise 0.004% record, 0.002% playback; dynamic range 96 dB; ch sep 92 dB. Rack mountable . . \$7,000 CDR-63Q. 63-min blank recordable disc . \$50

#### LV-500 Combi-Player

1-bit Bitstream D/A conversion. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Features 20-bit digital filter: dualside videodisc play. Fiber-optic audio output; 1 video output; 1 S-video output; 2 RCA audio outputs; 2 RCA video outputs. Tape edit; highlight scan; 7 CD repeat modes. Dual-mode colorlocked scan for CAV/CLV videodiscs via shuttle control; 9 CAV playback speeds; 8 videodisc repeat modes; on-screen displays. Defeatable FL display; single track/chapter play; last-position memory; intro scan; random track/chapter play; 24-chapter/track programming; remote control with shuttle. Gold or black finish ..... \$799

#### CD-72 CD Player

1-bit Bitstream D/A conversion. Features 20-bit digital filter. Fixed and variable analog outputs; fiber-optic and coaxial digital outputs. Synchro play with compatible cassette decks; non-volatile favorite-track memory for 127 discs; normal/ delete programming and random play; variable intro scan; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.1 dB; dynamic range 96 dB; s/N 105 dB. Gold finish ..... \$699 Black finish ..... \$599

#### CC-52 5-Disc CD Changer

1-bit Bitstream D/A conversion, 5-disc carousel. Features 18-bit digital filter; ability to change 2 discs during playback. Fiber-optic digital output. Synchro play with compatible cassette decks; tape edit; 32-track programming; 2-speed audible search; random play; repeat; time, track, and index displays; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.05 dB. Gold finish ...... \$399 Black finish ...... \$349

#### CD-52 CD Player

1-bit Bitstream D/A conversion. Features 20-bit digital filter. Coaxial digital output; headphone jack with volume control. Non-volatile favoritetrack memory to store 2 programs per disc; synchro play with compatible cassette decks; tape edit; 20-track programming; random play; A/B repeat; track search; elapsed-time and track displays; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.05 dB; dynamic range 96 dB ..... \$299

#### MCCORMACK

Signature CD Player

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Features fast-setting, current-summing amplifier stage; proprietary zero-feedback voltage regulation for analog section and D/A-converter voltage reference; motor-driven volume control. Coaxial and fiber-optic digital outputs; fixed and variable line-level outputs. 20-track programming; index search; absolute phase inversion from front panel or remote; track scan; programmable remote control. FR 0.1-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; S/N - 100 dB; THD 0.005%; output level 4 V rms . . . . . \$2,995

#### Prism II CD Player

4x oversampling, Philips 16-bit digital processing. Features digital-data/clock-line timing for current synchronization and minimal jitter; fastsetting, current-summing amplifier stage; proprietary zero-feedback regulators for analog section and for D/A-converter voltage reference. Coaxial digital outputs; fixed and variable line-level outputs. 20-track programming; 4 repeat modes; remote control. FR 0.1-20,000 Hz ±0.05 dB; S/N - 110 dB; output level 4 V rms. 11 lb . . . . \$1,895

#### MCINTOSH

MCD-7008 7-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 20-bit D/A converters. Featutes magnetic disc clamp. Coaxial output; remote control inputs. Time data memory; 50track programming; random and repeat play; remote control. FR 5-20,000 Hz +0, -3 dB; S/N 107 dBA; dynamic range 100 dB; ch sep 100 dB and THD 0.002% at 1,000 Hz .....\$1,995

#### CD PLAYERS

#### MCD-7007 CD Player

#### MELOS

#### CD-T Bitstream Tube CD Player

1-bit D/A converter. Features 2-chassis design; toroidal transformer; regulated power supplies. Gold-plated Tiffany connectors. 20-track programming: remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.3 dB; THD 0.07%; S/N 90 dB; output 3 V rms; output imp 200 ohms \$1,795

#### MERIDIAN

#### Model 208 CD Player/Preamplifier

Dual 1-bit D/A converters. Features two-box construction separating transport and electronics; analog preamp with 3 inputs and 64-step volume control. 2 fiber-optic and coaxial digital outputs; line-level analog input convertible to phono with optional MC/MM board. LED display: lighted control keys: remote control. FR 20-20.000 Hz, \$78. 106 dBA; THD 0.004%. 12½ x 4 x 12½ in . \$2,950

#### Model 206B CD Player

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Features 2-piece design; physical and electrical isolation between transport, power supply, and digital and analog electronics; passive analog filter. Fiber-optic and coaxial digital outputs. Track/index search; last-position memory. 12½ x 4 x 12 in; 20 lb \$\frac{15}{2}\$ in \$\frac{15}{2}\$ lb \$\frac{15}{2}\$ in \$\frac{15}{2}\$ lb \$\frac{15}{2}\$ in \$\frac{15}{2}\$ lb \$\frac{15}{2}\$ l

#### MISSION

#### Mission DAD5 CD Player

1-bit D/A converter. Features steel reinforced chassis with aluminum front panel. THD 0.005%; SIN 98 dB and dynamic range 92 dB from 20-20,000 Hz; ch sep 90 dB; linearity at -90 dB ± 1 dB. Black. 14% x 4 x 11% in; 7.7 lb. . . . . \$699

#### MITSUBISHI

#### M-C6010 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters, 5-disc magazine. Video input for CD+G decoder; video output; fiber-optic and coaxial digital outputs; headphone jack. 20-track programming per magazine for 50 magazines; on-screen displays; tape edit; track and intro scan; index search; random play; remote control ............ \$849

#### M-C4030 5-Disc CD Changer

#### M-C2050 CD Player

#### NAD

#### Model 5000 CD Player

1-bit MASH D/A converter. Features separate regulated power supplies for analog and digital sections; dynamic-range circuit. Low-imp fixed and variable inputs: serial digital output. 20-track programming; remote control. FR 5-20.000 Hz;



#### Model 505 5-Disc CD Changer

1-bit MASH D/A converter, 5-disc carousel. Features ability to replace 2 discs during playback. Coaxial digital output; NAD-Link multiroom input/output jacks. 32-track programming: random play; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz -1 dB; THD 0.0025%; S/N 106 dBA; dynamic range 98 dB; ch sep 90 dB at 1.000 Hz ...........\$399

#### Model 502 CD Player

I-bit MASH D/A converter. Digital outputs; NAD-Link connectors. Direct track access; remote control. FR 5-20,000 Hz; THD 0.0025%; S/N 105 dB; dynamic range 98 dB; ch sep 90 dB at 1.000 Hz. \$299

#### NAIM

#### NA CDS CD Player

#### NA CDI CD Player

#### NAKAMICHI

All CD changers feature Nakamichi's Music Bank System, a fixed internal mechanism that accepts 6 discs, and a single-disc tray.

#### MB-1 7-Disc CD Changer

#### MB-2 7-Disc CD Changer

#### MB-3 7-Disc CD Changer

#### **CD-4 CD Player**

8x oversampling, 18-bit D/A converter. Features

#### NIKKO

#### NCD 2700R 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, 16-bit D/A converter, 5-disc carousel. Random play; 3 repeat modes; scan; LCD; remote control \$260

#### NCD 2500R 5-Disc CD Changer

#### NCD 950R CD Player

#### NSM

#### NSM CD 3101 100-Disc CD Changer



McIntosh MCD-7008

#### ONKYO

#### DX-V801 Combi-Player

#### Integra DX-708 CD Player

#### Integra DX-706 CD Player

Dual 1-bit D/A converters. Features center-

mounted aluminum die-cast disc tray. Fiber-óptic output. Program reverse; auto spacing; peak search; auto fade; 2 random-play modes; 4 repeat modes; 2-mode high-speed scan; RI-system cassette-deck compatibility; remote control ... \$550

#### DX-705 CD Player

Dual 1-bit D/A converters. Features 3-in-CD compatibility. Fiber-optic output; headphone jack with volume control. Program memory for 204 discs; program reverse; next-selection function; synchro play with compatible cassette decks; auto play; peak search; 5 repeat modes; random play; 36-track programming; direct track access; remote control \$330

CD Changers

Integra DX-C909 6-Disc CD Changer

Integra DX-C606 6-Disc CD Changer

Dual 1-bit D/A converters, 6-disc carousel. Fiberoptic output; headphone jack with volume control. Program reverse; synchro play with compatible cassette decks; peak search; 40-track
programming; random play; 6 repeat modes; direct track/disc access; 20-track music calendar;
RI-system cassette-deck compatibility; remote
control \$470

DX-C206 6-Disc CD Changer

#### OPTIMUS BY RADIO SHACK

CD-6220 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters, 5-disc carousel. Features floating disc tray; 3-in-CD compatibility. 32-track programming; 5 repeat modes; random play; track skip/scan; elapsed- and remaining-time displays; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±1 dB; S/N 105 dBA; THD 0.003% at 1,000 Hz; channel separation 93 dB \$230

CD-6130 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters, 5-disc carousel. Features 3-in-CD compatibility. 32-track programming; random play; 3 repeat modes; intro scan; track skip/scan; elapsed-time display; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz + 1, -2 dB; dynamic range 95 dB; S/N 105 dB .... \$220

CD-1760 CD Player

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters. Features 3-in-CD compatibility. Headphone jack with volume control. 32-track programming; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; S/N 105 dB; THD 0.008% at 1,000 Hz . . . . . \$180

#### PANASONIC

LX-K700 Karaoke Combi-Player

1-bit MASH D/A conversion. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Features dual-side play with 11-second change speed. 2 mic inputs; S-video output.



LX-900 Combi-Player



Philips CD-950

LX-101 Combi-Player

l-bit MASH D/A conversion. Plays CDs and videodiscs. S-video output. Random play. CAV multi-speed and still play; CAV frame search; CLV time search; last-position memory; shuttle control. On-screen displays with level meters; chapter/track programming, skip, search, and repeat; intro scan; remote control. Frequency response 4-20,000 Hz; signal-to-noise ratio 101 dB; dynamic range 94 dB; THD 0.006% at 1,000 Hz.

SL-PD446 5-Disc CD Changer

1-bit MASH D/A converter, 5-disc carousel. Features ability to change 4 discs while one is playing; 2-way platter rotation; 3-in-CD compatibility. 32-track programming; repeat; random play; remote control. Frequency response 2-20,000 ± 1 dB; THD 0.009%; S/N 100 dB; dynamic range 92 dB \$240...\$

#### PARAMOUNT PICTURES SCP110 CD Controller

CDR-210 CD Recorder

#### PARASOUND

C/D-1000 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters. Features 3-beam laser pickup; regulated power supply. Digital output. Remote control. FR 5-20,000 Hz ±0.2 dB; S/N 110 dB; THD 0.002%.... \$535

C/DX-88 CD Player

#### PHILIPS

Models CD-950, CDC-935, and CD-920 feature Philips' ESI bus for communication among 900 Series components.

CDV-600BK Combi-Player

1-bit Bitstream D/A converter. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Features CX NR; digital-frame memory for freeze, strobe, and picture-recall effects. Fiber-optie digital output; S-video output. 5 repeat modes; random play; 20-chapter/track programming; 2-speed scan; remote control with jog/shuttle. FR 2-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; s/N 100 dB; dynamic range 97 dB .................................\$1,100

CDI-910 CD-1 Player

CDV-400BK Combi-Player

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Features Cx NR. Coaxial digital output; S-video output. Favorite-track selection; 5 repeat modes; 20-chapter/track programming; 2-speed scan; random play; remote control. Fr 3-20,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; s/n 98 dB; dynamic range 94 dB; THD 0.003%... \$600

CD-950 CD Player

CDC-935 5-Disc CD Changer

Dual 1-bit Bitstream D/A converters, 5-disc carousel. Coaxial digital outputs; headphone jack with volume control. 3 discs changeable during play; 20-track programming; random play; favorite-track selection; remote control ......\$300

CD-920 CD Player

Dual 1-bit Bitstream D/A converters. Coaxial digital outputs; headphone jack with volume control. 20-track programming; random play; tape edit; remote control. \$180

PIONEER

CLD-D701 Combi-Player

Dual 1-bit PDM D/A converters. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Features dual-side play; 8-bit digital field memory; CX NR. 2 gold-plated A/V outputs; 2 S-video outputs; fiber-optic digital output; head-phone jack with volume control. CD-direct mode; track/time search; on-screen level meters. Scan modes; 9-speed forward/reverse play and still/step play on CAV/CLV discs; jog/shuttle controls. 8 repeat modes; level control via shuttle ring; remote control. FR 4-20,000 Hz digital, 20-

#### CLD-V820 Karaoke Combi-Player

Plays CDs, videodiscs, and Laser Karaoke discs. Features dual-side videodisc play. 2 mic inputs; headphone jack. Lead-vocal removal; lead-vocal volume control; digital echo control; 9-step digital musical-key controller; independent volume controls for all microphones; remote control. \$1,050 CLD-V720. As above, without dual-side play. \$900 CLD-V510. As CLD-V720, without digital musical-key controller \$730

#### CLD-M401 5-Disc Combi-Changer

#### CLD-S201 Combi-Player

l-bit D/A converter. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Features separate CD tray telescoped within videodisc tray; CX NR. 1 A/V output. Manual digital level control; tape edit; time search. 9-speed forward/reverse play and still/step play for CAV discs. 7 repeat modes; shuttle ring; remote control. FR 4-20,000 Hz digital, 20-20,000 Hz + 1, -3 dB analog; S/N 102 dB digital, 70 dB analog with CX NR; dynamic range 96 dB ....... \$535

#### PD-TM2 18-Disc CD Changer

I-bit D/A converter, three 6-disc magazines. Headphone jack with volume control. Memory hold for program and level; 48-track programming; remote digital level control; direct track access; FL display; SR-system remote control. Includes single-disc loader. FR 2-20,000 Hz; s/N 104 dB; dynamic range and ch sep 96 dB.. \$510

#### PD-M901 6-Disc CD Changer

#### PD-M601 6-Disc CD Changer

#### PD-S501 CD Player

l-bit D/A converter. Features semi-center tray orientation. Headphone jack with volume control. Tape edit; highlight scan; memory for program and level; peak search; 24-track programming; 5 repeat modes; random play; direct track access: timer play; SR-system remote control. FR 2-20,000 Hz; S/N 104 dB .............\$290

#### Elite Series

CLD-95 Combi-Player

8x oversampling, dual 20-bit D/A converters.



#### PD-75 CD Player

#### CLD-52 Combi-Player

Dual 1-bit D/A converters. Features dual-side play; digital 3-line comb filter; CD-direct mode. 2 A/V outputs; 2 S-video outputs; fiber-optic and coaxial digital outputs; gold-plated terminals. Theater audio mode; digital level control; tape edit; intro/highlight scan; synchro play with compatible cassette decks; shuttle ring; remote control with illuminated keys. FR 4-20,000 Hz ± 0.3 dB; S/N 115 dB; dynamic range 99dB; ch sep 105 dB; THD 0.0017%. Hor res 425 lines \$950

#### PD-M95 6-Disc CD Changer

I-bit D/A converter, 6-disc magazine. Features semi-center tray orientation; Class A FET buffer amp; separate transformers for analog and digital sections. Fiber-optic and coaxial digital outputs; headphone jack with volume control. Auto digital level control; program memory for 20 magazines/120 discs; music-type memory; tape edit; direct track access; synchro play with compatible cassette decks; delete play; normal/delete random play; remote control. FR 2-20,000 Hz; SN 112 dB; dynamic range 98 dB \$\frac{850}{2}\$

#### PD-65 CD Player

Dual 1-bit D/A converters. Features centered tray orientation; 2nd-order noise shaping; proprietary digital processing to smooth FR; direct signal paths; separate circuit boards and transformers for analog and digital sections; Class A FET buffer amp. Fiber-optic and coaxial digital outputs. Synchro play with compatible cassette decks; random play; repeat; track search; direct track access; defeatable display; remote control. FR 2-20,000 Hz; S/N 111 dB; dynamic range 98 dB; ch sep 107 dB. \$800

#### PD-M51 6-Disc CD Changer

Dual 1-bit D/A converters, 6-disc magazine. Features semi-center tray orientation; 2nd-order noise shaping; separate transformers for analog and digital sections. Fiber-optic digital output;



#### PD-32 CD Player

#### PROCEED

#### Proceed CD Library 100-Disc Changer

#### PCD 3 CD Player

8x oversampling, 20-bit D/A converter. Features rigid aluminum frame with lead-filled base designed to reduce vibrations. FR 10-20,000 Hz + 0, -0.2 dB; THD 0.004% at 1,000 Hz; s/N 107 dB; dynamic range 104 dB; ch sep 120 dB...\$2,995

#### PROTON

#### AC-620 CD Player

4x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Fixed and variable outputs; headphone jack. Direct-track access; 20-track programming; random play; intro scan; level control; repeat; index search; remote-control compatibility. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.3 dB; s/N 100 dB ......... \$650

#### AC-425 5-Disc CD Changer

Dual 1-bit D/A converters, 5-disc carousel. Features ability to change 4 CDs while 1 plays; 3-beam laser pickup. Headphone jack. Direct track access; 40-track programming; random play; track skip; 2 repeat modes; index search; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.3 dB; dynamic range 96 dB; S/N 100 dB..................\$450

#### AC-422 CD Player

#### QUAD

#### Quad 66 CD Player

#### QUASAR

#### LD500 Combi-Player

I-bit MASH D/A converter. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Features aspheric-glass pickup lens; magnetic disc-clamping mechanism; brushless direct-drive motor; digital time-base corrector and

#### CD PLAYERS

CD892 5-Disc CD Changer

CD832 CD Player

### REALISTIC BY RADIO SHACK

MD-1000 Combi-Player

#### ROTEL

RCD965BX CD Player

Dual 1-bit D/A converters. Track programming; random/repeat play; indexing; track skip/scan; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±0.05 dB; s/N 100 dB; dynamic range 96 dB; THD + noise 0.0025% and ch sep 100 dB at 1,000 Hz. 17% x 3% x 13½ in; 13 lb. \$550

RCD955AX CD Player

**SANYO** CPM510 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters, toploading 5-disc carousel. Features 18-bit digital filter. 32-track programming; time counter; intro scan; random play; remote control. s/N 98 dB; FR 20-20,000 Hz +0, -1 dB; ch sep 80 dB at 1,000 Hz. Charcoal-gray finish. 16½ x 4½ x 15½ in; 9 lb \$200

CP791 CD Player

8x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Features 18-bit digital filter; 3-beam laser pickup. 24-track programming; repeat play; track skip/search; LCD; time counter. FR 20-20,000 Hz + 0, -1 dB; S/N 96 dB; dynamic range 95 dB; THD 0.05% and ch sep 80 dB at 1,000 Hz. Charcoalgray finish. 174 x 3% x 10% in; 7 lb ...... \$100

#### SHARP

MVD-2000 Combi-Player

4x oversampling. Plays CDs and videodiscs. Music calendar; tape edit; repeat play; intro scan; program search; direct track access; remote control \$600



#### SHERWOOD

CDC-5010R 5-Disc CD Changer

CDC-3010R 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters, 5-disc front-loading carousel. Gold-plated head-phone jack with volume control, 32-track programming; disc intro; random, repeat, and timer play; ability to change discs while one is playing; music calendar; remote control; Sherwood Digi-Link II system remote-control compatibility. FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 0.5 dB; s/N 103 dB; dynamic range 95 dB; ch sep 100 dB. 17¼ x 3¾ x 15 in; 9 lb \$225

CD-3010R CD Player

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters. Features multi-regulated power supply; 3-beam laser pickup. Gold-plated headphone jack with volume control. 20-track programming; random/repeat play; intro scan; auto space; music calendar; Sherwood Digi-Link II system remote-control compatibility; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 0.5 dB; S/N 103 dB; dynamic range 95 dB; ch sep 100 dB. 17½ x 3½ x 9½ in ... \$180



Rotel RCD965BX

#### SONOGRAPHE SD22 CD Player

1-bit D/A converter. Features discrete FET audio circuits and power supplies. Track scan and repeat; track/index cueing; elapsed-time display; remote control. 18 x 3½ x 12 in; 9 lb . . . . . \$895

#### SONY

CDP-C725 5-Disc CD Changer

CDP-C625 5-Disc CD Changer

1-bit D/A conversion, 5-disc carousel. Features DSP. Fiber-optic digital output; remote-controllable variable line-level output. Hall, church, jazz, CDP-C525 5-Disc CD Changer

1-bit D/A conversion, 5-disc carousel. Features DSP. Remote-controllable variable line-level output. Hall, church, jazz, stadium, and disco ambience presets; FL display; remote control. S/N 105 dB; FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 0.5 dB; dynamic range 98 dB; ch sep 100 dB. 17 x 5 x 15 in; 13 lb... \$350

CDP-K1A Karaoke CD Player

CDP-C425 5-Disc CD Changer

1-bit D/A conversion, 5-disc carousel. Direct track access on front panel and remote control; FL display; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 0.5 dB; S/N 100 dB; dynamic range 98 dB; ch sep 100 dB. 17 x 5 x 15 in; 12 lb ... \$300 CDP-C325. As above, direct access on remote control only \$280 CDP-C225. As CDP-C325, no remote control Features remote-control compatibility with most Sony receivers \$225

CDP-497 CD Player

CDP-397 CD Player

ES Series

The following feature a 45-bit digital filter and a fiber-optic digital output. All CD changers, except CDP-C90ES, feature gold-plated line-level outputs, a headphone jack with volume control, 7 repeat modes, direct track access, 32-track programming, and a fader.

CDP-X779ES CD Player

CDP-C89ES 5-Disc CD Changer

1-bit D/A conversion, 5-disc carousel. Features DSP; noise shaping; balanced die-cast aluminum platter; copper-shielded chassis. Hall, church, jazz, stadium, disco, live, and background-music ambience presets; EQ and reverb controls; sound-field and program memory for 184 discs;

random play with delete; timer play; dot-matrix display; remote control. FR 2-20,000 Hz ±0.3 dB; S/N 115 dB; dynamic range 100 dB; ch sep CDP-C79ES. As above, without balanced diecast aluminum platter and copper chassis shielding. 20 lb CDP-C69ES. As CDP-C79ES, without 184disc memory, timer play, dot-matrix display, or wood side panels. Features FL display; 3-yr limited warranty. 17 x 5 x 15 in; 15 lb ...... \$400



Sony CDP-C79ES

CDP-X339ES CD Player

1-bit D/A conversion. Features noise shaping; zinc insulator feet; aluminum front panel; multiregulated power supply. Gold-plated line-level outputs; headphone jack with volume control. Program memory for 184 discs; 7 repeat modes; direct track access; 24-track programming; random play; delete play; fader; music calendar; remote control. FR 2-20,000 Hz ±0.3 dB; S/N 116 dB; dynamic range 100 dB; ch sep 110 dB. 181/2 x 5 x 14¾ in; 26 lb ..... \$700 CDP-X229ES. As above, without zinc insulator feet. 17 x 4\% x 13\% in; 14 lb ...... \$400

#### CDP-C90ES 10-Disc CD Changer

1-bit D/A conversion, 10-disc magazine. Features magazine compatibility with Sony car CD changers; noise shaping; independent regulated power supplies; monocoque chassis. Program memory for 184 discs; remote control. FR 2-20,000 Hz ±0.3 dB; S/N 110 dB; dynamic range 100 dB; ch sep 105 dB. 181/2 x 5 x 13 in; 16 lb ....... \$500

#### SOTA

Vanguard CD Player

Dual 1-bit D/A converters. Features dual-mono circuit design; C-MOS technology; separate power supplies for digital and analog sections; toroidal power transformer; DC-coupled output stage. Fiber-optic and coaxial outputs; headphone jack with volume control. Random/repeat play; track skip/scan; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 0.2 dB; THD 0.002%; S/N 100 dBA; dynamic range 92 dB; ch sep 110 dB at 1,000 Hz. 19 x 33/4 x 12 in; 22 lb .....\$2,495

#### TEAC PD-D700 5-Disc CD Changer

8x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters, 5disc carousel. Features center-mounted tray; 3beam laser pickup. CDs changeable during playback; 32-track programming; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; S/N 100 dB; THD 0.05% at 1,000 Hz......\$300

#### PD-C400 5-Disc CD Changer

4x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters, toploading 5-disc carousel. Features 18-bit digital filter; 3-beam laser pickup. 32-track programming; all-disc random play; 10-second intro scan; 3 repeat modes; remote control. FR 20-20,000 Hz ±1 dB; s/N 96 dB, THD 0.07%, and dynamic range 92 dB at 1,000 Hz. 171/8 x 43/8 x 131/8 in; 



CD-P250 CD Player

8x oversampling, dual 16-bit D/A converters. Features 18-bit digital filter; center-mounted tray; 3beam laser pickup. 20-track programming; 3 repeat modes. FR 5-20,000 Hz ± 1 dB; S/N 100 dB, dynamic range 92 dB, and THD 0.005% at 1,000 Hz. 171/8 x 31/2 x 111/4 in; 7.5 lb ...... \$200

#### TECHNICS

SL-P1300 CD Player

8x oversampling, four 1-bit MASH D/A converters. Separate digital and analog power supplies; high-speed linear-motor access system. Fiberoptic and coaxial digital outputs; balanced outputs; headphone jack with volume control. ±8% pitch control; rocker switch for mixing; auto cue; cueing by CD time code; cue search; 2-speed audible search; 3 repeat modes; remote control. 16% x 6¾ x 14% in ......\$1,900

#### SL-PS900 CD Player

Eight 1-bit MASH D/A converters. Features center-mounted transport; digital servo system; Class AA analog audio stages; independent power-supply transformers for analog and digital sections; anti-resonance construction. Fiber-optic outputs; remote-controllable variable line-level output; headphone jack with volume control. Function-management system to assign choice of 17 functions to 5 keys; synchro play with compatible cassette decks; direct track access; peak-level search; time fade; auto space; random play; auto cue; tape edit; remote control. FR 2-20,000 Hz ±0.3 dB; THD 0.0022% at 1,000 Hz; S/N 118 dB; dynamic range 98 dB. 17 x 51/8 x 131/8 . \$500 in; 14 lb SL-PS700. As above, without Class AA analog stages, independent transformers, or remotecontrollable variable line-level output. Four 1-bit MASH D/A converters. THD 0.0028%; S/N 114 dB. 12 lb SL-PG300. As above, without fiber-optic output, function management system, or auto space. Transport not center-mounted. FR 2-20,000 Hz  $\pm 1$  dB; THD 0.007% at 1,000 Hz; S/N 100 dB; dynamic range 92 dB. 17 x 4 x 111/4 in; ..... \$190 SL-PG100. As above, without remote control. Features remote-control capability ...... \$170

SL-PD927 5-Disc CD Changer

Four 1-bit MASH D/A converters, 5-disc frontloading carousel. Features digital servo system; linear motor transport; bidirectional platter; antiresonance construction. Ability to change 4 discs while one plays; tape edit and synchro play with compatible cassette decks; 32-track programming; 2-mode random play; 4 repeat modes; direct track/disc access; delete programming; remote control. FR 2-20,000 Hz ±1 dB; THD 0.007% at 1,000 Hz; S/N 102 dB; dynamic range 92 dB. 17 x 51/2 x 151/8 in; 12 lb ...... \$330 SL-PD827. As above, without antiresonance construction. 17 x 51/8 x 157/8 in ...... \$250 SL-PD627. As above, without remote control, delete programming, or tape edit. THD 0.009%; S/N 100 dB ..... \$220

#### AHAMAY

CDX-1060 CD Player

Four 1-bit D/A converters. Features Class A amps; time-base corrector; independent power transformers for analog and digital sections. Fiber-optic and coaxial outputs; fixed and variable analog outputs; gold-plated jacks; headphone jack with volume control. 10-track program memory for 100 discs; 25-track programming; 5 repeat modes; random play; index search; 3mode track search and tape edit; RS-system remote control. S/N 120 dB; dynamic range 100 dB. 171/8 x 41/8 x 131/8 in ..... \$799

#### CDV-1700 Combi-Player

8x oversampling, dual 18-bit D/A converters. Plays CDs and videodiscs. RF converter. Fiberoptic output; S-video output; headphone jack with volume control. Freeze-frame and singleframe advance; 10 forward and reverse speeds; index search; chapter/track and skip search; RSsystem-compatible remote control. S/N 110 dB; dynamic range 95 dB. Hor res 440 lines; video S/N 48 dB. 171/8 x 53/8 x 161/4 in ..........................\$699

#### CDC-835 5-Disc CD Changer

Four 1-bit D/A converters, 5-disc carousel. Features ability to change 4 discs while one plays; Class A analog amps. Coaxial output; variable analog output; gold-plated terminals; headphone jack with volume control. 5-mode digital EQ; program and EQ file for 100 discs; 40-track programming; random and repeat play; disc skip; track/index search; direct track/disc access; RSsystem remote control. S/N 115 dB; dynamic range 100 dB. 171/8 x 41/4 x 151/4 in ...... \$549 CDC-735. As above, without digital EQ, Class A analog amps, relay play capability, or goldplated terminals ......\$429

#### CDX-860 CD Player

Four 1-bit D/A converters. Features microcomputer-controlled 2-way tracking servo system. Fiber-optic and coaxial outputs; fixed and variable analog outputs; gold-plated terminals. 25track programming; 4-mode repeat play; random play; index search; 3-mode track search and tape edit; space insert; RS-system remote control. S/N 118 dB; dynamic range 100 dB. 171/8 x 41/4 x 

#### CDC-625 5-Disc CD Changer

Two 1-bit D/A converters for 8 least-significant bits and two 10-bit ladder-type D/A converters for 8 most-significant bits, 5-disc carousel. Features ability to change 4 discs while one plays; bidirectional platter rotation; floating 3-beam laser pickup; digital 2-way tracking servo system. 20-track programming; direct disc access; 3-mode track and index search; last-position memory; RSsystem remote control. S/N 108 dB; dynamic range 98 dB. 171/8 x 41/4 x 141/4 in ......... \$299

#### CDX-560 CD Player

8x oversampling, two 1-bit D/A converters for 8 least-significant bits and two 10-bit ladder-type D/A converters for 8 most-significant bits. Features microcomputer-controlled 2-way tracking servo system; anti-vibration base; large anti-vibration feet. Variable analog output; headphone jack with volume control. 25-track programming; 4-mode repeat play; random play; 3mode track search and tape edit; index search; RS-system remote control. S/N 110 dB; dynamic range 98 dB. 171/8 x 41/4 x 107/8 in ...... \$249



Yamaha CDX-860

#### TUNERS

#### ACOUSTIC RESEARCH

Limited FMT FM Tuner

Features XLR and RCA connectors. 13 lb \$2,200

#### ADCOM

GFT-555H AM/FM Tuner

Quartz-referenced digital-synthesis design with 8 AM/8 FM presets. Features buffered output stages using Class A amplifier; 1% Roederstein metalfilm resistors and metal-film capacitors; tuning accuracy of 0.00025%. Auto scan; switchable high-blend circuit; mono/mute switch; digital FL display; 5-LED signal-strength display. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 36 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.7 dB; S/N 78 dB stereo; AM rej 70 dB ...... \$350 GFP-555HW. As above, white ......... \$400

#### ARCAM

Delta 80 AM/FM Tuner

Analog tuner with 6 AM/6 FM presets. Features flywheel-assisted rotary knob; 3-color FM tuning



**B&K Components TS-108** 

indicator. Logarithmically scaled signal-strength meter; AFC and mono switches; digital frequency display. FM: cap ratio 1.5; S/N 70 dB stereo; sens  $1.4 \,\mu\text{V}$ . 17 x  $2\frac{1}{8}$  x  $10\frac{1}{8}$  in;  $10 \,\text{lb}$  ............ \$699

Alpha 3 FM Tuner

PLL digital design with 16 presets. Manual tuning in 50-kHz steps; scan tuning; 5-segment logarithmically scaled LED signal-strength meter. FR 20-12,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; SN 75 dB mono, 72 dB stereo; THD 0.1% mono, 0.3% stereo; alt-ch sel 60 dB; AM rej 50 dB: cap ratio 1.5 dB; ch sep 40 dB at 1,000 Hz ......\$399

#### AUDIO DESIGN ASSOCIATES

MT-3000 Multi-Tuner

Designed for multiroom applications. 3 independent tuner modules with 20 presets per module; choice of AM-stereo. FM-stereo. shortwave, or cable-TV modules in any combination. Features digital-synthesis tuning; auto analog phase-frequency detector; stereo dynamic noise blend. 1 remote-control input for each module; I remotecontrol input to access all 3 modules and 60 presets; I line-level output for each module; I line-level output for all 3 modules. 4-character alphanumeric labeling for each preset; mute: Cable-TV module features on-screen displays. Remote control optional. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 34 dBf; cap ratio 1.4 dB; AM rej 54 dB; alt-ch sel 80 dB; ch sep 50 dB at 1,000 Hz; S/N 69 dB stereo; FR 30-50,000 Hz ±0.5 dB; THD 0.09% stereo at 1,000 Hz. 19 x 31/2 x 11 in; 8 lb . . \$2,500

#### AUDIOSOURCE

TNR-One AM/FM Tuner

Quartz-PLL tuner with 20 AM/FM presets. Features auto scan and mute; digital display. Cap ratio I dB; alt-ch sel 65 dB; s/N 70 dB mono, 76 dB stereo. 161/2 x 23/8 x 115/8 in; 8.4 lb ..... \$230



#### B&K COMPONENTS TS-108 FM Tuner

Digital-synthesis tuner with 8 FM presets. Features FL display; 5-segment signal-strength meter; programmable selectivity; mono/stereo and local/DX switches. Cap ratio 1.5 dB; sens 15 dBf mono, 36 dBf stereo; ch sep 40 dB. 17 x 21/2 x 9 in; 8 lb ...... \$398

#### CAMBRIDGE AUDIO

T50 AM/FM Tuner

8 AM/16 FM presets. Features auto/manual scan; bar-graph signal-strength meter; center tuning indicator. FM: capture ratio 2.5 dB; sensitivity 1.8 µV; S/N 80 dB mono, 75 dB stereo. 17 x 31/4 x 

#### CARVER

TX-11b AM/FM Tuner

Digital quartz-synthesis design with 13 AM/FM presets. Features AM-stereo reception; AM gain and noise-elimination circuits; switchable wide/ narrow IF. 3-week memory backup; preset scan; auto/manual tuning. IHF sens 11.3 dBf; cap ratio I dB; AM rej 65 dB; ch sep 45 dB and THD 0.05% at 1,000 Hz; S/N 85 dB stereo. 19 x 31/2 x 121/2 in; 11 lb ..... \$800

TX-14 AM/FM Tuner

20 AM/FM presets Features FMX decoder. Auto/ manual preset scan; FM-mono switch; analog signal-strength meter; remote control. IHF sens 12.8 dBf; cap ratio 1.5 dB; AM rej 60 dB; alt-ch sel 66 dB; ch sep 45 dB and THD 0.08% at 1,000 Hz; S/N 70 dB. 19 x 13/4 x 10 in ...... \$400

### T40 FM Tuner

Auto mute, AFC, local/DX, and narrow/wide-IF

#### DAY SEQUERRA

Reference Panalyzer FM Tuner

Analog design. Features panoramic display of 2 MHz on 41/2-in instrument-grade oscilloscope for RF spectrum analysis ......\$12.800

#### Reference FM Tuner

Analog design. Features 100-Hz tuning accuracy; multiple IF processors with variable Q circuits; dual-mono servos; absolute phase and phase-compensation circuitry; selectable IF bandwidth. Balanced outputs. 41/2-in instrumentgrade oscilloscope. 35 lb ......\$4,800 Studio-2 FM Tuner ......\$3,000

#### DENON

TU-680NAB is available only through special order; contact Denon for details.

#### TU-680NAB AM/FM Tuner

Broadcast-monitor design with 30 AM/FM presets. Features AM-stereo section with NAB/EIA-certified "AMAX AM Stereo" performance, NRSC AM de-emphasis standards, noise-blanking microcircuit to suppress pulse noise, and wide/ narrow audio bandwidth switch; FM section with 5-gang-equivalent tuning circuits, MOSFET RF amplifiers, wide/narrow IF-bandwidth switch. MPX NR, and auto-seek/manual-step tuning. Remote control. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 37.2 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.3 dB; image rej 80 dB; IF rej 100 dB; sel 50 dB wide IF, 75 dB narrow IF; S/N 82 dBA and THD 0.1% stereo; ch sep 50 dB; FR 20-15,000 Hz +0.5, - I dB. AM: FR 50-7,500 Hz +1.5, -3 dB; THD 0.5% stereo; ch sep 32 dB ...... \$650

#### TU-660 AM/FM Tuner

Quartz-lock digital design with 30 AM/FM presets. Features switchable wide/narrow IF bandwidth; switchable AM-tuner audio filter bandwidth. Manual-step tuning; last-station memory. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 37.2 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.3 dB; FR 20-15,000 Hz +0.5, -1 dB; S/N 80 dBA and THD 0.1% stereo; ch sep 50 dB at 1,000 Hz; sel 50 dB wide IF, 75 dB narrow IF. AM3 FR 85-7,500 Hz +1.5, -3 dB; s/N 53 dB ..... \$350

#### TU-280 AM/FM Tuner

Quartz-lock digital design with 30 AM/FM presets. Features wide AM tuning-band range; AM beatcut filter; FM section with varactor 3-gang-equivalent tuning circuits. Low-imp outputs. Denon remote-control compatibility. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 38.5 dBf stereo; cap ratio 1.5 dB; S/N 74 dBA and THD 0.2% stereo; ch sep 40 dB; FR 20-15,000 Hz +0.5, -2 dB ..... \$240

#### GOLDMUND

Mimesis 4 FM Tuner

Analog design with 6 presets. Features auto frequency-control circuit; 3 separate power supplies using 2 transformers; independent grounds for chassis and signal. Dual antenna inputs; 600ohm DC-coupled output. Adjustable bandwidth; switchable mute circuit; LED tuning display; manual flywheel tuning; AC line-polarity switch; S/N 75 dB mono, 70 dB stereo; THD (wideband) 0.02% mono, 0.025% stereo; 50-dB quieting sens 2.5 µV mono, 27.5 µV stereo; cap ratio 1.5 dB; image rej 75 dB. 3-yr parts-and-labor warranty. 19 x 13/4 x 151/2 in; 22.1 lb ...............................\$6,200

#### HARMAN KARDON

Citation Twenty-Three AM/FM Tuner

Digital-synthesis, quartz-locking design with 16 AM/FM presets. Features high-selectivity circuit; mono and mute buttons; analog fine tuning; LCD; remote control. FM (with high sel): 50-dB quieting sens 40.4 dBf stereo; AM rej 70 dB; cap ratio 1.75 dB; alt-ch sel 75 dB; ch sep 35 dB at 1,000 

#### TU9600 AM/FM Tuner

24 AM/FM presets. Features FM pilot and subcarrier NR; active tracking circuitry; discrete output stage: high-blend circuit. 2 antenna inputs. Digital fine tuning; non-volatile memory of control functions and presets; seek tuning; hi-blend switch: LED signal-strength indicator; digital display; remote control. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 36.2 dBf stereo; AM rej 65 dB at 45 dBf; cap ratio I dB; alt-ch sel 45 dB, 80 dB with active tracking. Black. 173/k x 23/k x 13 in; 7.5 lb ...... \$429 TU9400. As above, without active tracking, digital fine tuning, antenna inputs, or remote control. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 37.2 dBf stereo; AM rej 50 dBat 45 dBf; cap ratio 1.2 dB; alt-ch sel TU9200. As TU9400, without FM pilot/subcarrier NR. AM rej 45 dB at 45 dBf; cap ratio 1.5 dB; 

#### JVC

Super Digifine Series FX-1010TN AM/FM Tuner

Microprocessor-controlled tuner with 40 AM/FM

#### TUNERS

IF bandwidth, quieting-slope, and mono/stereo selection; separate analog and digital sections; MOSFET front end; ceramic-filter IF section; PLL detector; PLL multiplex circuit to eliminate beat noise. 2 antenna inputs with switching. Preset scan; preset cancel to bypass undesired presets; 8-event timer; dB-referenced signal-strength indicator; adjustable muting threshold; rec-level-calibration signal generator; Compu Link system compatibility. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 38.1 dBf stereo; AM rej 65 dB; cap ratio 1.2 dB; sel 25 dB wide, 75 dB narrow; ch sep 60 dB wide at 1,000 Hz; FR 20-15,000 Hz + 0.3, -0.5 dB; S/N 88 dBA stereo at 85 dBf; THD (wide at 1,000 Hz) 0.009% mono, 0.02% stereo. 174 x 4 x 114 in ... \$480

#### KENWOOD

#### KT-5020 AM/FM Tuner

#### MARANTZ ST-50 AM/FM Tuner

Digital-synthesis design with 30 AM/FM presets. Features 4-gang FM front end with dual-gate MOS-FETs; linear-phase IF filters; pilot-tone canceler. RC-5 interface for remote-control compatibility with Marantz components. IF-selection memory for each preset; 2-week battery-free preset backup; switchable wide/narrow IF; direct station access; auto/manual scan; FL display. FM: usable sens 10.8 dBf mono; 50-dB quieting sens 37 dBf stereo; alt-ch sel 35 dB wide, 75 dB narrow; cap ratio 1 dB; THD (stereo at 1,000 Hz) 0.08% wide, 0.4% narrow; S/N 82 dB stereo at 1.000 Hz; ch sep 55 dB at 1,000 Hz; FR 20-15,000 Hz  $\pm 0.5$  dB; image rej 80 dB; IF rej 100 dB. AM: usable sens 48 dB/m; sel 30 dB; S/N 54 dB at 500 Hz; THD 0.3% at 400 Hz. Gold finish with die-cast alloy side panels. 17% x 3% x 13% in; 14.5 lb ...... \$349

#### MCINTOSH

#### MR-7083 AM/FM Tuner

#### MERIDIAN

#### Model 204 FM Tuner

#### MTX SOUNDCRAFTSMEN

#### Pro-Tuner Four AM/FM Tuner

Digital quartz-PLL tuner with 16 AM/FM presets. Features active high-blend filter. 5-digit display;



#### T100 AM/FM Tuner

#### MUSEATEX

#### FM-1 FM Tuner

Digital-synthesis tuner with 99 AM/FM presets. 2 antenna/cable inputs; LCD interface; manual fine tuning; auto preset store; stereo/mono and IF bandwidth selection; remote control. 5-yr warranty. 22 lb \$999

#### NAD

#### Model 4225 AM/FM Tuner

14 AM/FM presets. Features linear IF filters; switchable blend circuit. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 37 dBf mono; cap ratio 2 dB; alt-ch sel 65 dB; S/N 75 dB stereo. 16½ x 3 x 10 in; 7 lb . . . . . . . \$249

#### NAIM

#### NAT 01 FM Tuner

Features auto bandwidth selection; progressive switching from mono to stereo; separate power supply. Digital frequency display that increases in brightness to indicate signal strength. Output level 250 mV/ch. 11¾ x 3 x 8 in . . . . . . . \$3,395 NAT 02. As above, with integral power supply . . . . . . . . . . . . \$2,135

#### NAKAMICHI

#### ST-7 AM/FM Tuner



#### ONKYO

#### Integra T-9090II FM Tuner

#### Integra T-4700 AM/FM Tuner

40 AM/FM presets. Features auto reception-optimization system with manual override; 7-varac-

#### Integra T-407 AM/FM Tuner

#### T-404 AM/FM Tuner

#### PARASOUND

#### T/DQ-2000 II AM/FM Tuner

PLL design with 20 AM/FM presets. Features regulated power supply. Scan/manual tuning; mono switch; remote control. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 36.9 dBf; alt-ch sel 84 dB; THD 0.05% mono, 0.1% stereo; FR 20-15,000 Hz ± 0.5 dB; cap ratio 1.2 dB. 19 x 3½ x 12½ in \$525

#### T/DQ-260 II AM/FM Tuner

Quartz-referenced, digital-synthesis PLL tuner with 8 AM/8 FM presets. Features regulated power supply. Scan/manual tuning; mono switch. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 37.7 dBf; alt-ch sel 66 dB; THD 0.05% mono, 0.1% stereo; cap ratio 1.2 dB. 171/4 x 21/2 x 91/2 in \$295

#### PHILIPS

#### FT-920 AM/FM Tuner

#### PIONEER

The following feature a digital signal decoder, which is said to improve channel separation and signal-to-noise ratio.

#### F-449 AM/FM Tuner

36 AM/FM presets. Features selectable normal/narrow FM IF bandwidth; RF attenuator. 3-speed search; 8-segment signal-strength meter; FL display; SR-system remote-control compatibility. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 16.2 dBf mono, 36.2 dBf stereo; S/N (at 80 dBf) 83 dB mono, 78 dB stereo; FR 30-15,000 Hz ±1 dB; ch sep 50 dB at 1,000 Hz. AM: S/N 50 dB. 16½ x 3½ x 12½ in; 7.8 lb \$270

#### Elite Series

#### F-93 AM/FM Tuner

#### TUNERS



#### F-51 AM/FM Tuner

36 AM/FM presets. Features MPX NR; switchable normal/narrow FM IF bandwidth. Simulated-stereo mode. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 16.2 dBf mono, 36.2 dBf stereo; S/N (at 80 dBf) 83 dB mono, 78 dB stereo; FR 20-15,000 Hz + 0.4, -1 dB; ch sep 55 dB at 1,000 Hz. AM: S/N 50 dB. 16% x 3% x 12½ in; 7.5 lb \$350

#### PROTON

#### AT-670 AM/FM Tuner

Quartz PLL tuner with 9 AM/18 FM presets. Features Schotz II circuitry with NR; 5-gang GASFET RF amp. Variable output level; mono/stereo switch; wide/narrow IF bandwidth switch; auto/manual rotary tuning; remote-control compatibility. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 30  $\mu$ V stereo; cap ratio 1 dB; AM rej 65 dB; S/N 74 dBA stereo at 45 dB; ch sep 45 dB at 1,000 Hz. AM: ch sel 50 dB; S/N 45 dB. 18½ x 4½ x 15½ in; 15.5 lb . . . . \$400

#### AT-470 AM/FM Tuner

8 AM/8 FM presets. Mono switch ...... \$220

#### QUAD

#### Model 66 FM Tuner

#### FM4 FM Tuner

## REALISTIC BY RADIO SHACK

#### TM-150 AM/FM Tuner

#### ROTEL

#### RT970BX AM/FM Tuner

16 AM/FM presets. Features RF attenuation; AM and FM bandwidth selectivity; high-blend circuitry; digital signal-strength display. FM: usable sens 10.8 dBf mono; S/N (at 65 dBf) 80 dB mono, 75 dB stereo; cap ratio 1 dB; alt-ch sel 60 dB wide, 80 dB narrow; THD 0.06% mono, 0.2% stereo; 50-dB quieting sens 14.8 dBf mono, 37.2 dBf stereo. 17% x 2% x 13 in ..........................\$400

#### RT950BX AM/FM Tuner

#### SONY

#### ES Series

The following feature direct-comparator circuitry, switchable widelnarrow IF bandwidth, a highblend circuit, and remote-control compatibility with other Sony components.

#### ST-S730ES AM/FM Tuner

#### ST-S550ES AM/FM Tuner

30 AM/FM presets. Features switchable antenna attenuator. Alphanumeric preset labeling; interstation muting. S/N 82 dB mono, 78 dB stereo; THD (normal IF) 0.06% mono, 0.08% stereo; THD (wide IF) 0.04% mono, 0.05% stereo; 50-dB quieting sens 16.8 dBf mono, 38.5 dBf stereo; ch sep 65 dB at 1,000 Hz (wide IF); FR 15-15,000 Hz ±0.2 dB mono, 15-15,000 Hz ±0.5 dB stereo; cap ratio 1 dB, wide IF; IF rej 70 dB. 3-yr limited warranty. Simulated-wood side panels... \$300

#### SOUNDSTREAM

#### T-1 AM/FM Tuner

16 AM/FM presets. Features defeatable blend circuit; separate audio and switching power supplies. Fine tuning in 50-kHz steps; flywheelassisted manual tuning knob for fine adjustment; auto search; signal-strength indicator. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 14.8 dBf; AM rej 60 dB; cap ratio 1.5 dB; alt-ch sel 65 dB; S/N 82 dB mono, 79 dB stereo; THD 0.1% mono, 0.1% stereo.....\$595

#### TFAC

#### T-X3000 AM/FM Tuner

#### TECHNICS

#### ST-G460 AM/FM Tuner

Quartz-synthesis design with 39 AM/FM presets. Features Class AA amp circuitry; DC circuit construction; DC linear switching MPX filter; wideband quadrature detector. Auto scan; auto preset store; FL display; FM-mode switch. FM: 50-dB quieting sens 38.1 dBf stereo; AM rej 55 dB; cap ratio 1 dB; alt-ch sel 65 dB; THD 0.1% and S/N 73 dB stereo; ch sep 50 dB at 1,000 Hz .....\$240

#### AHAMAY

#### TX-950 AM/FM Tuner

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M6 3-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with two 8-in papercone woofers, 5-in midrange, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in ferrofluidcooled aluminum-dome tweeter. Power handling 200 W. Gray suede, white/black gloss, or veneer finish.  $\frac{8}{2}$  x  $\frac{42}{2}$  x  $\frac{10}{2}$  in;  $\frac{42}{2}$  lb ...... \$1.299/pr

M4.5 3-Way Speaker

Athena Subwoofer/Satellite System

M3 3-Way Speaker

Powered Partner 622 Powered Subwoofer/Satellite System

M1 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

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M20 3-Way Speaker

Dual-tuned band-pass design with two 8-in copolymer woofers, one 6-in copolymer midrange,



SAT6 2-Way Speaker

LA00e 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Model 300i/s 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

L200e 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

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Sub6 Subwoofer

#### ADVENT

Advent Heritage 2-Way Speaker

Two 8-in woofers and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled parabolic-dome tweeter. Features aluminum woofer coils. Power handling 150 W rms; FR 42-23,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89.5 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 3,500 Hz; THD 0.5% above 75 Hz at 1 W; resonance 55 Hz ±5 Hz. Oiled-pecan finish. 10½ x 37¾ x 13 in; 46 lb ...... \$700/pr

Model 350 2-Way Speaker

6½-in woofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled softdome tweeter. Power handling 500 W; FR 41-23,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB spt/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 3,000 Hz; resonance 65 Hz ±5 Hz. Vinyl veneer. 13% x 43% x 9¾ in; 43 lb. \$549/pr

Advent Legacy III 2-Way Speaker

10-in woofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled parabolic-dome tweeter. Aluminum woofer coil. Power

handling 100 W cont avg; FR 40-23,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 90 dB; imp 6/8 ohms switchable; crossover point 2,500 Hz; THD 1% above 100 Hz at 10 W; resonance 50 Hz ±5 Hz. Pecan accents. 14 x 32½ x 10½ in; 42 lb. \$459/pr

Advent Gallery 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

Mini-Advent II Subwoofer/Satellite System Subwoofer with two 5¼-in aluminum-coil drivers; 2 Mini-Advent speakers. Power handling 40 W cont avg; FR 110-21,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; satellite crossover point 4,500 Hz; THD 1.5% above 200 Hz at 1 W. Blacktextured-vinyl. 15½ x 13 x 18¼ in; 10 lb ... \$290

Advent Baby II 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker 6½-in woofer and ½-in ferrofluid-cooled polyimide-dome tweeter. Features aluminum woofer coil. Power handling 50 W rms; FR 60-21,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB ±3 dB; nom imp 6-8 ohms; crossover point 4,500 Hz; THD 1.25% above 100 Hz at 1 W; resonance 79 Hz ±5 Hz. Black-stained oak or pecan accents. 11 x 16½ x 6¼ in; 13 lb \$250/pr

#### ALTEC LANSING

AHT-2300 Subwoofer

AHT-2100 In-Wall Surround Speaker

PSW-10 Powered Subwoofer

10-in carbon-fiber driver; 100-W Class B amp. Features selectable 50-, 80-, 100-, or 150-Hz crossover with 18- or 24-dB/oct slopes. Fr 26-180 Hz ±3 dB; THD 0.1%; input imp 20 kilohms. Walnut veneer or black finish. 17½ x 17½ in ... \$850

ACS300 Powered Computer Speakers

Powered subwoofer with two 4-in drivers; two self-powered satellites, each with 4-in magnetically-shielded woofer and ½-in dome tweeter. Designed for multimedia computers, CD players, or CD-1 players. Plugs into PC's audio or video card. Features 24-dB/oct crossover. Bass, treble, balance, volume. subwoofer, A/B mixing, and DSP controls. 9 W x 2 satellite, 18 x 1 subwoofer amp, all with 0.8% THD; FR 35-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; crossover point 120 Hz \$400

ACS150 Powered Computer Subwoofer

Essentials Series
Model 515 3-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 10-in carbonfiber woofer, 3½-in carbon-fiber midrange, and 1-in tweeter. Power handling 100 W nom, 200 W max; FR 28-22,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 92 dB SPL/W/

Model 215 3-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 8-in carbon-fiber woofer, 3½-in midrange, and 1-in polyimide/titanium tweeter. Power handling 75 W nom, 150 W max; FR 40-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 250 and 3,500 Hz. Black or dark-oak vinyl finish. 12 x 22 x 9½ in \$\$500/pr\$

Model 100 3-Way Speaker

Model 95 3-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 8-in carbon-filled polypropylene woofer, 4-in midrange, and %-in ferrofluid-cooled polyimide-dome tweeter. Power handling 60 W nom, 120 W max; FR 40-20,000 Hz; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 250 and 3,500 Hz. Black or dark-oak vinyl finish. 12 x 22 x 9 in . . . . \$300/pr

Model 115 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Model 85 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 6½-in carbonfilled polypropylene woofer and ½-in ferrofluidcooled polyimide-dome tweeter. Power handling 40 W nom, 100 W max; Fr 50-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 91 dB sPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 3,500 Hz. Black or oak vinyl finish. 9½ x 17 x 8½ in \$200/pr

Model 75 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 5½-in carbonfilled polypropylene woofer and ½-in polyimidedome tweeter. Features shielded cabinet. Power handling 40 W nom, 80 W max; FR 50-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 4,000 Hz. Black or oak vinyl finish. 6 x 9½ x 6½ in \$160/pr

SW 8 Subwoofer

Ported design with 8-in driver. Features 12-dB/ oct crossover. Power handling 100 W; FR 35-250 Hz ±3 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 180 Hz. Black or dark-oak vinyl finish.....\$150



**Altec Lansing AHT-2100** 



#### APOGEE

Duetta Signature 2-Way Ribbon Speaker

Trapezoidal woofer ribbon and midrange/tweeter ribbon. Features internal crossover. Power handling 200 W cont avg; FR 30-20,000 Hz; sens 100 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Anthracite, taupe, or custom finish. 26 x 58 x 3 in; 115 lb... \$4,995/pr

Stage 2-Way Ribbon Speaker

Trapezoidal woofer ribbon and midrange/tweeter ribbon. Features internal crossover. Power handling 150 W cont avg; FR 35-20,000 Hz; sens 107 dB spt\_/W/m; imp 3 ohms. Anthracite with basswood or mahogany trim, or taupe with mahogany trim.

\$2,595/pr

Ribbin-Wall 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

Centaur Minor 2-Way Ribbon Speaker

# ATLANTIC TECHNOLOGY Pattern 200 Powered Subwoofer/Satellite System

150 Series

Model 152 PBM Powered Subwoofer

Model 151 LR 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker 4-in polypropylene woofer and ½-in soft-dome tweeter. Features magnetic shielding; molded cabinet. Power handling 120 W rms ..... \$149

Model 154 SR Surround Speaker

Model 153 C Center-Channel Speaker

Two 3½-in polypropylene woofers and ½-in polypropylene soft-dome tweeter in symmetrical horizontal alignment. Features magnetic shielding. Power handling 120 W rms. Matte black finish \$139

Surround Speaker Systems

Model 150 HT. Model 152 PBM, two Model 151 LRs, Model 153 C, and two Model 154 SRs \$899 Model 150 S. Model 152 PBM, Model 153 C, and two Model 154 SRs \$699 Model 150 A, Model 152 PBM and two Model 151 LRs \$559 Model 150 CSR. Model 153 C and two Model 154 SRs \$249

#### AUDIO CONCEPTS

The following are available as kits or assembled.

Sapphire II TI 2-Way Speaker

Hybrid aperiodic 7-in Kevlar-cone woofer and aperiodic inverted-dome tweeter. Power handling 125 W cont; FR 65-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 80 Lacquered oak, black, or cherry finish with black grille. 10 x 16 x 10 in . . . . . \$759/pr

G3 3-Way Speaker

LV Subwoofer

LV Satellite 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

#### AUDIOSOURCE

SW-3.1 Subwoofer/Satellite System

Bass-reflex subwoofer with 12-in downward-firing dual-voice-coil driver; two LS-One satellites (below). Features crossover network. Power handling 150 W; FR 25-160 Hz; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 150 Hz. Matteblack finish

IW-Three 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

VS-Two 2-Way Powered Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with two 4-in woofers and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled dome tweeter. Features magnetic shielding. Line and speaker-level inputs. Volume control. 30 W x 1 into 8 ohms. FR 70-20,000 Hz; crossover point 5,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms; input imp 47 kilohms line. 5% x 13¼ x 5½ in; 7 lb.

IW-Four In-Wall Subwoofer

8-in dual-voice-coil woofer. Power handling 100 W; sens 92 dB; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 120 Hz. Mounting depth 3½ in . . . . . . . . . . \$150

VS-Three 2-Way Speaker

VS-1 2-Way Center-Channel Speaker

Ported enclosure with two 4-in woofers and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled dome tweeter. Features magnetic shielding. Power handling 50 W; FR 70-20,000 Hz; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms.

LS-Ten/A 2-Way Surround Speaker

#### AVID

Model 232CP 3-Way Speaker

#### MOIXA

AX 5 3-Way Speaker

#### AX Subwoofer

AX 2 2-Way Speaker

Tuned-port design with 8-in woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. FR 40-22,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 89 dB; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 3,200 Hz. Dark, natural, or black oak finish with black knit grille. 12 x 24 x 10 in; 25 lb. \$569/pr

AX 1.5 2-Way Speaker

Tuned-port design with 6½-in woofer and ¾-in dome tweeter. FR 45-22,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 89 dB; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 3,500 Hz. Dark, natural, or black oak finish with black knit grille. 10 x 20 x 8 in; 18 lb. \$299/pr

#### B&W

Matrix 801 Series 3-Way Speaker

4th-order Butterworth, vented design with 12-in polymer woofer, 5%-in Kevlar midrange, and 1-in metal-dome tweeter. Electronic bass-alignment filter. Power handling 600 W; FR 20-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 380 and 3,000 Hz. Walnut or black ash. 17 x 39<sup>3</sup>4 x 22 in; 119 lb... \$5,500/pr

Matrix 804 3-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 6½-in Cobex-cone woofer, 6½-in Kevlar bass/midrange, and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled metal-dome tweeter. Bass-alignment filter. Power handling 200 W; FR 31-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Black-ash or walnut veneer. 10¼ x 36½ x 10¾ in; 43 lb \$2,200/pr

DM 640 3-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with two 7½-in woofers, 6½-in midrange, and 1-in metal-dome tweeter. Features midrange subenclosure. Biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 150 W; FR 46-20,000 ± 2 dB; sens 91 dB; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 300 and 3,000 Hz. Simulated walnut or black veneer. 9½ x 37½ x 15½ in; 53 lb . . . . \$1,500/pr

DM 610 2-Way Speaker

2nd-order design with 8-in woofer and 1-in tweet-



CWM 6 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 7-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in metal-dome tweeter. Power handling 70 W; FR 45-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB sPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. 9 x 12½ x 3 in .....\$400/pr

DM 600 2-Way speaker

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Beolah 8000 3-Way Powered Speaker

Beolab 6000 2-Way Powered Speaker

RL 6000 2-Way Speaker

IWS 2000 In-Wall Speaker

Beovox Cona Subwoofer

RL 1000 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 5-in woofer and 1½-in tweeter. Power handling 35 W rms; FR 48-20,000 Hz +4, -8 dB; imp 8 ohms; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; crossover point 3,500 Hz. 15½ x 12½ x 5 in; 7.8 lb. \$400/pr

#### BOSE

Model 901 Series VI Speaker

Acoustimass 7 Subwoofer/Satellite System

Acoustimass 5 Sub/Satellite System

Model 301 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Model 4.2 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

RoomMate II Powered Portable Speaker

Model 201 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Slotted-port, direct/reflecting design with 6-in woofer and 2½-in ferrofluid-cooled tweeter in patented Free Space array configuration. Features dispersion lens; dual-frequency crossover network. Power handling 60 W max; imp 8 ohms. Black, white, or wood-grain veneer finish. 5-yr warranty. 7½ x 14½ x 9 in; 9 lb ......\$229/pr

VS-100 Full-Range Speaker

#### BOSTON ACOUSTICS

T1030 3-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with two 8-in copolymer woofers, 61/2-in copolymer midrange in subenclosure, and 1-in CFT5 ferrofluid-cooled tweeter. Power handling 150 W rms; FR 40-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 90 dB spl/W/m; impedance 8 ohms; crossover points 250 Hz and 2,500 Hz. Walnut veneer. Tapered grille. 101/4 x 421/2 x 12¼ in ...... \$1,200/pr

T930 Series II 3-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 10-in copolymer woofer, 61/2-in copolymer cone midrange in subenclosure, and 1-in CFT5 dome tweeter. Power handling 150 W; FR 42-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 350 and 2,500 Hz. Wood-grain vinyl and black-ash finish. 101/2 x 363/4 x 12 in . . . . \$750/pr

#### SubSat 6 Series II Subwoofer/Satellite System

Subwoofer with 2 drivers in sealed and vented chambers; 2 satellites, each with 4-in midrange and 34-in ferrofluid-cooled tweeter. Power handling 100 W; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Black or white. Subwoofer 16 x 71/2 x 15 in. Satellite 8½ x 5 x 5¼ in ..... \$500

Model 360 Series II In-Wall Speaker

61/2-in copolymer-cone woofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled soft-dome tweeter. Suitable for marine applications. Power handling 60 W rms; FR 58-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 90 dB; imp 8 ohms. Mounting depth 21/8 in. 101/8 x 73/4 in .... \$400/pr

Voyager Indoor/Outdoor 2-Way Speaker

51/4-in copolymer woofer and 1-in ferrofluidcooled soft-dome tweeter housed in Lexan cabinet. Features heavy-gauge stainless-steel grilles and brackets. Power handling 50 W; FR 65-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 3,000 Hz. Paintable white finish. 10½ x 6½ x 6¾ in; 6 lb . . . . . . . . . . \$400/pr

HD9 2-Way Speaker

61/2-in copolymer woofer and 1-in ferrofluidcooled soft-dome tweeter. Features 8-in passive radiator. Power handling 100 W; FR 48-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 90 dB W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,800 Hz. Available in wood-grain and black-ash vinyl with black grilles. 111/4 x 21 x 81/4 in; 18 lb ...... \$340/pr

Model 424v Center-Channel Speaker

4-in copolymer woofer and 3/4-in soft-dome tweeter. Features 4-in passive radiator; magnetic shielding. Power handling 100 W; FR 88-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 5% x 16% x 6 in; 8 lb..... \$179

HD5 2-Way Speaker

51/4-in copolymer woofer and 3/4-in ferrofluidcooled dome tweeter. Power handling 50 W; FR 65-20,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m. Black ash and wood-grain vinyl with black grille. 

Symphony II 3-Way Speaker

Patented acoustic-isolation design with two 8-in polypropylene woofers, two 5-in polypropylene midranges, one 1-in titanium-dome tweeter, and one 10-in passive radiator. Two sets of biamp/ biwire inputs. FR 31-20,000 Hz + 1, -2 dB; sens 92 dB spL/W/m; crossover points 225 and 2,000 Hz; imp 6 ohms..... \$3,600/pr

Sonata 3-Way Speaker

Polygon-shaped/dual-ported enclosure with 8-in



polypropylene woofer, 5-in polypropylene midrange, and 1-in aluminum-dome tweeter. FR 40-20,000 Hz + 1, -2 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; crossover points 300 and 3,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms. 19 x 26 x 11 in: 55 lb ...... \$1,400/pr

#### CAMBER

Camber 4.5ti 2-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with two 61/2-in woofers and 34-in titanium-dome tweeter. Biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 200 W cont; FR 40-23,000 Hz  $\pm 2$  dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 8 x 36 x 11% in; 55 lb ..... \$999/pr

Camber LS9 2-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with two 61/2-in woofers and 4-in ferrofluid-damped titaniumdome tweeter. Power handling 200 W cont avg; FR 40-22,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 111/2 x 361/2 x 73/4 in; 50 lb .. \$699/pr Camber LS7. As above, bass-reflex design with 81/8-in woofer. Sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. 10 x 24 x 11 in; 35.3 lb......\$499/pr

Camber LS Subwoofer

Bass-reflex design with 8-in driver. Optimized for LS1. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 20-120 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 89 dB; imp 8 ohms. 91/2 x 24 x 11½ in; 35 lb . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$499/pr

Camber LS5 2-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 8-in woofer and 34-in ferrofluid-damped titanium-dome tweeter. Power handling 150 W cont avg: FR 50-22,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 91 dB spt/W/m; imp 8 ohms, 9 x 19 x 10 in; 22 lb ......\$399/pr

#### CAMBRIDGE PHYSICS

The following feature a 5-year parts-and-labor warranty and an oak finish.

G-66 II 3-Way Speaker

Two 8-in polycone woofers, 3-in dome midrange, and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled dome tweeter. Features 24-dB/oct crossovers. FR 26-22,500 Hz; sens 92.5 dB; crossover points 450 and 4,000 Hz. 

G-11 II 2-Way Speaker

8-in polycone woofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled dome tweeter. Features 12-dB/oct crossovers. Power handling 100 W cont; FR 44-22,500 Hz; sens 90 dB; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 1,500 Hz. 12 x 19½ x 8½ in; 20 lb . . . . . . . \$400/pr

K-5 II 2-Way Speaker

51/4-in woofer and 3/4-in dome tweeter. Features 12-dB/oct crossover. Power handling 75 W; sens 88 dB/m; crossover point 4,200 Hz. 8 x 11 x 6 in ..... \$249/pr

#### CAMBRIDGE SOUNDWORKS

The following products are designed by Henry Kloss and are available only through mail order.

Ensemble Subwoofer/Satellite System

2 subwoofers, each with 8-in driver; 2 satellites, each with 31/2-in ferrofluid-cooled cone midrange and 14-in direct radiator with integral 1/4-in ferrofluid-cooled dome tweeter. Features high-density-particleboard subwoofer cabinets with internal bracing. Power handling 200 W; crossover points 170 and 2,300 Hz; imp 6 ohms. Black laminate cabinets with metal grilles. Subwoofer: 12 x 21 x 41/2 in. Satellite: 81/8 x 51/4 x 4 in . . \$599 With vinyl-clad cabinets ..... \$499 Ensemble II. As above, 1 subwoofer . . . \$399

The Powered Subwoofer

Acoustic-suspension design with 12-in driver and 140-W amp. Features active 18-dB/oct crossover with 4-position crossover-point selector. Basslevel control. Power handling 140 W max. 151/2 x 26½ x 9½ in ..... ..... \$599 Slave Subwoofer. As above, no amp controls. Power handling 200 W max when used with above ..... \$299

The Surround II 2-Way Speaker

4-in woofer with two 3-in midrange/tweeters mounted in dipole fashion. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 125-10,000 Hz; sens 86 dB SPL/W/ m; imp 8 ohms. Gray finish...... \$399/pr

Center Channel 2-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 51/4-in woofer and integral dome tweeter. Power handling 60 W cont avg FR 125-20,000 Hz; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 6½ x 10½ x 3¾ in . . . . . . . . . . . \$125



Cambridge Soundworks Surround II

CANTON

Ergo 120 4-Way Speaker

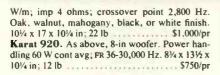
Bass-reflex design with two 10-in graphite-reinforced polypropylene woofers, 61/2-in midbass, 2in midrange, and 1-in aluminum/manganesedome tweeter. Power handling 200 W nom; FR 18-30,000 Hz; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover points 300, 3,500, and 7,000 Hz. Oak, walnut, mahogany, black, or white. 121/8 x 511/4 x 16% in; 110 lb ...... \$5,000/pr

Karat 980 3-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 12-in woofer, 5-in midrange, and 1-in aluminum/manganese-dome tweeter. Power handling 140 W nom; FR 20-30,000 Hz; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover points 400 and 4,000 Hz. Oak, walnut, mahogany, black, or white finish. 141/4 x 26 x 125/8 in; 46 lb ......\$2,000/pr

Karat 930 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 9-in woofer and 1-in aluminum/manganese-dome tweeter. Power handling 80 W nom; FR 30-30,000 Hz; sens 87 dB SPL/



#### Plus E Subwoofer

Bass-reflex design with 12-in driver. Features 12-dB/oct crossover. Power handling 100 W nom; FR 18-120 Hz; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover point 120 Hz. Oak, walnut, mahogany, black, or white. 14¼ x 22 x 14¼ in; 43 lb . \$1,000

#### Fonum 601 3-Way Speaker

#### Combi-Sub Subwoofer/Satellite System

#### In-Wall 6 2-Way Speaker

Coaxial design with 6-in woofer and %-in aluminum/manganese-dome tweeter. Power handling 40 W nom; FR 45-22,000 Hz; sens 87 dB; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 4,000 Hz. White grille. Mounting depth 3% in. 8 x 8 in; 3.4 lb... \$450/pr

#### Plus S 2-Way Mini Speaker

4½-in woofer and 1-in coated-fabric dome tweeter. Power handling 40 W nom; FR 45-30,000 Hz; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover point 2,200 Hz. Black or white. 4½ x 8 x 4½ in; 5 lb \$\$350/pr \$\$

#### CARVER

The Amazing Loudspeaker, Platinum

1½-in-thick planar design with 60-in full-range ribbon panel and four 12-in woofers. Power handling 750 W; FR 23-40,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 89 dB; max SPL 121 dBA. Black piano finish. 33 x 66 x 10 in; 110 lb \$2,900/pr Oiled oak-veneer finish \$2,500/pr

#### AL-III 2-Way Speaker

48-in full-range ribbon panel and 10-in woofer. Features separate bass, midrange, and treble controls. Power handling 400 W; FR 34-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; crossover point 200 Hz. Hand-matched solid-oak panels. 14½ x 72½ x 16½ in. \$1,500/pr

#### CELESTION

Celestion 11 3-Way Speaker

#### Celestion 9 3-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 6-in felted-fiber woofer, 4-in midrange, and 1-in titanium-dome tweeter. Black-ash or oak finish \$599/pr

#### Celestion 7 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Sealed enclosure with 8-in Polyolefin woofer and 1-in titanium-dome tweeter. Black-ash or oak

#### Celestion 5 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Sealed enclosure with 6-in felted-fiber woofer



and 1-in titanium tweeter. Black-ash or oak finish .....\$399/pr Celestion 3. As above, 5-in woofer ...\$289/pr

#### Celestion CS-135 Subwoofer

#### Celestion 1 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 4-in woofer and 1-in titanium tweeter. Black-ash finish.....\$199/pr

#### CERWIN-VEGA

W-8 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

8-in long-throw woofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled dome tweeter. Features computer-optimized crossover; self-resetting protection; %-in-thick baffle. Power handling 125 W; FR 40-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; crossover post 3,500 Hz. Matte-white finish with metal grille. Mounting depth 3½ in. 16 x 12 in. . . . . \$505/pr

#### VS-120 3-Way Speaker

#### L-9 2-Way Speaker

#### L-7 2-Way Speaker

#### Home Theater Series

Sensurround Home Theater System

### HT-210C Subwoofer/Center-Channel System

Two 10-in subwoofers, 6½-in midrange, and 1-in polycarbonate-dome tweeter in scuff-resistant cabinet designed to support a large-screen TV. Features magnetic shielding; defeatable passive crossover. Subwoofer: power handling 150 W; FR 38-100 Hz ±3 dB; sens 94 dB; imp 8 ohms. Center channel: power handling 80 W; FR 80-20,000 Hz ±3 dB. 33 x 19 x 20 in ...... \$650

#### HT-S6 2-Way Speaker

#### HT-CTR 3-Way Center-Channel Speaker Two 6½-in midranges and 1-in polycarbonate-

Two 6½-in midranges and 1-in polycarbonatedome tweeter. Features midrange configuration for 120° dispersion. Power handling 100 W; FR 

#### HT-110 Subwoofer

#### CLEMENTS

Model 1000Si 2-Way Speaker

#### Model 600Si 2-Way Speaker

Transmission-line design with 6½-in woofer and 1-in linen-dome tweeter. Features biamp/biwire crossovers. Power handling 150 W; FR 36-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 2,500 Hz. Black. 9½ x 32 x 14½ in ... \$850/pr

#### CLIF DESIGNS

The following are available in black or white.

#### KP-800 Subwoofer/Satellite System

Subwoofer with two 10-in dual-voice-coil drivers; 2 satellites, each with 4-in midrange and 1½-in ferrofluid-cooled polycarbon tweeter. FR 30-20,000 Hz, sens 88 dB; imp 4 ohms; crossover points 120 and 6,000 Hz. Subwoofer: 16½ x 16½ x 16½ in. Satellites: 14 x 14 x 14 in......\$799

#### KP-700 Subwoofer/Satellite System

Subwoofer with 10-in dual-voice-coil driver; 2 satellites, each with 4-in midrange and 1½-in ferrofluid-cooled polycarbon tweeter. FR 38-20,000 Hz; imp 4 ohms; sens 88 dB; crossover points 120 and 6,000 Hz. Subwoofer: 14¼ x 14¼ in at base, 12 x 12 in at top ... \$499 Subwoofer only ....\$325

#### COUNTERPOINT

Clearfield Continental 2-Way Speaker

Controlled-directivity transmission-line with two 6-in polypropylene woofers and aluminum tweeter. Monocoque construction. Power handling 300 W rms; FR 31-25,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 88 dB; imp 4 ohms. Walnut, light-oak, black-oak, or cherry finish. 18 x 50 x 10 in . . . . . . \$3,500/pr

#### DAHLQUIST

DQ-28 3-Way Speaker

#### DQ-16 2-Way Speaker

Vertical, decoupled phase-array design with 6-in polycarbon woofer and %-in alloy-dome tweeter. Features 2nd-order/quasi Bessel alignment. Power handling 150 W; FR 39-27,000 Hz; sens 90 dB; imp 6 ohms. 37 x 14 x 12 in; 43 lb... \$700/pr

#### DQ-6ci 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Boundary-dependent vertical, decoupled phasearray design with 6-in Kevlar/cellulose woofer



TimeWindow Seven 3-Way Speaker

7-sided staggered transmission-line design with two 9-in polypropylene woofers, two 6½-in midranges, and two coaxially mounted ¾-in tweeters, and one ¾-in rear-firing tweeter. Features 4-chambered enclosure; time-equalized response. Power handling 350 W cont avg; FR 28-25,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 92 dB sPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Highgloss black standard finish; removable top, bottom, and side panels may be customized. 18½ x 48 x 14 in; 75 lb \$3,000/pr

#### TimeFrame TF600 3-Way Speaker

TimeFrame TF400 3-Way Speaker

CX-07 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

### DEFINITIVE

BP10 2-Way Speaker

Bipolar radiating design with two 6½-in mineralfilled woofers and two 1-in ferrofluid-cooled dome tweeters. Linkwitz-Riley crossover; aluminum voice coil. FR 20-28,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms. Black grille cloth with wood or black-lacquer finish. 5-yr warranty. 9 x 42 x 11½ in . . . . \$550

DR7 2-Way Speaker

6%-in mineral-filled-polymer woofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled dome tweeter. Features phasecoherent Linkwitz-Riley crossover; narrow-profile minimum-diffraction cabinet and computersynthesized transmission-line tuning. Power handling 200 W; FR 22-28,000 Hz; sens 90 dB SPL/ Wm; imp 8 ohms. Black cloth grille; blacklacquer or oak end caps. 8½ x 38 x 11 in . . \$375

C-1 2-Way Center-Channel Speaker

**BP2 Surround Speaker** 

Bipolar design with two 5¼-in cast-basket polypropylene-cone woofers and two ¼-in soft-dome tweeters. Designed for surround or satellite use. May be changed to bipolar radiation. Features Linkwitz-Riley crossover; low-diffraction grille/

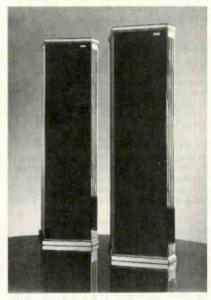


#### DENNESEN

Dennesen Class A 3-Way Speaker

Dennesen 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Acoustic-suspension/electrostatic hybrid design with 5-in woofer/midrange and four 3-in electrostatic tweeter elements. Features phase-corrected time-aligned design. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 55-20.000 Hz; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Oiled walnut finish. 10 x 16 x 9 in; 20 lb \$950/pr



**DCM Time Window Seven** 

#### DESIGN ACOUSTICS

DA-900 3-Way Speaker

Vented design with 8-in downward-firing woofer, 5-in midrange, and 34-in sonofoam-treated ferrofluid-cooled metallized polycarbonate-dome tweeter. Features magnetic shielding. Power handling 200 W; FR 40-25,000 Hz; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; crossover points 130 and 3,500 Hz. Oak or black-ash vinyl finish . . . . . . \$800/pr

PS-10A 3-Way Speaker

#### PS-SW Subwoofer

PS-55 2-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 5%-in woofer and %-in ferrofluid-cooled soft-dome tweeter. Features tuned rear port. Power handling 75 W; crossover point 4,000 Hz; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; FR 65-20,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms. Black-ash vinyl finish. 7 x 10½ x 6 in; 7 lb. \$220/pr PS-CV. As above, magnetic shielding. \$120

PS-24 2-Way Center-Channel Speaker

#### DIGITAL PHASE

AP4 2-Way Speaker

Four 6½-in woofers and four 1-in ferrofluidcooled titanium-dome tweeters. FR 25-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 3,000 Hz. Honey- or black-oak wood finish. 16 x 50 x 17 in; 110 lb . . . . . . . . \$3,495/pr

API 2-Way Speaker

6½-in weofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled titaniumdome tweeter. FR 30-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 87 dB spt/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 3,000 Hz. Honey- or black-oak wood finish. 10½ x 38 x 11½ in; 42 lb. \$1,250/pr

#### DUNTECH

Marquis C4000 3-Way Speaker

Viscount D200 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker Two 6½: in polymer-cone woofers and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled soft-dome tweeter. Features separate sealed enclosures for each driver; vented double-magnet woofer with 3-in aluminum voice coil; aluminum tweeter voice coil. Matching stand optional. Power handling 500 W max; FR 50-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; THD 0.5% above 100 Hz; imp 4 ohms. 11 x 34 x 14 in; 53 lb \$2,995/pr

Duchess 2-Way Speaker

7-in woofer and 1-in tweeter. Features 6-dB/oct crossover. Gold-plated inputs. FR 70-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 83 dB spt\_/W/m; imp 6 ohms; THD 0.3% above 150 Hz. Brown oak finish with cloth grille. 9½ x 13½ x 8 in; 14 lb ................................\$1,295/pr

#### DYNACO

A-25 Series II 2-Way Speaker

9-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Features patented stepped-baffle design to reduce grille reflections; ferrofluid-cooled drivers. Power handling 200 W rms; FR 30-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 92 dB spl/W/m. Hand-rubbed black- or natural-oak lacquer finish ..... \$320

FL-650 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

61/2-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Features waterproof diaphragms; foam woofer surround. Power handling 100 W; FR 58-20,000 Hz; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,500 Hz. Mounting hardware included. RIB-2 new construction bracket optional. Matte-white grilles and trim ..... \$300/pr

Amazing Bass Subwoofer

Bass-reflex design with 8-in dual-voice-coil driver. Power handling 100 W; FR 30-120 Hz ±3 dB; crossover point 100 Hz ..... \$180

#### ENERGY

Model 22.3 2-Way Speaker

Front-vented design with Spherex front baffle supporting two 61/2-in woofers and 3/4-in dualhyperdome tweeter. Biwire/biamp terminals. Adjustable spiked feet. Power handling 150 W cont avg; FR 30-23,000 Hz; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Walnut or black-ash-veneer finish. 10 x 40 x 16 in; 67 lb . . . . . . . . . . \$2,000/pr

Model 22.1 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Front-vented design with 61/2-in quadcentric woofer and 1/4-in dual-hyperdome tweeter. Features spherex front baffle. Biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 110 W cont avg; FR 40-23,000 Hz; sens 85 dB spL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Walnut or black-ash veneer finish. 10 x 16 x 12 in; 27 lb ...... \$1,000/pr

Model 3.1e 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Front-vented design with 8-in quadcentric woofer and 3/4-in tweeter. Power handling 100 W cont avg: FR 40-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 87 dB SPL/W/ m; imp 6 ohms. Walnut or black-ash finish. 10 x 19 x 10 in ...... \$450/pr



Fosgate-Audionics MC220, SD180, and F5400

ESAT-2 2-Way Satellite Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 41/2-in woofer and 34-in cloth-dome tweeter. Designed for home-theater applications. Features magnetic shielding; sculpted Spherex baffle. Power handling 125 W rms; FR 140-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 84 dB SPL/W/m; crossover point 2.500 Hz; imp 6 

Model ESUB-2 Energy Subwoofer

6th-order band-pass vented enclosure with 61/2-in



driver. Designed for home-theater applications. Features magnetic shielding. Power handling 125 W rms; FR 40-140 Hz ±3 dB; sens 84 dB SPL/W/ m; crossover point 140 Hz. Black-ash vinyl finish. 8 x 12 x 14 in; 18 lb ......\$349/pr

ECC-1 Energy Center-Channel Speaker

Dual-vented design with two 41/2-in woofers and 1/2-in polycarbonate-dome tweeter. Designed for home-theater applications. Features magnetic shielding; sloped baffle. Power handling 100 W rms; FR 60-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 86 dB SPL/W/ m; crossover point 2,500 Hz; imp 8 ohms. Blackash vinyl finish. 6 x 20 x 8 in; 15 lb ...... \$169

#### EPI

Model 120 Series 3 3-Way Speaker

Tuned-port design with 8-in woofer, 5-in midrange in separate internal enclosure, and 1-in patented air-spring tweeter. Power handling 120 W rms; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 10% x 30 x 9½ in; 26 lb ......\$400/pr

Model 70 Series 3 2-Way Speaker

61/2-in woofer and 2-in patented air-spring tweeter. Power handling 60 W rms; sens 89.5 dB SPL/ W/m; imp 8 ohms. 10 x 15 x 7 in; 12 lb .. \$200/pr

AMT-Monitor 2-Way Speaker

12-in cone woofer, Heil air-motion transformer tweeter with Mylar diaphragm, and 12-in passive radiator. Power handling 400 W cont avg; FR 28-23,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 91 dB spL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Black walnut finish. 15% x 39% x 15% in; 

PS-1210 3-Way Speaker

Passive-radiator design with 12-in woofer, 4-in midrange, and Heil air-motion tweeter. Power handling 200 W cont avg; FR 28-23,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Matte black finish. 12 x 34 x 141/4 in; 65 lb . . . . \$598/pr

### E-10/E-200 SW Subwoofer/Satellite

Dual-vented-chamber subwoofer with two 8-in drivers; 2 satellites, each with 51/4-in woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. Features aluminum voice coils for subwoofer drivers. Power handling 100 W; FR 40-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 4 ohms. Blackash finish. Subwoofer: 111/4 x 28 x 12 in; 40 lb. Satellite: 71/2 x 121/2 x 71/4 in; 12 lb ....... \$419

PS-810 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Passive-radiator design with 6-in woofer and Heil air-motion tweeter. Power handling 100 W cont avg; sens 89 dB spL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Black. 91/2 x 171/8 x 91/2 in; 27 lb ....... \$358/pr

#### FOCUS

Model .7 2-Way Speaker

Contoured-port design with 8-in woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. Features computer-matched time alignment; internally braced epoxy-pulp cabinet. Power handling 150 W cont avg; FR 37-19,000 Hz ±2 dB; imp 8 ohms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. 12 x 28 x 12 in; 37 lb ......\$880/pr

Model .5 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

8-in woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. Features

epoxy-pulp cabinet. Power handling 150 W cont avg; FR 45-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 8 ohms; sens 90 dB spL/W/m ...... \$650/pr

#### FOSGATE-AUDIONICS

LF-212 Subwoofer

12-in polypropylene driver with dual voice coils. Features bypassable crossover. FR 22-100 Hz; imp 4 ohms. 18 x 20 x 18 in; 48 lb ......... \$595

MC110 2-Way Speaker

Polypropylene woofer. Designed for home-theater applications. Features magnetic shielding; 3in woofer voice coil; design for phase and time coherence; edge-diffraction control; design to be placed horizontally or vertically without changing dispersion. Power handling 1,000 W max; FR 80-23,000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 8 ohms; max output power 110 dB; sens 87 dB. Black sandpebble finish with grille. 71/2 x 11 x 51/2 in; 15 lb ... \$449

AS-602 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

61/4-in polypropylene woofer/midrange and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Features crossover with aircore inductors. Auto-reset tweeter protection. Power handling 100 W; FR 75-22,000 Hz. 81/2 x 12 x 2¾ in ...... \$299/pr

THX-Certified Series

MC220 Front/Center Speaker System

3 satellites, each featuring 2nd-order crossover with 2 midbasses and 2 tweeters. Designed for front left, right, and center channels in hometheater system. FR 60-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. 101/2 x 24 x 14 in; 40 lb .....\$4,800

SD180 Surround Speaker

Dipole design for rear/surround channels in home-theater system. Wall mountable. FR 80-18,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. 14 x 22 x 8½ in; 23 lb ......\$1,850/pr

FS400 Subwoofer

14-in driver. FR 20-80 Hz ±3 dB; sens 92 dB SPL/ W/m; imp 8 ohms. 24 x 24 x 131/2 in; 85 lb . \$950

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R/4 3-Way Speaker

10-in polypropylene woofer with vented pole piece, 51/4-in polypropylene midrange with vented pole piece, and 1-in dome ferrofluid-damped tweeter. Features tilt-back pedestal. Power handling 200 W cont avg; FR 32-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 12 x 32 x 101/2 in; 56 lb ...... \$1,196/pr

A/3a 2-Way Speaker

Vented design 8-in polypropylene woofer and 1in dome tweeter. Features multi-layer damping. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 32-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 8 ohms; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m. Walnut-veneer finish. 13 x 23 x 101/2 in ..... \$718/pr

O/4 2-Way Speaker

Vented design with 8-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. Features multi-layer damping. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 37-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 8 ohms; sens 89 dB SPL/ W/m. Walnut or black-ash vinyl. 101/4 x 20 x 

Beta IV 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Vented design with 61/2-in polypropylene woofer and composite 2-in cone and 1/8-in dome tweeters. Features series crossover. Walnut or blackash finish. 8 x 131/2 x 8 in . . . . . . . . . . . \$390/pr

#### GENESIS

IM-8300FW 3-Way Speaker

8-in polypropylene woofer, 3-in titanium/silicon carbide midrange, and 1-in planar ribbon tweeter. Power handling 400 W max; FR 44-34,000 Hz; crossover points 560 and 4,100 Hz; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Italian rosewood finish. ..... \$2,700/pr 75 lb IM-8300F. As above, piano-black finish ..... \$2,500/pr

Servo-12 Powered Subwoofer

12-in polypropylene/Kevlar driver; 275-W power amp. Features balanced differential inputs; continuously variable phase (0° to 180°) and crossover point (40-160 Hz). Power handling 275 W; .... \$1,695 distortion 0.2% ..... Servo-10. As above, 10-in driver, 150-W 

Genre II 2-Way Speaker

61/2-in woofer and 1-in ribbon tweeter. FR 40-32,000 Hz ± 2 dB. Black-ash finish . . . . \$800/pr

HARMAN KARDON

**AVS-30 Home Theater Speaker System** 

2 cylindrical subwoofers with 8-in drivers; two 2way satellites, each with 51/4-in woofer and 1-in dome tweeter, in matching cylindrical enclosures; matching shielded center-channel speaker; 2 semi-cylindrical surface-mount rear-channel speakers. Power handling 100 W max; FR 35-20,000 Hz ±2 dB .....\$1,099

Thirty 2-Way Speaker

Ported design with 8-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled polyimide-dome tweeter. Features Kapton voice-coil formers; Linkwitz-Riley crossover. Power handling 85 W max; FR 45-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 88 dB SPL/W/ m; nom imp 6 ohms; crossover point 2,200 Hz. Black piano-lacquer finish. 91/2 x 23 x 101/2 in; 57 lb ..... \$898/pr

Three 3-Way Speaker

Ported design with 8-in down-firing woofer, 61/2in midrange, and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled polyimide-dome tweeter. Magnetic shielding. Power handling 100 W max; FR 45-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 90 dB spL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Black veneer. 9½ x 36 x 10½ in; 57 lb ..... \$669/pr

Two 2-Way Speaker

Ported design with 61/2-in woofer and 1/4-in ferrofluid-cooled polylmide-dome tweeter. Features magnetic shielding. Power handling 60 W max; FR 60-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Black-vinyl veneer finish. 9 x 20 x 10 in; 43 lb ......\$349/pr

#### HARTLEY

The Reference Tower 2-Way Speaker

Four 61/2-in thermoplastic woofers and four 1-in dome tweeters. Power handling 300 W cont avg; crossover point 3,600 Hz; imp 4 ohms at 100 Hz; FR 24-25,000 Hz. Wood cabinet with removable knit grille. 44½ x 17½ x 18 in ...... \$1,500/pr

SW-24 Subwoofer

Infinite-baffle enclosure. Power handling 300 W cont avg; imp 5 ohms; FR to 16 Hz ±3 dB. 36 x 501/4 x 22 in; 250 lb ......\$1,495

Presto 750 3-Way Speaker

Two 7-in woofers, 5-in midrange, and 1/4-in dome tweeter. Power handling 120 W cont avg; FR 28-



35,000 Hz; sens 88 dB; imp 4 ohms; crossover points 290 and 3,000 Hz. Walnut or oak veneer in black or white. 95% x 38 x 10% in ..... \$1,495/pr

Reflex 35 2-Way Speaker

Two 7-in woofers and 1/4-in metal-dome tweeter. Power handling 110 W cont avg; FR 29-30,000 Hz; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover points 150 and 4,000 Hz. Black. 95% x 341/4 x 

Libero Subwoofer/Satellite System

Bass-reflex subwoofer with two 7-in drivers; 2 satellites, each with 41/4-in midrange and 3/4-in dome tweeter. Power handling 60 W cont avg; FR 28-30,000 Hz; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover points 120 and 3,000 Hz. Black or white die-cast satellite cabinet; black or white ash subwoofer finish. Satellites: 41/8 x 71/4 x 41/8 in. Subwoofer: 22 x 8 13 14 in ..... \$649

#### HEYBROOK

Solo 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Infinite-baffle design with 61/2-in woofer and metal-dome tweeter. Power handling 75 W; FR 45-24,000 Hz; sens 87 dB; nom imp 6 ohms. Black finish. 9 x 16 x 9 in ...... \$449/pr

Point Five 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Infinite-baffle design with 61/2-in doped-cone woofer and 34-in dome tweeter. Power handling 75 W; FR 50-20,000 Hz; sens 87 dB; nom imp 6 ohms. Black finish. 9 x 14 x 9 in ...... \$329/pr

#### **HSU RESEARCH**

HRSW10 Subwoofer

Ported design with 10-in driver. Features 2-in driver voice coil; cylindrical enclosure; 12-dB/ octave low-pass crossover at 40 Hz. Includes demo CD. Power handling 150 W rms; FR 20-40 Hz ±1 dB; imp 7 ohms. Walnut finish with black-knit cloth grille. 27-in height, 141/2-in diam-HRSW12. As above, 12-in driver. FR 19-40 Hz ±! dB; imp 6 ohms. 82-in height, 131/2-in diame-

#### HUGHES

Baser-1 Subwoofer

Two 8-in fiber drivers. Features patented Acoustic Piston Chamber to synchronize drivers. Power handling 100 W max; FR 30-80 Hz; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Gray with black cloth grille. 11 x 15 x 23 in ..... \$379

Orb-2 2-Way Speaker

5-in fiber woofer and 1/4-in silk tweeter. Features patented baffle designed for 180° lateral dispersion; magnetic shielding. Wall mountable. Power handling 100 W max; FR 55-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover point 2,000 Hz. Gray ABS with black metal grille. 7 x 10 x 10 in .....\$319/pr

#### ICON ACOUSTICS

Icon Parsec 3-Way Speaker

Graphite-impregnated 10-in woofer, 61/2-in polypropylene midrange, and 1-in metal-dome tweeter. Features crossovers with polypropylene and polystyrene capacitors; two pairs of gold-plated 5-way binding posts. Power handling 350 W cont avg; FR 25-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/W/ m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 350 and 1,500 Hz. Walnut, oak, or black-oak finish. 12 x 47 x 16 in; 95 lb ...... \$1,795/pr

Icon Lumen 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

61/2-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in metaldome tweeter. Features crossovers with polypropylene and polystyrene capacitors; gold-plated 5-way biwire/biamp binding posts. Power handling 150 W cont avg; FR 55-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 1,500 Hz. Walnut, oak, or black-oak finish. 9½ x 18 x 10½ in; 26 lb ......\$795/pr

#### INFINITY

IRS Beta 5-Way Speaker System

Four servo-controlled 12-in woofers per side, each with polypropylene/graphite injectionmolded cones; 2 upper bass/midrange planar push-pull drivers that act as dipole; EMIT transducer for upper midrange; EMITs from IRS V (in dipole configuration) for lower treble; SEMIT (smaller aperture EMIT) which extends response beyond 44 kHz. System is biamplified and includes IRS V servo control unit; active and passive crossover control. Monster Cable internal wiring. FR 25-44,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover points 70, 700, 4,000, and 8,000 Hz. Santos finish, black cloth grille. Woofer module: 161/2 x 643/4 x 141/2 in. Mid/ tweeter module: 17 x 64% x 1 in. Base footprint: 

#### SSW-212 Powered Subwoofer

Servo-controlled design with two 12-in poly/ graphite drivers; 300-W amplifier. Line- and speaker-level inputs. Honey or black-oak veneer. FR 25-120 Hz; crossover point 40-120 Hz. 31½ x 20¼ x 11¼ in ...... SSW-210. As above, 10-in drivers, 250-W amp. FR 30-120 Hz. 26 x 18% x 9% in .........\$1,098

Kappa 8.1 4-Way Speaker

Aperiodic-reflex design with 12-in poly/graphite woofer. 61/2-in poly/graphite midbass, polypropylene-dome midrange, and EMIT-R tweeter. Features non-parallel sides and rounded corners to minimize diffraction; rear midrange waveguide; tweeter protection. 5-way biwire/biamp binding posts. Midrange- and tweeter-level controls. Power handling 300 W rms; FR 32-35,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 89 dB; crossover points 180, 700, and 4,700 Hz; imp 6 ohms. Honey or blackoak veneer. 161/2 x 481/4 x 12 in ..........\$1,100

Kappa 7.1 3-Way Speaker

Ported design with 10-in poly/graphite woofer, polypropylene-dome midrange, and EMIT-R tweeter. Features non-parallel sides and rounded corners to minimize diffraction; tweeter protection. 5-way biwire/biamp binding posts. Midrange- and tweeter-level controls. Power handling 250 W rms; FR 39-35,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 89 dB; crossover points 500 and 4,500 Hz; imp 6 ohms. Honey or black-oak veneer. 141/2 x 431/8 x Kappa 6.1. As above, 8-in woofer. Power handling 200 W rms; FR 45-35,000 Hz ±2 dB. 

#### Infinitesimal Four Subwoofer/Satellite System

Subwoofer with 10-in poly/graphite driver; 2 satellites, each with 51/4-in poly/graphite woofer and EMIT-R tweeter. Features magnetic satellite sheilding; continuously variable subwoofer crossover point. Subwoofer: FR 40-200 Hz ±3

ERS 820 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

8-in graphite woofer and EMIT k tweeter. Features tweeter-level control. FR 50-45,000 Hz; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover point 3,800 Hz. 11 x 16 x 4 in; 17 lb. . . . . \$580/pr

SM 102 2-Way Speaker

Kappa Video Center/Surround Speaker

SM 62 2-Way Surround Speaker

Ported design with 6½-in polypropylene woofer and ¾-in dome tweeter. Power handling 100 W max; FR 78-25,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 94 dB sPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 5,000 Hz. Black, walnut, or rosewood vinyl finish with black cloth grille. 8 x 13¼ x 13½ in; 26 lb . . . . . \$278/pr

Video I Center-Channel Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with two 5½-in woofers and ½-in tweeter. Features magnetic shielding. Power handling 100 W rms; FR 58-20,000 ± 3 dB; sens 89 dB; crossover point 4,500 Hz; imp 8 ohms. Black. 18¼ x 7 x 5½ in ... \$189

Reference Series

Reference Six 4-Way Speaker

Reference Four 3-Way Speaker

Reference Two 2-Way Speaker

#### JAMO

SW-300 Subwoofer/Satellite System

Bass-reflex subwoofer with two 8-in drivers in push-pull configuration; 2 satellites, each with 4-in polypropylene woofer and ½-in polypropylene-dome tweeter. 24-karat gold-plated screw terminals. Bass-level control. Includes satellite mounting kit. Power handling 100 W cont avg subwoofer, 50 W satellite; FR 30-200 Hz subwoofer, 80-20,000 Hz satellite; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 200 and



3,500 Hz. Black or white. Subwoofer: 8% x 13% x 18% in; 30 lb. Satellites: 5% x 8 x 3 in ... \$699

Concert V 3-Way Speaker

SW-100 Subwoofer/Satellite System

Bass-reflex subwoofer with two 6½-in drivers in push-pull configuration; 2 satellites, each with 4-in woofer and 2-in cone tweeter. Includes satellite mounting kit. Power handling 100 W cont avg subwoofer, 50 W satellite; FR 35-200 Hz subwoofer, 80-20,000 Hz satellite; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 200 and 4,500 Hz. Black or white. Subwoofer: 13½ x 7½ x 18½ in: 29 lb. Satellites: 5½ x 7½ x 3¼ in. \$499

Concert II 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 6½-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in alloy dome tweeter. Features overload protection. Gold-plated biwire terminals. Power handling 80 W cont avg; FR 40-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,000 Hz. Light walnut, mahogany, or black-ash finish. 9½ x 16 x 10 in . . . \$399

Atmosphere 2-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 5¼-in woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. Features standard low-voltage halogen light with UL-approved transformer; overload protection. Separate on/off switch. Includes wall bracket that rotates speaker 360°. Power handling 60 W cont avg; FR 40-20,000 Hz; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 3,000 Hz. Black or white. 14½ x 10½ x 7 in; 8 lb.

CL-30A 3-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 8-in woofer, 4-in midrange, and 1-in dome tweeter. Gold-plated screw terminals. Power handling 120 W cont avg; FR 35-20,000 Hz; sens 92.5 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 2,500 and 5,000 Hz. Black or white. 104 x 331/x 101/4 in; 29 lb. \$299

Art 2-Way Speaker

Converta 2-Way Speaker

Dish-shaped hanging/wall-mount design with 4-in woofer and 2-in tweeter. Includes wall/table fittings and omnidirectional ball joint. Power handling 50 W cont avg; FR 80-20,000 Hz; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,500 Hz. Black, white-steel, pink, mint-green, or violet finish. 4.5 lb.

Center 100 Center-Channel Speaker

Bass-reflex design with two 4-in woofers and 1-in

#### JBL

Model 250 Ti 4-Way Speaker

14-in woofer, 8-in midbass, 5-in polypropylene midrange, and 1-in titanium-diaphragm tweeter. Power handling 400 W cont avg; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 400, 1,400, and 5,200 Hz; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. Black-lacquer finish. 22½ x 52 x 14½ in; 126 lb ... \$2,499

XPL 200 4-Way Speaker

12-in die-cast aquaplas-laminate woofer, 6½-in die-cast polypropylene midbass, 3-in titanium-dome midrange, and 1-in titanium-dome tweeter. Power handling 800 W max; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; nom imp 6 ohms; crossover points 300, 1,100, and 4,500 Hz. Black-lacquer finish. 16 x 39% x 14 in; 90 lb \$1,699

L7 4-Way Speaker

12-in aquaplas woofer, 8-in die-cast midbass, 5-in die-cast mineral-filled polypropylene midrange, and 1-in titanium-dome tweeter. Power handling 450 W; FR 30-27,000 Hz; sens 91 dB; imp 6 ohms. Black-ash veneer finish. 9% x 46 x 17% in; 75 lb \$975

HP520 4-Way Speaker

Double-chamber band-pass enclosure with two 8-in woofers, 6½-in midbass, 5-in polymer-laminate midrange, and 1-in tweeter. Power handling 200 W, FR 34-27,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 90 dB; nom imp 4 ohms. 14½ x 39 x 12½ in; 55 lb .... \$795

Pro III Plus 3-Way Speaker

Die-cast polypropylene-foam enclosure with 8-in dual-voice-coil polymer-laminate woofer, 5-in polymer-laminate midrange, and 1-in titanium-dome tweeter. Power handling 100 W; FR 35-27,000 Hz; sens 90 dB; imp 4 ohms. 13½ x 15½ x 13½ in; 41.5 lb. \$659/pr

HP420 3-Way Speaker

Double-chamber band-pass enclosure with two 6½-in woofers, 5-in polymer-laminate midrange, and 1-in titanium-dome tweeter. Power handling 150 W, FR 40-27,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 89 dB; nom imp 4 ohms. Black-ash finish with black-glass top. 11% x 34% x 10½ in; 38 lb.............\$595

P50 3-Way Speaker

8-in woofers and 5-in midrange in separate internal chambers; 1-in tweeter. Power handling 120 W; FR 42-20,000 Hz  $\pm 6$  dB; sens 91 dB; nom imp 6 ohms. 10% x 37% x 12% in; 36.3 lb....\$450

J5120 3-Way Bookshelf Speaker

S-4 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

6½-in polymer-laminate woofer and 1-in titanium-dome tweeter. Includes mounting frame and hardware. Power handling 100 W; FR 125-22,000 Hz; imp 4 ohms; sens 88 dB.SPL/W/m. 8½ x 12 x 3½ in; 16 lb....\$298/pr

S-3 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

51/4-in polymer-laminate woofer and 1-in titanium-dome tweeter. Includes mounting frame and hardware. Power handling 100 W; FR 125-22,000

Hz: imp 4 ohms; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m. 71/4 x 101/2 x 3% in; 14 lb......\$225/pr

LC312 3-Way Speaker

12-in woofer, 5-in midrange, and %-in tweeter. Power handling 140 W; FR 40-20,000 Hz; sens 92 dB; imp 8 ohms. Black vinyl finish. 14 x 363/4 x 

A/VP3 2-Way Center-Channel Speaker

Die-cast polypropylene-foam enclosure with 5-in polymer-laminate woofer and 1-in titanium-dome tweeter. Includes MTC-8 L-bracket and safety chain for wall mounting. Power handling 100 W; FR 65-27,000 Hz; sens 90 dB; imp 4 ohms. 61/4 x 

#### JENSEN

Model 3152 3-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 15-in woofer, 5-in cone midrange, and 3-in ferrofluid-filled cone tweeter. Power handling 80 W rms; FR 33-21,000 Hz; sens 94 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Hickory finish. 181/2 x 32 x 11½ in; 35.5 lb ..... \$400/pr

Model 3122 3-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 12-in woofer, 5-in cone midrange, and 3-in ferrofluid-filled cone tweeter. Power handling 60 W rms; FR 43-21,000 Hz; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Hickory or oak finish. 151/2 x 29 x 91/4 in; 28.5 lb ..... \$285/pr

#### JOSEPH AUDIO

RM-10 2-Way Speaker

Tuned-port design with 8-in woofer and 1-in softdome tweeter. Features design by Richard Modaferri; 100-dB/oct crossover; computer-optimized bass loading and crossover design; diecast woofer basket. Power handling 150 W; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; FR 38-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB. Blackor light-oak finish. 11 x 36 x 12 in .... \$1,500/pr

#### JRM

Reference Powered Subwoofer/Satellite System

Two 18-in subwoofers; 2 satellites, each with four 8-in midbasses, horn midrange, and horn tweeter; preamp; 6-band remote EQ; 4-way active crossover; two 750-W mono power 

Monitor Powered Subwoofer/Satellite

System

3-piece system with 4-way stereo configuration. Subwoofer with two 12-in polypropylene drivers; 2 satellites, each with three 61/2-in midbasses, 3-in midrange, and two ring-radiator horn tweeters; 7-way active crossover with 7 level controls and seven 350-W (into 2 ohms) amps in subwoofer enclosure. Features timealigned drivers; protection circuitry. FR 18-\$5,500 As above, with two subwoofers ..... \$7,500

\$18B-5 Powered Subwoofer

Proprietary alignment with 18-in driver; 200 W x 1 cont avg amp. Features 2-way active crossover with bass/midbass EQ. Woofer: FR 20-200 Hz. Amp: THD 0.02%; S/N 102 dB; slew rate 100 V/µs. Crossover: THD 0.001%; S/N 94 dB. 8-cubic-ft enclosure ......\$2,500

#### KEF

Model 107/2 3-Way Speaker

Coupled-cavity design with two 10-in woofers, 5in polypropylene-cone midrange, and 1-in alumi-



num-dome tweeter. Features active EO providing fixed mid/high-frequency EQ and variable bass EQ; woofers joined by force-canceling rod and rear-loaded in sealed enclosure feeding common ported enclosure; pivoting assembly for midrange and tweeter; conjugate load-matching network. Biamp/biwire terminals. Power handling 300 W; FR 20-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 90 dB; imp 4 ohms. Rosewood or black-ash veneer. 13 x 46 x 175% in; 99 lb ...... \$5,900/pr

Model 105/3 4-Way Speaker

Two 8-in woofers, two 61/2-in midbasses, 61/2-in midrange, and 1/4-in soft-dome tweeter. Features woofers joined by force-canceling rod in coupled-cavity enclosure with 61/2-in port; tweeter at apex of midrange cone; one midbass above and one midbass below midrange; conjugate loadmatching network. Biamp/biwire terminals. Power handling 300 W cont; FR 49-20,000 Hz ±2.5 dB; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Rosewood or black-ash veneer finish. 11 x 431/2 x 16 in; 93 lb ...... \$3,900/pr

Model 103/4 3-Way Speaker

Coupled-cavity design with two 61/2-in woofers and 1-in neodymium-dome tweeter. Features vertical woofer alignment; conjugate loadmatching network. Biamp/biwire terminals. Power handling 200 W max; FR 50-20,000 Hz ±2.5 dB; sens 91 dB. Rosewood or black-ash veneer finish. 81/2 x 351/2 x 12 in; 49 lb . \$1,800/pr

Q90 3-Way Speaker

8-in reflex-loaded woofer, 8-in polypropylene-cone midrange, and 1-in fluid-cooled polymerdome tweeter. Features 11/2-in woofer voice coil. Power handling 150 W; FR 40-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB; imp 8 ohms. Black-ash or oak vinyl finish. 93/4 x 35 x 121/2 in; 41 lb ...... \$999/pr

K160 2-Way Speaker

8-in woofer and 1-in fluid-cooled dome tweeter. Features 1-in woofer voice coil. Power handling 100 W; FR 48-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB; imp 8 ohms. Black-ash vinyl finish. 101/4 x 291/2 x 91/4 

K120 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

61/2-in woofer and 1-in fluid-cooled dome tweeter. Features 1-in woofer voice coil. Power handling 80 W; FR 65-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 87 dB; imp 8 ohms. Black-ash vinyl finish. 81/8 x 131/4 x 9¾ in; 9 lb ......\$249/pr

#### KENWOOD

CS-01 Center-Channel Speaker

Two 4-in drivers. Designed for home-theater systems. Features magnetic shielding. Power handling 80 W max; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; FR 70-20,000 Hz; impedance 8 ohms. Black laminated high-density-particleboard enclosure with simulated wood-grain finish. 171/8 x 41/8 x 121/8 in; 

#### KLH

Performance 12 3-Way Speaker

12-in woofer, 51/4-in ferrofluid-cooled midrange, and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled fabric-dome tweeter. Features 11/2-in woofer voice coil; 5-element crossover with Mylar capacitors. Gold-plated 5way binding posts. Power handling 200 W nom; FR 28-20,000 Hz; sens 97 dB spt/W/m; imp 8

ohms; crossover points 800 and 3,000 Hz. 16 x 43 

Premier 81 2-Way Speaker

Tuned-port design with 8-in polymer-fiber cone woofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled polymer-dome tweeter. Features 11/2-in woofer voice coil; 9element crossover. Gold-plated 5-way binding posts. Power handling 130 W nom; FR 30-20,000 Hz; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 1,300 Hz. 103/8 x 161/2 x 111/4 in . . . . \$299/pr

Model 802 2-Way Speaker

Tuned-port design with 8-in polypropylene woofer and 3-in ferrofluid-cooled tweeter. Features magnetic shielding. Push terminals. Power handling 180 W nom; FR 40-22,000 Hz; sensitivity 90 dB SPL/W/m; impedance 8 ohms; crossover point 2,800 Hz. Oak-grain vinyl finish. 1134 x 191/2 x 

Model 810 2-Way Outdoor Speaker

Metal-cabinet, weatherproof design with 4-in polypropylene/rubber woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. Power handling 60 W nom; FR 80-20,000 Hz; sens 85 dB spt/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 2,800 Hz. 45% x 7 x 45% in . . . . . . . \$149/pr

#### KLIPSCH

Klipschorn 3-Way Speaker

Horn-loaded design. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 35-17,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 104 dB SPL/W/ m; imp 8 ohms. 311/4 x 52 x 281/2 in; 167 lb. Price depends on finish, from ...... \$4,000/pr

Belle Klipsch 3-Way Speaker

Horn-loaded design. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 45-17,000 Hz ± 5 dB; sens 104 dB SPL/W/ m; imp 8 ohms. 301/8 x 355/8 x 183/4 in. Price 

Chorus II 3-Way Speaker

Vented design with 15-in woofer, horn midrange. and horn tweeter. Features built-in riser base. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 39-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 101 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 181/2 x 39 x 151/2 in; 89 lb. Price depends on finish, from ..... \$1,790/pr

Forte II 3-Way Speaker

Vented design with 12-in woofer, horn midrange, horn tweeter, and 12-in passive radiator. Features built-in riser base. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 32-20,000 ± 3 dB; sens 99 dB SPL/W/ m: imp 8 ohms. 161/2 x 351/8 x 121/4 in; 56 lb. Price depends on finish, from ..... \$1,298/pr

KG-5.2 2-Way Speaker

Vented design with 10-in woofer, tweeter, and 12-in passive radiator. Power handling 100 W; FR 34-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 96 dB SPL/W/m; crossover point 1,600 Hz; imp 8 ohms. 1414 x 331/2 x 

IW200 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

Two 61/2-in woofers and horn tweeter. Power handling 75 W; FR 40-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 93 dB spL/W/m; crossover point 2,200 Hz; imp 8 ohms. Required cutout 81/8 x 191/8 in . . . . \$550/pr IW100. As above, one woofer. Power handling 50 W; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. Required cutout 81/8 x 

#### KOSS

KCS/350 2-Way Speaker

Tuned-port design with two 61/2-in polypropylene woofers and one 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Features molded baffle. FR 55-22,000 Hz; sens 92 dB

KCS/150 2-Way Speaker

M/100 Plus 2-Way Powered Speaker

#### LEGACY

Focus 4-Way Speaker

Three 12-in carbon-poly woofers, two 7-in Kevlar midranges, 14-in metalized dome tweeter, and samarium-cobalt ribbon supertweeter. Features internal bracing; Cardas internal wiring. Biamp/biwire terminals; Power handling 1,000 W; FR 16-30,000 Hz; sens 98 dB; imp 4 ohms; crossover points 180, 2,800, and 12,000 Hz. 16 x 14 x 55 in; 175,lb. \$4,850/pr

Convergence 3-Way Speaker

Two 12-in carbon-poly woofers, two 6½-in polyglass midranges, and 1-in aluminum-dome tweeter with dispersion lens. Biamp/biwire terminals. Power handling 500 W; FR 20-25,000 Hz; sens 98 dB; imp 4 ohms; crossover points 180 and 3,900 Hz. 16 x 14 x 50 in; 155 lb . \$3,850/pr

Legacy Signature II 4-Way Speaker

Three 10-in carbon-poly woofers, two 6½-in poly midranges, 1½-in dome tweeter, and ribbon supertweeter. Features bipolar response above 5.000 Hz; slot-loaded subwoofer. Biamp/biwire terminals. Power handling 400 W; FR 20-30,000 Hz; sens 93.5 dB; imp 4 ohms; crossover points 80, 2,800, and 8,000 Hz. 12 x 12 x 48 in; 130 lb.....\$2,996/pr

#### LINN

Kaber 3-Way Speaker

Tower-style cabinet with two 5-in woofers and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in tweeter. Woofers operate at different resonances and crossover points. Triwire/triamp ter-



Linn Keilidh



Keilidh 2-Way Speaker

Nexus LS 250 2-Way Speaker

Ported design with 8-in carbon-polypropylene woofer and 3/4-in soft-dome tweeter. Molded front baffle; 14-in pedestal stand; 4th-order Linkwitz-Riley crossover phase aligned at 2,500 Hz. Biwire terminals. Sens 88 dB. 10 x 22 x 12 in. Price depends on finish ...... \$1,195-\$1,395/pr

#### LUXMAN

S-503 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

6½-in carbon-fiber-impregnated polypropylene woofer and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. 2-position tweeter-level switch. Power handling 120 W max; FR 60-22,000 Hz ±2.5 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/ W/m; crossover point 5,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms. 9½ x 12½ x 3½ in \$300/pr

#### MAGNEPAN

MG 3.3/R 3-Way Ribbon Speaker

MG 2.6/R 2-Way Ribbon Speaker

MG .5/QR 2-Way Speaker

370-sq-in planar-magnetic bass panel and 1½ x 40-in quasi-ribbon tweeter. Power handling 40 W cont; FR 45-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 86 dB; imp 4 ohms; crossover point 900 Hz . . . . . . \$1,075/pr

SMGa 2-Way Speaker

370-sq-in planar-magnetic bass panel and 1½ x 38-in quasi-ribbon tweeter. Power handling 30 W cont; FR 50-18,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 90 dB; imp 4 ohms; crossover 2,400 Hz......\$575/pr

#### M&K

MX-5000 THX Powered Subwoofer

Sealed-box design with two 12-in magnetic drivers in push-pull configuration; integral 400-W rms amp. Features THX certification; independent level control; low-pass filter adjustable between 50 and 125 Hz. FR 18-125 Hz; input imp 15 kilohms line level, 200 ohms speaker level. Oak or black-oak finish. 23 x 15¼ x 23½ in; 125 lb \$2,195\$

#### SS-500 THX Surround Speaker

Sealed-box design with two 5-in polypropylene woofers and two 1-in soft-dome tweeters. Features THX certification; tonal-balance control. FR 100-20,000 Hz + 3 dB; imp 4 ohms, 16 x 7 x 7 in; 22 lb \$1,450/pr

S-100B Satellite Speaker

S-5000 THX LCR Satellite Speaker

#### MX-70 Powered Subwoofer

VX-7 Powered Subwoofer

Acoustic-suspension design with 8-in woofer; 50-W amp. FR 40-125 Hz ±3 dB. Black. 10 x 11½ x 9½ in; 25 lb \$425

SX-7 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 4-in paper-cone midrange and ½-in soft-dome tweeter. Features cast-aluminum box with perforated metal grille; fluse protection. FR 100-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; power handling 100 W; sens 87 dB; imp 4 ohms. Black or white. 4½ x 7½ x 4½ in; 6 lb ......\$257/pr

#### JOHN MAROVSKIS

Janis W I Subwoofer

15-in slot-loaded driver. FR 30-100 Hz ±1 dB; sens 87 SPL/W/m; recommended min power 60 W; crossover point 100 Hz; imp 8 ohms. Oiled walnut or white-oak finish with wood grille. 18 x 22 x 22 in; 100 lb. \$850 Coca Bola or Brazilian Monarch rosewood. \$1,000 Black \$900

#### MARTIN-LOGAN

The Quest Hybrid Electrostatic Speaker

12-in woofer in tuned chamber and 18 x 48-in curved electrostatic panel. Power handling 200 W cont; FR 28-24,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 90 dB sPt/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 150 Hz. Available in variety of finishes. 19 x 73 x 18 in; 125 lb \$3,995/pr\$

Sequel II Hybrid Electrostatic Speaker

10-in woofer in tuned chamber and visually transparent 1 x 4-ft electrostatic panel. Features matrix woofer voice coil; design for 30° horizontal dispersion; invertical line-source format. Power handling 200 W cont; FR 30-24,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; crossover point 250 Hz; imp 6 ohms. \$2,995/pr

Aerius Hybrid Electrostatic Speaker

8-in woofer in sealed chamber and visually transparent 38 x 9½-in electrostatic panel. Features curved electrostatic-panel design for 30° horizontal dispersion; proprietary pressure-compensation technology for ±6-dB tone shaping. 5-way biwire/biamp binding posts. Power handling 200 W; FR 40-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; crossover 12-dB/oct at 500 Hz; sens 89 dB; imp 4 ohms. 10½ x 55½ x 13½ in; 55 lb \$1,995/pr

#### MB QUART

Quart 690MCS 2-Way Speaker

Tower design with 8-in woofer and 1-in titanium-

Quart Three 2-Way Speaker

Quart 90M 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

Quart One 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

#### MCINTOSH

XRT 18 Subwoofer/Satellite System

Subwoofer with 12-in woofer and 6-in midrange; 2 satellite columns, each with sixteen 1-in dome tweeters. Power handling 500 W max; FR 20-20,000 Hz; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 350 and 1,500 Hz. Subwoofer 17½ x 27½ x 11½ in. Satellites 10½ x 57½ x 1½ in. 108 lb \$2,699\$

XR-240 3-Way Speaker

12-in woofer, 6½-in midrange, and 1-in dome tweeter. Features solid-state current protection. Power handling 300 W max; FR 20-20,000 Hz; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 375 and 1,200 Hz. Oak, walnut, or black-lacquer hardwood finish. 15 x 43½ x 13½ in; 75 lb. \$1,150

WS200 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

6-in woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. Features solid-state current protection. Power handling 80 W max; FR 60-20,000 Hz, sens 86 dB spt/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 1,300 Hz. White grille. 8½ x 12 x 3½ in; 7.5 lb . . . . . . \$599/pr

#### MEMOREX

TS-5 Subwoofer/Satellite System

Subwoofer with two 5¼-in and two 6½-in drivers; 2 satellites, each with 4-in midrange, front-firing ½-in tweeter, and rear-firing ½-in tweeter. Sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 300 and 6,000 Hz. Black-lacquer finish with black knit grille \$650

TRC-505 2-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 6½-in woofer and ½-in polycarbon-dome tweeter. FR 70-20,000 Hz; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 3,400 Hz. Ebony walnut finish with black knit grille. 7½ x 19½ x 10½ in; 12.5 lb... \$259/pr

WM-500 2-Way Outdoor Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 5½-in woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. FR 49-20,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,400 Hz. Aluminum cabinet, black grille. 6 x 7 x 8 in; 9.5 lb . . . . \$249/pr



MERIDIAN

D600 3-Way Digital Powered Speaker

Triamplified vented design with 6½-in woofer, 6½-in midbass, and 1-in metal-dome tweeter; three 65-W amps; preamp. 2 analog, 2 digital, and 1 fiber-optic inputs. Information display for 200 Series components; remote control with frequency shaping and tilt controls. FR 36-20,000 Hz; sens 110 dB. Rosewood, walnut, or blackash. 8½ x 35½ x 11½ in; 70 lb. . . . . . . \$5,500/pr

M30II 2-Way Powered Speaker

P16 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

8½-in woofer and ½-in tweeter. Power handling 70 W max; FR 6-17,000 Hz; sens 88 dB sPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Round or square bezel. 8 x 8 x 3½ in \$400/pr

MIRAGE

Mirage M3si 3-Way Speaker

Bipolar design with carbon-filled polypropylene woofer, two 4½-in carbon-filled polypropylene front and rear midranges, and two ¾-in clothdome front and rear tweeters. Features 1½-in woofer voice coils. Biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 250 W; FR 25-23,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 85.5 dB; crossover points 400 and 2,200 Hz; imp 6 ohms. 19 x 53 x 9 in . . . . . . . . . \$2,800/pr

Mirage M7si 3-Way Speaker

Mirage M-790 3-Way Speaker

Bipolar design with 8-in polypropylene cone woofer, rear-firing 5-in midrange, and 1-in titanium tweeter. Features rubber woofer surround; cloth tweeter suspension. Biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 150 W cont; FR 38-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover points 500 and 2,000 Hz. High gloss finish. 10 x 39 x 11 in; 60 lb. \$1,100/pr

Mirage PS-12 Powered Subwoofer

Mirage M-490 2-Way Speaker

Front-vented design with 8-in polypropylene cone woofer and 1-in pure-titanium tweeter. Features rubber woofer surround; cloth tweeter suspension. Power handling 150 W cont; FR 40-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 86 dB sPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover point 2,000 Hz. Black-ash vinyl finish. 10 x 19 x 11 in; 28 lb ...............\$600/pr

Mirage M-290 2-Way Speaker

Front-vented design with 61/2-in polypropylene

Mirage M-190 2-Way Speaker

Rear-vented design with 5½-in polypropylenecone woofer and ¾-in titanium tweeter. Power handling 75 W cont; FR 55-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 85 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 2,200 Hz. Black-ash vinyl finish. 7 x 12 x 8 in; 12 lb \$250/pr

Mirage 2-Way Center-Channel Speaker

Dual-vented design with two 4½-in woofers and ½-in polycarbonate flared-dome tweeter. Features magnetic shielding; angled enclosure. Power handling 100 W cont; FR 60-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,500 Hz. Black-ash vinyl. 6 x 20 x 8 in; 15 lb \$170

MISSION

Mission 753 3-Way Speaker

Two 5%-in plastiflexed paper woofers, two 5%-in midbasses, and one 1-in ferrofluid-cooled dome tweeter. Features visco-elastically-damped construction; gold-plated 5-way binding posts. FR 70-20,000 ± 1.5 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; crossover points 200 Hz and 2,300 Hz. Black/white lacquer or wood veneer finish. 8½ x 3½/2 x 12½ in ... \$1,299/pr

Cyrus 782 2-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with two 6½-in mineral-loaded polymer woofers and ¾-in ferrofluid-cooled fabric-dome tweeter. ¾-in MDF baffleboard. Biwire/biamp terminals. Adjustable and removable spikes. Power handling 150 W cont avg; FR 49-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 91.5 dB spt/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover point 3,200 Hz. Natural walnut, black-ash, Nextel gray, or rosewood veneer...\$899/pr

Cyrus 781 2-Way Speaker

Mission 762 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 8-in Plastiflex woofer and \( \frac{1}{2} \)-in ferrofluid-cooled fabric-dome tweeter. \( \frac{1}{2} \)-in visco-elastically damped, transverse-folded cabinet; flared-tuned port; inverted drive-unit geometry. 5-way binding posts. Power handling 125 W cont avg; FR 50-20,000 Hz \( \frac{1}{2} \) 3 dB; sens 93.5 dB; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 4,300 Hz. Simulated walnut and black-ash veneers. \( \frac{9}{2} \) x 111\( \frac{1}{2} \) in; 21 lb. \( \frac{1}{2} \) \( \frac{4}{2} \) \( \frac{9}{2} \)/pr

Mission 760i 2-Way Speaker

MONITOR AUDIO

MA1200 Gold MkII 2-Way Speaker

Ported design with 6-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in gold metal-dome tweeter. Features

MDF cabinet with sand-loading compartment; biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 200 W; FR 35-30,000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 8 ohms; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; Rosewood, black ash, oak, or walnut finish. 8 x 36 x 10 in \$1,999/pr

MA700 Gold MkII 2-Way Speaker

6-in polypropylene woofer in cast-aluminum/ magnesium chassis and 1-in anodized-gold metal-dome tweeter. Features biamp/biwire terminals. Power handling 100 W; FR 45-30,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Rosewood, black ash, oak, or walnut finish. 8½ x 14 x 10 in .....\$999/pr

The Sub-Woofer Subwoofer

Infinite-baffle design with 8-in polypropylene driver. Features dual voice coils; 1½-in alloy former; dual-chamber MDF cabinet with bracing and damping. Volume 30 liters. Black-ash or Santos rosewood finish. 10 x 19 x 14 in ... \$699

Monitor 7 Gold 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker Rear-ported design with 4½-in impregnated woofer and ½-in metal-dome tweeter. Power handling 70 W; FR 60-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Black hand-rubbed lacquer finish. 6½ x 13½ x 7 in . . . . . . \$399/pr

MORDAUNT-SHORT Classic 40 2-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design featuring two 6½-in injection-molded polypropylene cone woofers and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled metal-dome tweeter. Features protection circuitry. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 50-20,000 Hz; sens 78 dB spl/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 4,000 Hz. Walnut, mahogany, or black-ash finish. 5-yr warranty. 8½ x 31½

x 11 in; 38 lb ...... \$1,499/pr

MS 5.50 2-Way Speaker

MS 5.30 2-Way Speaker

Ported design with 8-in woofer and 1-in aluminum-dome tweeter. Features minimal-diffraction grilles integrated into baffle; protection circuitry. Gold-plated biwire/biamp terminals. FR 60-20,000 Hz ±5 dB; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 4,000 Hz. Black-ash finish. 9% x 16% x 11 in; 18 lb.............\$499/pr

MS 5.10 2-Way Speaker

Ported design with 5½-in woofer and ¼-in aluminum-dome tweeter. Features minimal-diffraction grilles integrated into baffle; protection circuitry. Gold-plated biwire/biamp terminals. FR 70-20,000 Hz; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 5,000 Hz. Black-ash finish. 7½ x 12 x 8½ in \$299/pr

SW-I Subwoofer

Two 6½-in drivers. Features acoustic band-pass filter; protection circuitry: 18-mm particleboard enclosure. Spring-loaded inputs. Power handling 100 W per driver; FR 45-110 Hz; sens 90 dB both drivers driven; imp 8 ohms per driver. 21½ x 9½ x 10 in; 26.5 lb.

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D9550E 5-Way Speaker

12-in polymer woofer, two 5-in sealed-back fer-



D5550E 3-Way Speaker

Vented design with 15-in polymer-coated woofer, 5-in sealed-back midrange, 3-in dome tweeter, and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Features ferrofluid-cooled midrange and tweeters. Power handling 120 W cont avg; FR 43-22,000 Hz, sens 96.5 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4/8 ohms; crossover points 1,700 and 6,000 Hz. 15½ x 27 x 10¼ in. \$520/pr

D4550E 3-Way Speaker

Vented design with 10-in polymer woofer, 5-in sealed-back ferrofluid-cooled midrange, and 1-in soft-dome ferrofluid-cooled tweeter. Power handling 80 W cont avg; FR 45-22,000 Hz; sens 95.5 dB; imp 4/8 ohms. 15 x 24 x 10 in .... \$420/pr

AAL 103 3-Way Speaker

Vented design with 10-in fiber-cone woofer, 4-in ferrofluid-cooled cone midrange, and 3½-in horn-loaded quartz tweeter. Power handling 75 W cont avg; FR 55-20,000 Hz; sens 91.5 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. 15 x 24 x 10½ in ... \$360/pr

AAL 154 4-Way Speaker

Vented design with 15-in fiber-cone woofer, 4-in and 3-in ferrofluid-cooled midranges, and 3½-in horn-loaded quartz tweeter. Power handling 125 W cont avg; FR 40-20,000 Hz; sens 92 dB; imp 4 ohms. 18½ x 29 x 15 in \$249/pr

MUSEATEX

RTRE-1 2-Way Speaker

Hybrid design combining 8-in woofer and realtime ripple-effect dipole diaphragm. Power handling 200 W max; FR 40-20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB; sens 85 dB SPL; crossover point 400 Hz ......\$2,199

Melior One Speaker

Dipole planar design incorporating real-time ripple effect technology. No crossover. Power handling 200 W max; FR 45-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 86 dB sPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Mahogany or black-lacquer finish. 22 x 45 x 3 in; 65 lb.... \$1,999/pr Melior Two. As above, power handling 150 W max. FR 50-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 84 dB. Mahogany or black semi-gloss finish; high-gloss finish optional. 19 x 38 x 3 in; 45 lb... \$1,299/pr

Melior WAL-1 In-Wall Speaker

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NA SBL 2-Way Speaker

NA IBL 2-Way Speaker

5-in woofer and \( \frac{4}{2}-in \) dome tweeter. Features detachable crossover. Power handling 65 W max; FR 45-20,000 Hz \( \pm 2 \) dB; sens 86.5 dB spU W/m; imp 6 ohms. Black-ash or walnut finish. 9\( \pm 2 \) x 31\( \pm 4 \) x 10\( \pm 8 \) in \( \ldots 1 \) 31695/pr NA PXO. Passive crossover for above \( \ldots 2 \) \$260

NEAR

NEAR-50ML 3-Way Speaker

Tuned-port design with 8-in metal-cone woofer, 4-in metal-alloy midrange, and 1-in metal-dome tweeter. Power handling 250 W max; FR 30-23,000 Hz ±1.5 dB; crossover points 250 and 4,000 Hz; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Walnut finish. 10½ x 48 x 12 in; 55 lb . \$1,850/pr As above, black-oak finish . . . . . . . \$1,550/pr

NEAR-40ME 2-Way Speaker

Tuned-port design with 8-in metal-cone woofer and 1-in metal-dome tweeter. Power handling 250 W max; FR 32-23,000 Hz ± 2 dB; imp 8 ohms; sens 88 dB; crossover point 1,800 Hz. Walnut finish. 10½ x 35 x 10¾ in; 40 lb ...... \$1,250/pr As above, black-oak finish ...... \$999/pr

NEAR-10M 2-Way Speaker

Ported design with 5½-in metal-cone woofer and 1-in metal-dome tweeter. Power handling 100 W max; FR 48-20,000 Hz ± 2.5 dB; sens 88.5 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 2,000 Hz. Walnut finish. 7½ x 11 x 9½ in; 14 lb ... \$549/pr As above, black-oak finish ...... \$399/pr

A.E.S. 1.1 Outdoor Speaker

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SW2P Powered Subwoofer

Model 1.3 2-Way Speaker

Sealed design with 6½-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled dome tweeter. Features angled baffle. FR 50-25,000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 8 ohms; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m. Black, white, or oak finish. 7 x 16½ x 10 in; 15 lb ...... \$500/pr

Model 1A 2-Way Speaker

Model Zero 2-Way Speaker

Home Theater Series

VT-1 2-Way Speaker

HDP-1 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Sealed hybrid dipolar design with 41/2-in woofer

and two 3-in mid-tweeters. FR 105-10,000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 8 ohms. Gloss black or white finish. 9 x 6 x 9 in; 7 lb ......\$350/pr

Model 1C 2-Way Center-Channel Speaker Sealed design with 61/2-in woofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled tweeter. Features magnetic shielding. FR 63-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 8 ohms. Black finish. 7 x 12 x 8½ in; 11 lb ...... \$170

NILES

NSW-100 Powered In-Wall Subwoofer

8-in driver and separate 100-W amp. Features 24dB/oct crossover. Line- and speaker-level inputs. Auto on/off via music sensing; subwooferlevel control; bypass and phase-reversal switches. Crossover point 100 Hz; FR 38-100 Hz  $\pm 2$  dB. Subwoofer:  $14 \times 42 \times 3$  in; 24 lb. Amplifier: 17 x 3½ x 10 in; 14 lb ......\$1,100 NSW-8. As above, without amp ....... \$350

Model 200 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

61/2-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Features butyl woofer surround; treated-fabric woofer dust cap. 2-position tweeterlevel control. Power handling 80 W max; FR 55-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sensitivity 88 dB SPL/W/m; impedance 8 ohms; crossover point 2,800 Hz. Pearl-white finish with metal or cloth grille; newconstruction or retrofit brackets. 9 x 12 x 3 in; 5 lb ...... \$500/pr

Model 75 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

54-in polypropylene woofer and 4-in polycarbonate dome tweeter. Designed for ceiling installation. Features treated-urethane woofer surround. Power handling 45 W max; FR 63-20,000 Hz ±4 dB; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 4,000 Hz. Pearl-white finish. Choice of square, round, or recessed lightingtype bezel and grille. Square: 6\% x 6\% x 2\½ in. 

#### NORMAN LABORATORIES

Model 635 3-Way Speaker Three 10-in poly woofers, 51/4-in poly midrange

and 1-in dome tweeter. Power handling 600 W max; FR 25-20,000 Hz; sens 95 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 16¾ x 49 x 11 in; 155 lb.......... \$900

Model 435 3-Way Speaker

Two 10-in poly woofers, 51/4-in poly midrange, and 1-in dome tweeter. Power handling 500 W max; FR 30-20,000 Hz; sens 94 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 15 x 40 x 9% in; 112 lb...... \$550

Model 235 3-Way Speaker

10-in poly woofer, 51/4-in poly midrange, and 1-in dome tweeter. Power handling 250 W max; FR 38-20,000 Hz; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 12 x 23 x 9% in; 60 lb ......\$300

#### OHM ACOUSTICS

Walsh-300 2-Way Speaker

Coherent-line-source configuration with inverted-cone driver and supertweeter. Features protection circuitry. Gold-plated 5-way binding posts. Casters/spikes. Power handling 300 W max; FR 25-25,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 88 dB; imp 8 ohms. 13¼ x 17¼ x 48¼ in ..... \$1,995/pr Walsh-200. As above, power handling 200 W max, FR 32-20,000 Hz ±3 dB, sens 90 dB, imp 8 ohms. 113/4 x 153/4 x 421/4 in ...... \$1,395/pr Walsh-100. As above, power handling 100 W max, FR 40-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB, sens 90 dB, imp 8 



CAM-32 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

61/2-in woofer, rotatable 3/4-in polycarbonatedome tweeter, and 10-in passive radiator. Features protection circuitry; patented sub-bass activator. Power handling 100 W max; FR 42-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 90 dB; imp 8 ohms. Black-oak vinyl finish. 11 x 11 x 32 in ...... \$520/pr CAM-16. As above, no passive radiator. Power handling 85 W max; FR 46-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB; imp 8 ohms. 9 x 11 x 21 in . . \$400/pr

#### OPTIMUS BY RADIO SHACK

Mach Three 3-Way Speaker

Ferrofluid-cooled midrange and tweeter horns. Features midrange- and tweeter-level controls. FR 50-25,000 Hz; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Walnut finish with removable cloth grille. 13 x 30 x 17% in ..... \$300

Model 1050 3-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex tuned-port design with 15-in woofer, 5-in midrange, and 3-in tweeter. Power handling 100 W; FR 60-20,000 Hz; sens 90 dB; imp 8 ohms. Oiled walnut finish with removable grille. 11% x 29% x 17% in; 44 lb...... \$200

#### PARADIGM

Studio Monitor 3-Way Speaker

Two 8-in mineral-filled polypropylene woofers, 5-in mineral-filled polypropylene midrange, and aluminum-dome tweeter. Features aluminum/ nomex woofer formers; Kapton midrange former; 12- and 18-dB/oct crossovers; triamp/ triwire terminals. Power handling 300 W; FR 25-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. Walnut or black-ash veneer finish. 121/4 x 431/2 x 161/2 in; 

Espirit Monitor 2-Way Speaker

Two 8-in mica-filled polypropylene woofers and 1-in aluminum-dome tweeter. Features Kapton woofer formers; 18-dB/oct crossover; Medite baffle and bracing; biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 250 W; FR 34-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 94 dB. Walnut, oak, or black-ash veneer finish. 10¾ х 37½ х 14¼ in; 62 lb ...... \$1,199/рг

Model 9se MkII 2-Way Speaker

Two 8-in polypropylene woofers and 1-in textiledome tweeter. Features Kapton woofer formers; radial bracing. Power handling 200 W; FR 34-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m. Oak or black-ash vinyl finish. 111/2 x 30 x 141/4 in; 45 lb ......\$699/pr

AMS-300 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

8-in mineral-filled polypropylene woofer and 1-in aluminum-dome tweeter. Features Kapton woofer former. Power handling 150 W; FR 45-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. 8 % x 12 % x 3 % in; 10 lb ......\$469/pr

Phantom 2-Way Speaker

8-in polypropylene woofer and 1/4-in textile tweeter. Features Kapton woofer former; lateral bracing. Power handling 150 W; FR 40-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. Oak or black-ash vinyl finish. 93/4 x 181/4 x 111/2 in; 20 lb . . . \$279/pr

Titan 2-Way Speaker

6-in polypropylene woofer and 3/4-in polyimide-

dome tweeter. Features Kapton woofer former. Power handling 100 W; FR 55-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m. Oak or black-ash vinyl finish. 73/4 x 121/2 x 91/2 in; 13 lb ........... \$199/pr

#### PARAMOUNT PICTURES

System 330 Subwoofer/Satellite System Subwoofer with 8-in dual-voice-coil driver; 2 satellites, each with 51/4-in midrange and 1/2-in dome tweeter. Power handling 50 W max subwoofer, 100 W max satellite; FR 37-100 Hz subwoofer, 100-17,000 Hz satellite; sens 91 dB subwoofer, 89 dB satellite; imp 6 ohms. Gray or 

P-83 3-Way In-Wall Speaker

Ported design with 8-in woofer, 1-in dome midrange, and 1/2-in polyimide tweeter. Poly-switch protection. Power handling 50 W nom; FR 20-30,000 Hz; sens 92 dB; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 750 Hz and 5,000 Hz. Paintable grille, 101/2 x 147/8 x 31/2 in .......\$275/pr

Model 62 2-Way Surround Speaker

61/2-in woofer and 3-in tweeter. Designed for rear channel in surround system. Power handling 25 W cont avg; FR 70-18,000 Hz; crossover point 3,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms. 71/2 x 12 x 8 in ... \$224/pr

PC3 2-Way Center-Channel Speaker

Two 4-in polyolefin woofers and 1/2-in dome tweeter. Power handling 60 W; FR 70-21,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 93 SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 5,000 Hz. 51/2 x 15 x 6 in ..... \$90

**Omnispeaker Outdoor Series** 

The following feature a weatherproof, rust-resistant, cylindrical plastic enclosure designed to be partially recessed in the ground or in a planter. All are designed for 360° dispersion.

Granite 377B 2-Way Outdoor Speaker 8-in Bozak woofer and 2-in piezo tweeter. Power handling 150 W max; FR 40-17,000 Hz; sens 95 dB. White-granite marble finish .......... \$350

D-350/D-350T 2-Way Outdoor Speaker 8-in woofer and 3-in moving-voice-coil tweeter. Power handling 80 W max; FR 60-12,000 Hz; sens 

#### PARASOUND

AWM-380 2-Way Outdoor Speaker

Air-suspension design with 51/4-in carbon-fiberreinforced polypropylene woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. Features die-cast enclosure; weatherresistant parts. Power handling 80 W cont avg; FR 48-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,400 Hz. White 

#### PERIOD

Model 96013 3-Way Speaker

Dual-port bass-reflex design with two 8-in woofers, two 4-in midranges in isolated subenclosures, and 1/4-in titanium-dome tweeter. Power handling 150 W; FR 38-20,000 Hz ± 2.5 dB; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. 93% x 50 x 

Model 96011 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 61/2-in woofer and 3/8-in titanium-dome tweeter. Power handling 50 W; FR 67-20,000 Hz ± 2.5 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/ W/m; imp 8 ohms. 81/2 x 13 x 81/2 in .... \$260/pr

Model 96012 2-Way Speaker

Dual-port bass-reflex design with two 61/2-in

woofers and %-in titanium-dome tweeter. Power handling 100 W; FR 43-20,000 Hz  $\pm 2.5$  dB; sens 93 dB; imp 4 ohms. 9% x 36 x 12% in . . . . . \$250

#### PHASE TECHNOLOGY

PC-10.5 3-Way Speaker

10-in solid-piston woofer, 5½-in Kevlar-laminated solid-piston midrange, and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled soft-dome tweeter. Features 38-oz woofer magnet; crossover with polypropylene capacitors and 16-gauge insulated mil-spec silver-plated copper interconnects. Power handling 150 W; FR 25-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 89 dB; imp 8 ohms. Piano-black finish. 13 x 44 x 13½ in; 110 lb \$2,400/pr

#### PC-8.5 3-Way Speaker

10-in solid-piston woofer, 5½-in solid-piston midrange, and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Power handling 120 W; FR 35-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 89 dB; imp 4 ohms. Dark-oak, walnut, or black finish. 13 x 39½ x 11½ in; 90 lb \$\text{1}\$\text{2}\$\text{00/pr}\$ **PC-6.5.** As above, 8-in woofer. Power handling 100 W; FR 42-20,000 Hz ±2 dB. 11 x 36½ x 9 in; 58 lb \$\text{900/pr}\$

Model 9T 3-Way Speaker

#### PC-40/50 MkII Subwoofer/Satellite System

PC-80 2-Way Speaker

6½-in solid-piston woofer and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Power handling 100 W; FR 50-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 88 dB; imp 6 ohms. Dark-oak, lightoak, walnut, or black finish. 9½ x 15½ x 11¼ in; 32 lb. \$650/pr

Model 7T 2-Way Speaker

CI-60 IV 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

6-in solid-piston woofer and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Features auto-resetting thermal circuit breakers; screened woofer baskets. 5-way binding posts. Power handling 80 W; FR 40-20,000 Hz; imp 4 ohms. 5-yr warranty .......\$500/pr

PC 2-Way Center-Channel Speaker

Two 5¼-in woofers and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled soft-dome tweeter. Features magnetic shielding; angled cabinet rear. Power handling 75 W; FR 75-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 90 dB; imp 8 ohms. Black vinyl finish. 20 x 6½ x 10½ in; 26 lb .....\$300

CI-20 IV 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

6-in cone woofer and 2¼-in cone tweeter. Features auto-resetting thermal circuit breakers; screened woofer basket. 5-way binding posts. Power handling 60 W; FR 55-18,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms. 5-yr warranty \$300/pr



#### PHILIPS

#### DSS-930 2-Way Powered DSP

Speaker System

Acoustic-suspension design with two 51/4-in woofers, rectangular polyimide-membrane tweeter, 80-W woofer amp, 20-W tweeter amp, and integral DSP/crossover. Features DSP for FR-, phase-, and crossover-error compensation; crossover with 36-dB/oct slope; four 1-bit D/A converters; soft-clipping tweeter-protection circuitry. Digital input. Crossover point 4,000 Hz; FR 40-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; S/N 100 dB. 8½ x 23 x 13 in; 35 lb. \$1,200 DSC-950. Digital source selector for above. Features 7 analog/digital inputs; multiroom capability for up to 12 DSS-930 speakers via digital bus \$520.

#### PINNACLE

PN Sub+ and a pair of PN 2+ are also sold together as a system for \$329.

Arctic 2 2-Way Speaker

Arctic 1. As above, one woofer. Power handling 75 W rms; FR 45-22,000 Hz; crossover point 2,500 Hz; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 111/4 x 71/8 x 61/2 in \$360/pr

PN Sub + Subwoofer

Two 6½-in downward-firing drivers. Features braced partitioned enclosure with non-parallel internal walls; switchable 6-dB/oct crossover. Power handling 100 W cont avg; imp 4/8 ohms. 13½ x 19½ x 11½ in ......................\$250

PN 5 + 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

PN 2 + 2-Way Mini Speaker

#### PIONEER

TZ-9LTD 3-Way Speaker

TZ-7LTD 3-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with two 8-in woofers, 4-in cone midrange, and 1-in dome tweeter. Features ceramic-carbon tweeter diaphragm; internally braced enclosure. Biamp/biwire terminals; gold-

S-F100 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

Subwoofer/Satellite Systems

Each satellite is magnetically shielded, features a 4-in midrange and a 2½-in tweeter, and measures 6½ x 10½ x 4½ in. Each surround speaker features a 4-in midrange, a 2-in tweeter, and measures 6½ x 10½ x 4½ in. Each subwoofer features two 4½-in drivers, a black finish, and measures 7½ x 21½ x 16½ in. Satellite and surround speakers are available in black or white. Common specs for all systems, except S-SR55, include power handling 130 W max; FR 40-20,000 Hz; sens 87 dB SPLIWin; crossover points 150 and 1,300 Hz; timp 8 ohms.

S-V401. 3 satellites, 2 surround speakers, and 1 subwoofer. Power handling 130 W max. Black or white finish \$880 S-V301. 2 satellites, 2 surround speakers, and 1 subwoofer. Black or white finish \$770 S-4D. 3 satellites and one subwoofer \$660 S-3D. 2 satellites and one subwoofer \$550 S-SR55. 2 surround speakers. Power handling 130 W max; FR 150-20,000 Hz; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; crossover point 3,000 Hz. \$220

#### POLK

SRS 1.2TL Signature 3-Way Speaker

Eight 6½-in trilaminate-polymer woofers, four lin trilaminate polymer-dome tweeters, and 15-in planar sub-bass radiator. Features proprietary Stereo Dimension Array technology for improved imaging. Power handling 1,000 W cont avg; FR 27-25,000 Hz + 0, -3 dB; imp 8 ohms. Oiled-oak or walnut finish. 21 x 63½ x 13½ in; 185 lb \$3,400/pr

SRS 3.1TL Signature 3-Way Speaker

Five 6½-in trilaminate polymer woofers, 1-in trilaminate polymer/metal-dome tweeter, and 12-in planar sub-bass radiator. Features proprietary Stereo Dimensional Array technology for improved imaging. Power handling 500 W; FR 32-25,000 Hz +0, -3 dB; imp 8 ohms. Oiled-oak or walnut finish. 15¼ x 48 x 13¾ in . . . . \$2,000/pr

LS90 2-Way Speaker

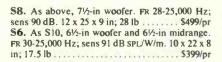
Ported design with four 6½-in woofers and 1-in dome tweeter. Fr 20-26,000 Hz; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,500 Hz. Rosewood-laminate or oak finish. 13 x 40 x 15 in; 70 lb \$1,499/pr L\$50. As above, two 7½-in woofers. Fr 25-26,000 Hz. 12 x 37 x 15 in; 59 lb \$999/pr L\$50. As L\$90, two 6½-in woofers. Fr 30-26,000 Hz; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m \$699/pr

RM3000 Subwoofer/Satellite System

Subwoofer with two 6½-in drivers and 10-in passive radiator; two satellites, each with 3½-in midrange and ¾-in dome tweeter. Power handling 125 W; FR 42-18,000 Hz +0, -3 dB; imp 8 ohms. Black-matrix, piano-black, or white finish. Subwoofer 12½ x 20¼ x 13 in. Satellites 7 x 4¾ x 5½ in. 46 lb. \$750

S10 3-Way Speaker

10-in woofer, 7½-in midrange, 1-in dome tweeter, and passive radiator. FR 25-25,000 Hz; sens 91 dB; imp 8 ohms. Black or oak finish with black-knit grille. 13 x 29 x 10 in; 33 lb ..... \$599/pr



#### RM1000W Subwoofer

Two 61/2- and 8-in drivers. FR 25-300 Hz; sens 89 dB. Black. 121/2 x 201/4 x 13 in; 38 lb ...... \$350

S4 2-Way Speaker

6½-in midrange, 1-in dome tweeter, and passive radiator. Fr 30-25,000 Hz; sens 91 dB spL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 3,000 Hz. Black or oak finish with black knit grille. 10 x 16 x 7 in; 13.5 lb. \$259/pr

M<sup>3</sup> 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

CS100 2-Way Center-Channel Speaker

#### Architectural Reference AB Series AB-900 In-Wall Subwoofer/Satellite System

Subwoofer with two 6½-in drivers; two satellites, each with 2½-in midrange and ¾-in tweeter. Power handling 150 W; sens 88 dB; imp 8 ohms; FR 40-20,000 Hz +0, -3 dB. Subwoofer 14½ x 21¾ x 3¾ in. Satellites 6½ x 4 x 3¾ in. 45 lb .....\$800

AB-700 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

6½-in trilaminate-polymer woofer and 1-in silver-coil polymer-dome tweeter. Power handling 125 W cont; FR 55-20,000 Hz +0, -3 dB; imp 6 ohms. Off-white. 6¼ x 9¾ x 3 in; 13 lb... \$400/pr

AB-610 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

Round frame with 6½-in woofer and ¼-in dome tweeter. FR 45-20,000 Hz; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. White paintable finish. 7½-in diameter . \$250/pr

#### PROAC

Studio One MkII 2-Way Speaker

6½-in woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. Power handling 150 W max; FR 40-30,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms; sens 88 dB. 8 x 16 x 10 in ..... \$1,300/pr

Tablette MkII 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

4½-in woofer and ¾-in dome tweeter. Power handling 100 W max; FR 45-20,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms; sens 87 dB. 6 x 10½ x 9¼ in . . . . \$825/pr

#### PSB

Stratus Gold 3-Way Speaker

10-in woofer, 6-in midrange, 1-in aluminumdome tweeter. Power handling 250 W max; FR 36-20,000 Hz ±1 dB; crossover points 250 and 2,200 Hz; sens 88 dB; imp 4 ohms. Black, light, or dark oak finish \$2,000/pr

PSB-800 2-Way Speaker

Two 8-in carbon-filled polypropylene woofers and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled cloth-dome tweeter. Features PVC nitrile woofer surround; cabinet bracing; bipolar capacitors; frameless grille. Includes steel floor spikes. Power handling 200 W; FR 48-20,000 Hz ±1.5 dB; sens 92 dB; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,000 Hz. Black or medium oak finish. 10 x 35¼ x 13½ in; 45 lb. \$799/pr



HW-I 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

6½-in polypropylene woofer and ¾-in textiledome tweeter. Power handling 75 W max; crossover point 2,400 Hz; FR 56-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 89 dB; imp 8 ohms. Off-white . . . . \$350/pr

PSB-300 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

6-in polypropylene woofer and ¾-in ferrofluidcooled polyimide-dome tweeter. Features treated-foam woofer surround removable grilles; bipolar capacitors. Power handling 80 W; FR 75-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 91 dB; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 3,000 Hz. Black or medium oak finish. 8½ x 14½ x 9½ in; 13 lb ........\$299/pr

Alpha 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

6½-in woofer and ½-in ferrofluid-cooled polydome tweeter. Power handling 80 W; FR 90-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 90 dB; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 3,000 Hz. Simulated black-oak finish. 8½ x 12½ x 9½ in; 9.5 lb \$199/pr

QUAD

ESL-63 US Monitor Electrostatic Speaker Full-range dipole design. Features protection circuitry. Power handling 150 W; sens 86 dB spL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; axis band limits -6 dB at 35 Hz, third-order, -6 dB at 20,000 Hz. Black finish. 28 x 36 x 11 in; 46.5 lb. \$4,995/pr

SW-63 Subwoofer

#### REALISTIC BY RADIO

Nova 18 2-Way Speaker

Model 7W 2-Way Mini Speaker

4-in woofer and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Spring terminals. Power handling 40 W max ... \$120/pr

Model 7 2-Way Mini Speaker

4-in woofer and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Features die-cast metal enclosure; hanger slots and recessed spring connectors for wall mounting. Power handling 40 W. 4\% x 7 x 4\% in ... \$100/pr

ROGERS

P-24A 3-Way Speaker

Symmetrically loaded internal long-throw polypropylene-cone woofer providing output through forward-firing band-pass duct, 6\%-in polypropylene-cone midrange, and 1-in time-aligned aluminum-dome tweeter. Features sloped baffle for midrange and tweeter. Power handling 250 W; FR 45-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 86 dB; crossover points 100 and 2,300 Hz; imp 4 ohms. Black-ash or walnut veneer finish with black cloth grille. 9\% x 41 x 13\% in; 64 lb ...............\$4,000/pr

LS8a 2-Way Speaker

Modified acoustic-suspension design with two 8%-in polypropylene woofers and ¾ in aluminum-dome tweeter. Butterworth 3rd-order alignment. Biamp/biwire terminals. Includes foot spikes. Power handling 100 W; FR 50-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 90 dB; imp 8 ohms. Simulatedwalnut or black-toneer finish with black cloth grille. 11 x 18 x 10% in; 28.6 lb ...... \$1,100/pr

LS2a/2 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 8-in polypropylene woofer and 34-in aluminum-dome tweeter. Features Butterworth quasi-3rd-order alignment with -3 dB at 60 Hz; 18-dB/oct crossover; critically damped particleboard construction with MDF baffle; Kapton woofer former. Power handling 100 W; FR 80-20,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 86.5 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 3,500 Hz. Simulated-walnut or black veneer finish with black grille. 9 x 14 x 18¼ in; 13.2 lb .... \$550/pr

SENNET

SEQUERRA ASSOCIATES

#### SHAHINIAN

Obelisk 3-Way Speaker

Super Elf 2-Way Speaker

SIGNET

SL280 2-Way Speaker

SL260 2-Way Speaker

Vented design with 6-in polypropylene woofer and \(^3\)-in aluminum-dome tweeter. Power handling 125 W; FR 45-25,000 Hz; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 3,000 Hz. Oak veneer. 8\(^k\) x 15\(^k\)z x 12\(^k\) in; 23 lb .........\$650/pr

SL250B/U 2-Way Speaker

Vented design with 5½ in paper-cone woofer and ¼-in metallized-polycarbonate dome tweeter. Power handling 100 W; FR 50-22,000 Hz; sens 88

dB spL/W/m; crossover point 3,300 Hz. Blackvinyl finish. 12½ x 10 x 7 in; 17 lb ...... \$300/pr

#### SNELL ACOUSTICS

Type B 4-Way Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 10-in rear-firing subwoofer, 10-in woofer, two 51/4-in polypropylene midranges, 1-in aluminum-dome tweeter, and 3/4-in rear-firing tweeter. FR 20-20,000 Hz; min imp 4 ohms; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; crossover points 40, 275, 2,700, and 5,000 Hz. 25 x 48 x 19 in; 152 lb \$4,490/pr

Type B Minor 3-Way Speaker

Type E/III 2-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 8-in polymer-treated woofer, 1-in soft-dome tweeter, and 34-in ferrofluid-cooled rear-loaded dome supertweeter. Gold-plated biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 150 W cont; FR 39-20,000 Hz ±1.75 dB; sens 91 dB spL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 2,700 Hz. Oak, dark-oak, walnut, or black veneer finish. 13 x 35 x 11 in; 50 lb .... \$990/pr

Type K/II 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 8-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in ferrofluid-cooled soft-dome tweeter. Biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 100 W cont, FR 70-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,700 Hz. Oak, dark oak, walnut, or black veneer finish. 11 x 18 x 9 in; 26 lb ..... \$475/pr

#### SNELL MULTIMEDIA

LCR-800 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

Two 6½-in polypropylene-cone cast-frame woofers and two ¾-in aluminum-dome tweeters. Features THX certification. FR 80-20,000 Hz; imp 4.2 ohms; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m. Gold Iridite brushed aluminum. 12 x 21½ x 3½ in; 26 lb. \$999

SUB-800 In-Wall Subwoofer

Acoustic-suspension design with 12-in castframe driver. FR 20-80 Hz; imp 5.6 ohms; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m. 141/4 x 53 x 67/6 in; 70 lb .... \$799

LCR-500 2-Way Speaker

Two 6½-in polypropylene woofers and two ¼-in aluminum-dome tweeters. Designed for front placement in home-theater systems. Features THX certification; magnetic shielding. FR 80-20,000 Hz; sens 89 dB; imp 8 ohms. High-gloss black veneer finish. 9½ x 22 x 7½ in; 35 lb. \$799

SUR-500 2-Way Surround Speaker

SUB-750 Subwoofer

#### SONANCE

Sonance 45 2-Way In-Wall Speaker Infinite-baffle design with 8-in polypropylene



AIS 500 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

Infinite-baffle design with 4-in polypropylene woofer, angled 1-in ferrofluid-cooled polycarbonate tweeter, and angled 3½-in polypropylene full-range driver. Features 6-dB/octave low-pass crossover; 12-dB/octave high-pass crossover. Power handling 75 W; FR 60-20,000 Hz ±5 dB; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 3,200 Hz. 12½ x 16½ x 3½ in .... \$499/pr

PSW2 In-Wall Subwoofer

Infinite-baffle design with 8-inch dual-voice-coil driver. Features crossover with 3-position level control; L/R inputs and outputs. Power handling 75 W; FR 30-125 ±3 dB; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover point 125 Hz. White with cloth or metal grille. 12 x 16 x 3½ in; 14 lb. \$460

Sonance IIIc 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

Infinite-baffle design with 6½-in polypropylene woofer and 1-in soft-dome tweeter. Features woofer with treated-urethane surround and screened basket; 2-position level control; 12-dB/oct crossover. Power handling 75 W; FR 45-20,000 ± 2 dB; crossover point 3,000 Hz; sens 88 dB spL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. White with cloth or metal grille. 9 x 12 x 3½ in; 9 lb ...... \$399/pr

SB31 2-Way Indoor/Outdoor Speaker

Sonance II 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

SONY

SS-CN3 Center-Channel Speaker

SS-CR300 Home Theater Speaker System

Two acoustic-suspension surround speakers, each with one 5-in driver; one center-channel speaker with two 4-in drivers. Power handling 50 W surround, 80 W center; FR 90-15,000 Hz surround. 80-15,000 Hz center; imp 8 ohms surround, 6 ohms center. Surround speaker: 8 x 6½ x 6½. Center speaker: 6½ x 17 x 6¾ in . . . \$200

SOTA

Model 4 3-Way Speaker

Two separate enclosures with 8-in Kevlar woof-

er in one enclosure, dual-voice-coil 7-in Kevlar driver and inverted-dome Kevlar tweeter mounted on sloping baffle in quasi-pyramid-shaped second enclosure. Features 1½-in cabinet walls; single/biwire and vertical biamp/triamp terminals. Power handling 200 W max; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; FR 38-22,000 Hz ±3 dB. Brazilian rosewood or Macasar ebony. Woofer enclosure: 11½ x 32 x 16 in; 55 lb. Mid/tweeter enclosure: 12 x 16½ x 11½ in; 32 lb... \$4,800/pr

#### SOUND DYNAMICS

SD 400ti 3-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 10-in carbon-polypropylene woofer, 4½-in midrange, and ¾-in titanium-dome tweeter. Biwire/biamp terminals. Adjustable foot spikes. Power handling 250 W cont avg; FR 30-22,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 88 dB; crossover points 900 and 3,000 Hz; imp 6 ohms. Black-ash or oak finish. 13 x 33 x 11 in ...........\$800/pr

**ASUB-12 Powered Subwoofer** 

SD 100ti 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 6½-in carbon-polypropylene woofer and ½-in titanium-dome tweeter. Power handling 125 W cont avg; FR 45-21,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; crossover point 1,900 Hz; imp 6 ohms. Black-ash or oak finish. 10 x 16 x 9 in \$300/pr

Home Theater Series

Cinesat-2 2-Way Satellite Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 4½-in polypropylene woofer and ½-in titanium-polycarbonate tweeter. Power handling 125 W cont avg; FR 140-22,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; crossover point 2,500 Hz; imp 6 ohms. 8 x 5 x 5 in; 5 lb \$\$\$\$1249/pr\$

Cinesub Subwoofer

Cinecenter Center-Channel Speaker

Dual-vented design with two 4½-in woofers and ½-in polycarbonate flared-dome tweeter. Features sloped baffle. Power handling 100 W cont avg; sens 86 dB SPL/W/m; crossover point 2,500 Hz; imp 8 ohms. Black-ash vinyl veneer .. \$149

#### SOUND-LAB

A-3 Electrostatic Speaker

Curved full-range element. Sens 84 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. 35 x 73 x 11 in; 145 lb ... \$7,990/pr

B-5 Electrostatic Subwoofer

A-4 2-Way Electrostatic Speaker

61 x 20-in woofer element and 61 x 4-in tweeter element. FR 32-22,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 86 dB; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 750 Hz... \$4,975/pr

Pristine Electrostatic Speaker

#### SOUNDSTREAM

Granite 12 In-Wall Subwoofer

12-in driver. Features high-temperature voice coil with vented former. Power handling 250 W max; FR 33-500 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 96 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. 4¾-in mounting depth . . . . . \$200

Granite 10 In-Wall Subwoofer

10-in driver. Power handling 200 W max; FR 37-500 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 93 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. 

#### SPEAKERLAB

Auricle RD50 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

Infinite-baffle design with 12-in woofer and 3-in x 50-in ribbon tweeter. Power handling 275 W max; FR 21-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 87 dB SPL/W/ m; crossover point 150 Hz; imp 8 ohms. White. Grille: 5 x 53 x 11/4 in (RD50); 171/4 x 171/4 in RD50 Ribbon Speaker. As above, without woofer. FR 150-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 4 ohms. 41/2 x 501/2 in . W1258PI In-Wall Subwoofer. As Auricle, without tweeter. FR 21-150 Hz ±3 dB .. \$600/pr

**RD75** Ribbon Speaker

3 x 50-in ribbon element. FR 150-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 87 dB sPL/W/m; crossover point 150 Hz; imp 5 ohms. Black. 41/2 x 751/2 in ..... \$799

DAS 3 2-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with 61/2-in woofer and 1/4-in dome tweeter. FR 42-20,000 Hz; sens 89 dB SPL/ W/m; crossover point 2,500 Hz; imp 8 ohms. Oiled-oak finish. 8 x 21 x 10 in; 23 lb. . . . \$329/pr Kit ...... \$279/pr

DAS/SW Subwoofer

Bass-reflex design with 10-in driver. FR 25-180 Hz; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Oiled-oak finish. 18 x 18 x 18 in; 62 lb . . . . . . . . . . . \$329 Kit..... \$240

#### SPICA

Angelus 2-Way Speaker

Mirror-imaged design with 8-inch plastic-cone woofer and 1-inch soft-dome tweeter. Features computer-optimized crossover; adjustable carpet spikes. Power handling 200 W max; FR 35-17,500 Hz ±3 dB; imp 8 ohms; crossover 3,400 Hz. Walnut or oak finish. 21 x 46 x 101/4 in; 

TC-50 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

Acoustic-suspension design with 61/2-inch cone woofer and 1-inch dome tweeter. Features triangular cabinet designed to keep output from 350-5,000 Hz within 15° of absolute phase. Power handling 50 W cont avg; FR 58-16,500 Hz ±3 dB; sens 83 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms; crossover point 2,500 Hz. Oak, walnut, or black finish. 13 x 15½ x 11¾ in; 21 lb......\$550/pr

#### STAX KOGYO

ELS-F81X Electrostatic Speaker

Full-range element electrically divided into 3 vertical sections. Tiltable panel to modify vertical dispersion. Power handling 180 W max; FR 40-21,000 Hz; sens 76 dB; imp 3 ohms. Oiled teak baffle. 18 x 44 x 11 in; 51 lb . . . . . . . . \$9,995/pr

#### SUMIKO

Minima 2-Way Speaker

41/8-in cellulose-acrylate cone woofer and 11/8-in ferrofluid-cooled silk-dome tweeter. Features 6-



dB/oct crossover. Gold-plated inputs. Power handling 100 W max; sens 84 dB; imp 8 ohms. Walnut cabinet. 8 x 12% x 9% in; 33 lb . . . \$1,800

Minuetto 2-Way Speaker

61/4-in cellulose-acrylate cone woofer and 1-in silk-dome tweeter. Features 6-dB/oct crossover. Gold-plated binding posts. Power handling 120 W max; sens 88 dB; imp 8 ohms. Walnut cabinet. 

#### SYMDEX

Gamma Signature 2-Way Speaker

Vented design with 7-inch dual-voice-coil Neoflex cone woofer and 1-inch ferrofluid-cooled aluminum-dome tweeter. Features cross bracing; polypropylene capacitors. Power handling 150 W; FR 45-20,000 Hz; sens 88 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,300 Hz. Oak or black-lacquer formica ..... \$1,750/pr

#### TANNOY

Definition D700 2-Way Speaker

Twin-ducted port design with 10-in woofer and 10-in dual-concentric driver with tweeter element centered within driver. Features 6-dB/oct crossover. Gold-plated biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 125 W rms; FR 35-25,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 93 dB; dispersion 90° at 10,000 Hz; crossover point 1,500 Hz; imp 6 ohms. 15 x 39% x 14¾ in; 90 lb ...... \$4,995/pr

Model 615 3-Way Speaker

8-in full-range driver, 8-in dual-concentric midrange/tweeter, and 8-in passive cone. Features 6dB/oct low-pass crossover; gold-plated terminals. Power handling 170 W cont avg; FR 45-30,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 92 dB; imp 6 ohms; crossover points 400 and 2,500 Hz. 12% x 38 x

Model 611 3-Way Speaker

Sealed-box design with 8-in woofer and 8-in dualconcentric midrange/tweeter. Features 6-dB/oct low-pass crossover. Power handling 150 W cont avg; FR 45-30,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 91 dB; imp 6 ohms; crossover points 400 and 2,500 Hz. 12% x 

Model 607 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker
Ported design with 8-in woofer and 1-in dome tweeter. Features 6-dB/oct high-pass crossover. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 50-30,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 88 dB; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 3,000 Hz. 12% x 19½ x 8% in; 20 lb . . . . \$600/pr

#### C Series

C-88 2-Way Speaker

Two 8-in polypropylene cone woofers and 1-in liquid-cooled soft-dome tweeter. Features 11/4-in woofer voice coil. Power handling 175 W rms; FR 35-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 93 dB spL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Black or medium-oak wood-grain vinyl finish. 11 x 351/8 x 141/8 in; 48 lb .......... \$699/pr

C-8 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

8-in polypropylene cone woofer and 1-in liquidcooled soft-dome tweeter. Features 11/4-in woofer voice coil. Power handling 120 W rms; FR 45-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 90 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Black or medium-oak wood-grain vinyl finish. 101/8 x 19 x 81/8 in; 18 lb .......... \$399/pr C-5 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

5-in polypropylene cone woofer and 3/4-in liquidcooled soft-dome tweeter. Features 1-in woofer voice coil. Power handling 75 W rms; FR 58-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Black or medium-oak wood-grain vinyl 

#### TDL

Studio 3 2-Way Speaker

Transmission-line design with two 8-in Cobexcone woofers and 1-in magnesium-alloy-dome tweeter. Biwire/biamp terminals. FR 24-20,000 Hz; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; crossover point 3,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms. Walnut or black-oak veneer 

Studio 0.5 2-Way Speaker

Transmission-line design with 51/2-in Cobex woofer and 1-in magnesium-alloy-dome tweeter. Features Kapton-voice-coil former and phase plug. Biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 30-20,000 Hz; sens 85 dB; crossover point 3,000 Hz; imp 6 ohms. Black wood-grain finish. 8 x 24 x 12 in; 30 lb . . \$995/pr

#### TECHNICS

SB-CX700 3-Way Speaker

12-in Mica-cone woofer, 4-in midrange, 1-in Mica dome tweeter, and 13-inch passive radiator. Features nondiffractive cabinet; tweeter with attenuator and auto-reset protection. Power handling 200 W; FR 25-45,000 Hz; sens 90 dB SPL/ W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover points 400 and 3,500 Hz. 14% x 35½ x 12¼ in; 52 lb . . . . \$700/pr

SB-CX500 3-Way Speaker

10-in Mica-cone woofer, 4-in midrange, 1-in Mica dome tweeter, and 11-in passive radiator. Power handling 150 W; FR 28-45,000 Hz; sens 89 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover points 500 and 3,500 Hz. 12% x 32¼ x 12¼ in; 37 lb. \$600/pr

#### THIEL

CS2 2 Coherent Source 3-Way Speaker

Woofer with copper rings and metal-dome tweeter with short-coil/long-gap design. Features sloping baffle. FR 35-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 86 dB; imp 4 ohms. Amberwood or black wood finish. 12 x 42 x 13 in; 70 lb . . . . . . . . . . . \$2,250/pr

CS1.2 Coherent Source 2-Way Speaker

Polypropylene woofer and metal-dome tweeter. Features sloping baffle; internal bracing. Power handling 150 W cont avg; FR 52-18,000 Hz ±2 dB; sens 87 dB SPL/W/m; imp 4 ohms. Amberwood or black wood finish with sculpted speaker grille ...... \$1,250/pr

SCS Coherent Source 2-Way Speaker

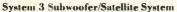
Woofer with coaxially mounted tweeter. Features internal bracing; crossover with polystyrene capacitors. FR 66-10,000 Hz ± 2 dB; sens 87 dB; imp 4 ohms. Black wood finish... \$1,090/pr

#### TRIAD

System Seven Powered Subwoofer/

Satellite System

Subwoofer with 101/4-in polypropylene driver and 150-W power amp; two satellites, each with 5-in polypropylene midrange and 1-in fabricdome tweeter. Subwoofer: FR 28-90 Hz ±3 dB. Satellite: power handling 100 W cont avg; FR 110-20,000 Hz ±2 dB; imp 8 ohms; crossover point 2,400 Hz; sens 90 dB spL/W/m. Black, white, or galaxy textured-enamel finish. Subwoofer 13 x 13 x 13 in. Satellite 51/2 x 10 x 51/2 in ..... \$1,050



#### VANDERSTEEN

Model 3 3-Way Speaker

10-in active long-throw dual-spider acoustic coupler, 8-in long-throw polycone woofer, 4½-in proprietary ferrofluid-cooled polycone midrange, and 1-in critically damped ferrofluid-cooled metal-alloy dome tweeter. Features biwire/biamp terminals. Power handling 200 W; FR 26-30,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 89 dB spt./W/m; imp 6 ohms; crossover points 600 and 5,000 Hz. 16 x 48 x 10¼ in; 97 lb. \$2,395/pr

Model 2Ce 3-Way Speaker

Model 1B 2-Way Speaker

Rear slot-loaded design with 8-in polycone woofer and 1-in metal-alloy dome tweeter. Power handling 100 W; FR 38-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB; sens 90 dB SPLW/m; imp 6.8 ohms; crossover point 2,800 Hz. 12 x 36 x 10 in; 50 lb...........\$695/pr

#### VECTOR RESEARCH

VSP-230 Subwoofer/Satellite System

Subwoofer with 8-in driver; 2 satellites, each with 3½-in shielded woofer and 2½-in tweeter. Sens 89 dB SPL/W/m satellite, 90 dB SPL/W/m subwoofer. Subwoofer 5½ x 20½ x 12¾ in. Satellites 4½ x 8¼ x 4½ in. 18 lb. \$500

#### VELODYNE

ULD-18 Series II Powered Subwoofer

18-in servo-controlled, downward-firing driver with ¼-in peak-to-peak linear travel; 400-W Class B power amp. Features open/short circuit, low-voltage, and overload protection. FR 18-85 Hz ± 3 dB; input sens 300 mV; imp 20,000 ohms. Walnut, oak, or black finish. Cabinet: 23½ x 21½ x 31 in. Amp: 3½ x 11 x 17 in. 120 lb. . . . \$2,750

#### F-1500 Powered Subwoofer

#### F-1200 Powered Subwoofer



#### VENTURI BY BIC AMERICA

V830 3-Way Speaker

8-inch carbon/polypropylene woofer, 6-in castframe polycarbonate midrange, and 1-in polylaminate soft-dome tweeter. Power handling 250 W; FR 38-22,000 Hz; sens 91 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms; crossover points 1,000 and 5,000 Hz. 10¼ x 40 x 11½ in; 45 lb. \$799/pr

V820 2-Way Speaker

M6 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

V62 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

#### VMPS

Super Tower/R 5-Way Speaker

Multiband bass design with two 15-in woofers, 12-in woofer, two 5-in cone midranges, two 2-in ribbon tweeters, and two 1-in dome supertweeters. Separate level controls for midrange, tweeter, and supertweeter. FR 20-50,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 96 dB SPL/W/m; crossover points 80, 400, 4,000, and 12,000 Hz; imp 4 ohms. Oiled walnut finish \$1,998/pr

Tower II 4-Way Speaker

QSO 808 3-Way Speaker

Ported design with 12-in woofer, 5-in cone midrange, and 1-in dome tweeter. Separate level controls for midrange and tweeter. FR 34-20,000 Hz ±3 dB; sens 94 dB SPL/W/m; crossover points 600 and 5,000 Hz; imp 8 ohms. Oiledwalnut finish. 15 x 26 x 12 in; 50 lb .... \$690/pr

**VMPS** Original Subwoofer

Passive-radiator design with 12-in driver. FR 19-600 Hz; sens 94 dB SPL/W/m; imp 8 ohms. Oiled-walnut finish. 22 x 27 x 17 in; 95 lb ..... \$429

#### VORTEX

Signature Screen Subwoofer/Satellite System

#### WESTLAKE AUDIO

BBSM-5VNF 2-Way Speaker

BBSM-4VNF 2-Way Speaker

Ported design with two 4-in woofers and ½-in cloth-dome tweeter. Power handling 100 W max; FR 65-20.000 Hz ±3 dB; imp 4 ohms; crossover point 1,500 Hz. Oiled walnut finish. 6½ x 39½ x 11 in; 35 lb \$2,180/pr

#### WHARFEDALE

Model 2130 Subwoofer/Satellite System

Subwoofer with two 8-in drivers in push-pull configuration; two satellites, each with 4-in midrange and two ¼-in metal-dome tweeters. Power handling 40 W cont avg; FR 35-22,000 Hz; sens 89 dB; imp 8 ohms. Black-vinyl finish. Subwoofer: 12½ x 8 x 19¾ in; 28 lb. Satellite: 5¼ x 8¼ x 4¼ in; 13 lb. \$600

CRS7 2-Way Speaker

Bass-reflex design with two 8-in woofers and 1-in tweeter. Power handling 140 W; sens 91 dB; imp 8 ohms. Black. 10 x 24 x 8 in \$500/pr CRS5. As above, one woofer. Power handling 125 W; sens 90 dB. 10 x 19 x 8 in \$350/pr CRS3. As above, 7-in woofer. Power handling 100 W; sens 89 dB. 9 x 15 x 7 in \$250/pr

Diamond V 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

#### AHAMAY

YST-SW100 Powered Subwoofer

Active-servo-technology design with two 7-in cone drivers and 1½-in air driver; 70-W amp into 5 ohms. Features magnetic shielding; continuously variable high-pass filter with 24-dB/oct slope. Line- and speaker-level inputs. Volume control. FR 21-180 Hz. Black finish . . . . . \$449

NS-A820A 2-Way Bookshelf Speaker

YST-SW50 Powered Subwoofer

Active-servo-technology design with 7-in driver; 50-W amp into 6 ohms. Features magnetic shielding; variable high-pass filter (50-200 Hz) with 18-dB/oct slope. Fr 25-200 Hz. Black finish. 8/4 x 18/4 x 13/8 in \$329

WSX-10 2-Way In-Wall Speaker

6%-in woofer and 1-in tweeter. Power handling 80 W nom; FR 50-25,000 Hz; sens 89 dB SPL/W/ m; imp 6 ohms. White paintable finish and grille. 8¼ x 12% x 3% in \$200

NS-C110 2-Way Center-Channel Speaker Shielded cabinet with two 4¾-in cone woofers and l-in soft-dome tweeter. Power handling 120 W max; FR 60-20,000 Hz; sens 92 dB SPL/W/m; imp 6 ohms. Black finish. 18¾ x 6 x 7¾ in. 5199

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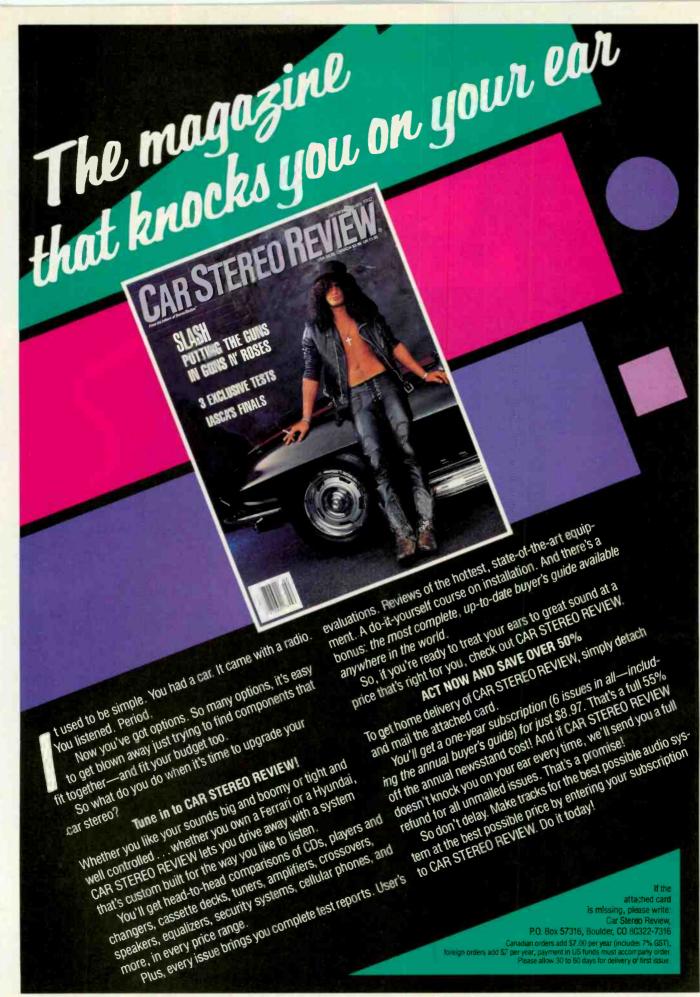
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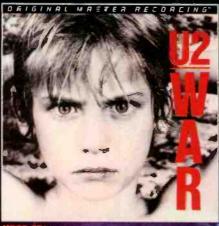
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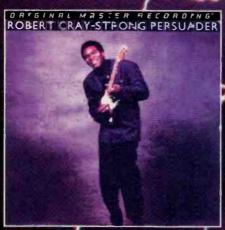
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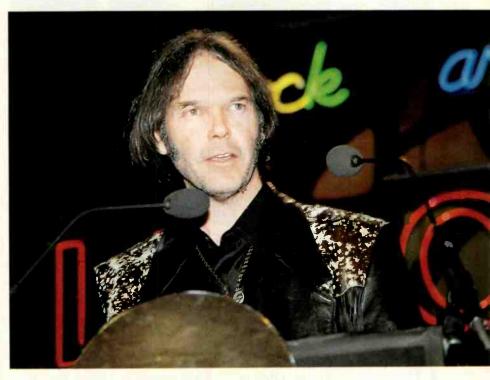
## Neil Young: Autumnal Calm and Country Ham

EY, even a flannel-shirt-to-the-wind hellraiser like Neil Young needs to take a breather every once in a while. After putting out two riproaring, socially conscious bilefests—1989's "Freedom" and last year's "Arc Weld"—Young chills out on his latest, "Harvest Moon," a sort of sequel to his most commercial album, 1972's "Harvest."

Like the earlier album, "Harvest Moon" emphasizes Young's singersongwriter sensitivity, talking about love and life with get-real directness. Even though he's moseyed down these paths several times since then, Young brings a quieter urgency to these particular meditations. The woman in Unknown Legend, who used to ride her Harley into the wind, now has two kids and "gets that far-away look in her eyes." The guy in You and Me, musing about how love has lost its heat, gently urges his woman to "Open up and let the light back in."

You and Me is the clearest echo of "Harvest," with a melody that's a distant cousin of that album's "Old Man" and a lyrical reference to an "Old man sittin' there." The original old man symbolized a generation gap that Young was trying to bridge. This time, in a song about coping with a mid-life romantic crisis, the old man—with a "Touch of grey, but he don't care / When he hears his children call"—represents the settling-in phase of old age that is just ahead.

As with most of his softer stuff, Young spices up his reflections on this album with some country ham. The arrangements, laced with pedal steel, hang around his voice and acoustic guitar like a well-used work glove. Performed by his country-folkie band, the Stray Gators, these tunes shuffle along most



pleasantly. Only in *Old King*, a tongue-in-cheek yowler about a hunting dog now dead, and *Such a Woman*, a nearly bathetic valentine pumped up by strings on steroids, does the ruminative spell get broken. Even *War of Man* and *Natural Beauty*, which assert political agendas, never break the calm.

And that's a clue to the natural beauty of the man himself. Young has an effortless expressiveness, whether he's speaking about something harrowingly personal or depressingly political, whether he's singing in an angry whine

or a soothing croon. For all of its autumnal calm, this album says as much, as deeply, as any of his firebreathing efforts. Let's hope it doesn't take him another twenty years to come back to harvest time.

Ron Givens

#### NEIL YOUNG

#### Harvest Moon

Unknown Legend; From Hank to Hendrix; You and Me; Harvest Moon; War of Man; One of These Days; Such a Woman; Old King; Dreamin' Man; Natural Beauty. REPRISE 45057 (52 min)

#### Leonard Bernstein's Life-Affirming Finale

EONARD BERNSTEIN conducted his last concert on August 19, 1990, at Tanglewood, where both his career and the Tanglewood Music Center had started fifty years earlier. Bernstein was a student and protégé of Serge Koussevitzky, and the event was, fittingly, the Serge and Olga Koussevitzky Memorial Concert. He was a sick man and had previously canceled many

engagements, but although he let an assistant direct the orchestral version of his own Arias and Barcarolles, he was determined to direct the main body of the concert: Four Sea Interludes from Britten's Peter Grimes (he had directed the American première of the opera, which had been commissioned by Koussevitzky, at Tanglewood in 1946) and the Beethoven Seventh Symphony (which

he had conducted for the first time with the Boston Symphony in 1947).

By all reports Bernstein barely made it through the concert, but, as Deutsche Grammophon's recording of it shows, it was a strong and moving performance. The Britten Interludes are extraordinarily powerful and, in this context, elegiac. But the Beethoven is hardly a quiet leave-taking. Quite the contrary, it is as





life-affirming as anything in the recorded output of a musician who always exuded vitality and affirmation. As Tim Page points out in his program note, the performance was, for Bernstein, not very idiosyncratic, not very choreographic or orgiastic in the way the orgiastic in the way that he performed this music half a century earlier. But something else emerged: a kind of steadfastness and clarity in the face of struggle and pain. The slow steadiness of the first movement is almost unbearable, but it eventually gathers strength, and the sense of inevitability carries the momentum forward through the Allegretto, the extraordinarily powerful and manic Scherzo, and the obsessive, painful, death-defying finale.

We'll miss you, Lenny. Eric Salzman

BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 7 BRITTEN: Four Sea Interludes Boston Symphony, Bernstein DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON 431 768 (64 min)

#### Make Room for Dada

ADA's debut album, "Puzzle," is a pleasant surprise from out of left field (actually, out of California). It's refreshing to encounter a rock band with a sure grasp of their instruments and three heads full of inventive ideas to go along with it. As guitar-based trios go, the Police are the most obvious analogy, one that's encouraged by the fact that Dada's on the I.R.S. label, as the Police were. There are, to be sure, similarities in the way the two bands employ space and dynamics, and, like the Police, Dada seems to know the capabilities of their instruments and the studio inside out. But Dada's high-IQ, hard-candy pop has its own ingenious flourishes, and what's more, they recognize the value of a good guitar solo.

The group flashes an armload of tricks on the opening track, *Dorina*. Got your scorecard ready? Guitarist Michael Gurley commences with some clear-toned picking à la Mark Knopfler, abruptly shifts to a wicked descending riff, hits a few bars of T. Rex-style boogie, then takes a dreamlike Southern California turn with a ghostly Beach Boys falsetto rising behind the music. He solos after all three choruses, each one soaring in a progressively higher orbit.

In the following track, Mary Sunshine Rain, Gurley's touch on the steel strings of an acoustic elicits a shimmering cluster of notes in a needle-like spray. Gurley and bassist Joie Calio typically sing in tight two-part harmony, even in roller-

coaster rides like *Posters*, a madcap sex romp with a rave-up coda driven by drummer Phil Leavitt, and *Dizz Knee Land*, a dadaist send-up of a society driven bonkers by info-overload. *Here Today*, *Gone Tomorrow* is a fanciful bit of neo-psychedelia that rekindles the spirit

of Eric Burdon and War's spacy fable Spill the Wine, while Dog is a bright-hued series of nonsequiturs, including a line about "a girl who believes she used to be a dog." It's a strange world, and Dada paints it wild.

That Dada can shift from a burlesque



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like *Posters* to *Timothy*, a sobering glimpse into the fantasy-filled mind of a kid with absentee parents, proves their range. There is, to be honest, more range than depth to "Puzzles." The lyrics aren't always the equal of the music (the Police have got them there) and toward

the end the album loses some steam and muscle. Nevertheless, "Puzzle" is an arresting debut, and clearly Dada hears things in their heads no one else has thought to play before—an encouraging turn, if you worry about the future of the medium.

Parke Puterbaugh

#### DADA

Puzzle

Dorina; Mary Sunshine Rain; Dog; Dizz Knee Land; Surround; Here Today, Gone Tomorrow; Posters; Timothy; Dim; Who You Are; Puzzle; Moon I.R.S. 13141 (55 min)

#### A New Star-Studded "Tosca"

NOTHER Tosca may not rank among the highest discographic priorities, but who can blame Deutsche Grammophon for releasing one with three genuine audience favorites who, not incidentally, are surefire top-selling artists as well? Nor will these principals disappoint their fans. Mirella Freni is more securely settled into the title role than she seemed to be in her earlier account (1978, on London). Compensating for a loss of lyric freshness and diminished tonal roundness above the staff, she offers a mature interpretation infused with her own special magic. Hers is not the fieriest of Toscas, but she is infinitely moving in her wounded honesty and frank despair, especially in Act III.

For Placido Domingo, this is already a third outing: His Cavaradossi was previously paired with Leontyne Price (RCA, 1973) and Renata Scotto (EMI, 1981). He, too, does his best work in the third act, skillfully modulating his voice to fit the exigencies of the drama, though he cannot respond to the diminuendo phrase "disciogliea dai veli" in "E lucevan le stelle" with the unforced expansiveness of old. Overall, however, he remains a convincing, dignified, and musicianly interpreter. The only principal new to his role is Samuel Ramey. I doubt that Scarpia is the right role for his splendid bass-baritone: while much of the music lies in his best range, all that

concentration in the E-F area in the second act leaves him a bit uncomfortable. Nonetheless, on the way to his well-deserved doom, Ramey turns beautiful phrases and produces a stream of beautiful sounds that some more seasoned and dramatically more insinuating Scarpias cannot match.

The supporting roles are in good hands. Bryn Terfel is an unusually young-sounding but able Angelotti, Angelo Veccia is a Sacristan who emphasizes singing over clowning, and Anthony Laciura is a properly sneaky Spoletta. There are, however, Shepherds with more alluring timbres than this particular boy soprano.

Possibly because *Tosca* is obviously not "broke" and needs no "fixing," the unpredictable Giuseppe Sinopoli shows himself in a relatively non-idiosyncratic form. His overall pacing is slow, but the tempos are sensibly interrelated and no serious damage is done. The reading is unfailingly theatrical, rich inilluminating detail, and the Philharmonia responds with transparent textures, beautifully captured by the engineers.

George Jellinek

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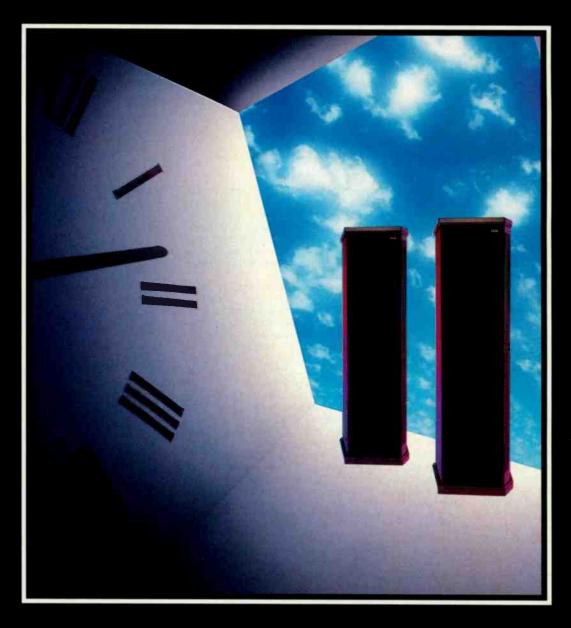
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• BERG: Lulu; Wozzeck. Lear, Fischer-Dieskau, others; Böhm. DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON 435 705 (three discs). Both of these Berg operas, with Karl Böhm conducting the Berlin Opera Orchestra, feature Evelyn Lear and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau in leading roles. Wozzeck was hailed as "a major recording landmark," (December 1965), and Lear's performance of the title role in Lulu was "effective dramatically and musically" (July 1968).

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Recording: Very good

t's easy to fault Michael Bolton for building his career on songs and styles borrowed from earlier rhythm-and-blues artists and for being so successful without having to pay the commensurate dues. But it is also difficult to ignore him. Bolton is a gifted singer with a voice of such compelling texture, range, and beauty that it is a joy to hear him. And he does convey a certain kind of sensuality.

Bolton's new album is made up almost entirely of memorable material previously identified with other artists. The result is a mixed blessing. Those who were raised on rock, without remembering or understanding the roots of a music they consider their own, may well be drawn to these songs and realize that they're American classics on a par with any music that has been conceived in this land. Yet there is little in the way this disc is packaged to call attention to the importance or even the existence of the songs' originators. While liner credits for individual songs note that You Send Me and Bring It On Home to Me were the creations of "S. Cooke," for example, how are contemporary listeners to know who Sam Cooke was or what he contributed?

That this set is a mixed blessing is immediately apparent with the opener, an absolutely luscious rendition of Buddy Johnson's lamentative r-&-b classic Since I Fell for You, enhanced by a Johnny Mandel string arrangement. Bolton's performance is intoxicating, but worlds away from the piercingly intense Ella Johnson original, a 1945 hit in the race (meaning black) record market. Mainstream America ignored the song and its creators back then, so perhaps it is better to have Bolton singing it, and others like it, than for such marvelous songs to be consigned to obscurity. Yet they can be better appreciated if you know the originals and can recognize the quite significant differences. It's a lesson in American music history that is well worth learning.



BON JOVI Keep the Faith JAMBCO/MERCURY 314 514 045 (66 min) Performance: Too serious Recording: Fair

Bon Jovi was a lot more fun when it was a trashy little arena-rock band that sang about chasing women, raising hell, and hanging out. In "Keep the Faith," the band makes a



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bid to be taken seriously, which means ponderous, lengthy songs that strain, with heavy hand and furrowed brow, for the grandeur of U2 and Bruce Springsteen. More than half the songs clock in at over five minutes, and no wonder: The arrangements of I Believe, Keep the Faith, and Bed of Roses are arduous and cumbersome, inflated with pomp, and despite some fine guitar work from former Cher boy toy Richie Sambora, it's hard to get past the ten-minute Dry County's derivative Springsteenisms about having to "wash these sins from off our hands."

Bon Jovi loosens up and hits the mark three times: the deliriously stupid Woman in Love; Blame It on the Love of Rock & Roll, a song that endeavors to explain why they didn't do well in school (great line: "I got my vaccinations from a phonograph needle"); and Little Bit of Soul, a funky, Stones-like choogler. As for the rest of "Keep of Faith," why is it that in the case of a band like Bon Jovi "progress" is tantamount to embalming? PP

#### BOY HOWDY

**Welcome to Howdywood** CURB 77562 (39 min)

Performance: More like Howdy Doody Recording: Better than needed

Boy Howdy is an L.A. club band with a knack for slapping country accents on rockish pop. Sometimes they disperse with the country stuff altogether-in If This Is Love snippets of Led Zeppelin's Whole Lotta Love float in and out like the ghost of John Bonham hoping to make a new start. Essentially this is an album of pleasant, ersatz country music with strong vocal harmonies, energized picking, and fantasy story songs that could never, ever happen in real life-apparently intended for people who've never seen the southern end of a northbound mule or come anywhere near stepping in what a mule leaves behind. Let's not mince words: If Bill Monroe were to hear the way Boy Howdy's grafted a souped-up bluegrass beat to the Kinks' You Really Got Me, you'd be reading his obituary in the next A.N. day's paper.

#### **BOBBY BROWN**

Bobby

MCA MCAD-10417 (67 min)

Performance: Roguishly romantic Recording: Very good

ith cunning and exceptional skill, Bobby Brown has created a distinctive persona for himself by combining street toughness with a seductively romantic allure. An extraordinary dancer, he is a commanding figure on stage, exuding a sensual energy that is polished rather than raw but retains the brashness of street chic. What enables him to translate it all to records so well is that he is also a talented singer with a touch of Stevie Wonder to his voice. At once rough rogue and imploring lover, he can shift nimbly from the sung lyric to the cadences of rap, remaining totally convincing at all times.

These two main ingredients have been deftly brought together on this disc, where Brown works primarily with two sets of producers, each creating different but often overlapping effects. Several of the more muscular, propulsive numbers were handled by Teddy Riley for New Jack Swing Productions. Their blistering opener, Humpin' Around, speaks for itself. While there is nothing wimpy about L.A. Reid, Babyface, and Daryl Simmons of La-Face, their imprimateur can be found on some of the more sweetly melodic numbers, such as Good Enough, an appealing love song that gives Brown a chance to show off his romantic side. His duet with his life partner Whitney Houston on Something in Common works better for him than for her, since Houston is at her best when she can settle deep into a song and sing it pretfily. The New Jack groove does not suit her nearly so well. But Brown himself wrote and produced the most seductively intimate number of all, Storm Away, on which he weaves his spell magically. Capping it all is I'm Your Friend, which features Brown in an affecting duet with Debra Winans of the gospel



**Bobby Brown: convincing** 

#### LEONARD COHEN

The Future **COLUMBIA CK 53226 (60 min)** 

Performance: More twisted than usual Recording: Very good

Vell, here's a cheery little mood brightener for you-Leonard Cohen, the angel of doom, mixing recurring themes of the devil, Christ, Charlie Manson, illicit sex, and general debauchery in the biggest, blackest cauldron in the universe. In other words, hell on earth. Whispering—he doesn't ever actually sing, you know-in a flattened voice more grave, gravely, and spooky than ever (he sounds like the spiritual godfather to Tom Waits), Cohen drones on as the quintessential enlightened loser about the imminent end of the world: lines like "Give me crack and anal sex / Take the only tree that's left / Stuff it up the hole in your culture" (The Future), and "It's lonely here / There's no one left to torture" (ditto). All this is backed by a female choir that at times sounds like some huge black assembly, and at others like the androgynous chicks from the Robert Palmer video.

No matter how the choristers chortle, however, they're always at artistic odds with our grizzled guide, who fantasizes about the voice of God and a strip joint where his sweet

#### TALES FROM THE VAULTS

#### BOB MARLEY

Song of Freedom

TUFF GONG/ISLAND 512 280-2 (four discs, 300 min)

Discussions of Bob Marley center too often around his socio-political impact, which is perhaps unavoidable given that



he was the first genuine Third World pop superstar and something of a mystic to boot. But the fact is the guy wasn't Muhammad Ali or Malcolm Xhe was a working musician and bandleader who created a pretty astonishing (and profoundly influential) song

catalog. This long overdue retrospective-seventy-eight tracks, ranging from early (pre-reggae) singles to a live Redemption Song taped at his final 1980 concert-includes just about everything he did worth hearing. It's well remastered, too, and the accompanying booklet conveys the essence of the man and his accomplishments far more succinctly than any current biography. Steve Simels companion rubs half the world against her thigh (Closing Time). On and on he goes, stopping only to shift from dark, brooding pop to gospel (Be for Real, the album's one downto-earth song about true love) and a countryblues revamping of the pop classic Always. But what do you expect from a man who's made a career out of opening a vein and inviting everyone to drink? On Democracy, Cohen describes himself as "stubborn as those garbage bags / That time cannot decay." High IQ? More like bloated hallucination.

#### BOB DYLAN

Good As I Been to You COLUMBIA CK 53200 (56 min)

Performance: Folk vérité Recording: Straightforward

Ihroughout the Eighties, and since about 1975's "Desire," to be honest, Bob Dylan's recording career has been a bundle of mixedup confusion (to borrow the title of his very first single). He's been great, good, and dreadful, but most of all he's been wildly inconsistent, as if he'd lost the intuitive compass that had guided him through the peerless work of his first fifteen years. "Under the Red Sky," his last studio album, was a sort of nadir, as even a hot producer (Don Was) and the proverbial cast of thousands (from George Harrison down to Slash) couldn't prop up doggerel like Wiggle Wiggle and Handy Dandy.

But the master has masterminded a turnaround on "Good As I Been to You," a completely solo album of acoustic folk blues. In its artless simplicity, with nary a tune written by Dylan himself, it's a bold stroke that puts him back on sound footing in the folk tradition. The album is a personal move, with Dylan endeavoring to reclaim his roots and recover his soul. Yet the signals it sends to the scene around him bear an indelible message: It's time to go back to beginnings if we hope to get back on course, not only in music but in other spheres of American life as well.

All thirteen songs here emanate from the public domain (at least that's the assumption; there are no songwriting credits or historical information, which would have been welcome). Dylan sings about a raft of renegade characters, such as Diamond Joe and Blackjack Davey, works up a festive, rambling sweat in Step It Up and Go, and waxes tender on the gorgeously sung, Fifties-feeling ballad Tomorrow Night. It's an unpretentious tour de force whose first-take gruffness stands in refreshing contrast to the antiseptic sterility of the music scene in general

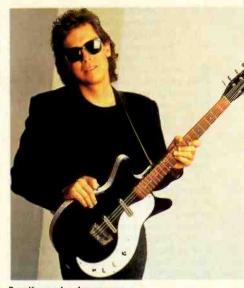
"Good As I Been to You" is Dylan's first allacoustic album since his 1961 debut; if it were the last album he ever made, it would close the circle with perfect symmetry. But let's hope that it heralds a new morning in his career instead.

#### FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE

Original Broadway Cast COLUMBIA 52999 (67 min)

> Performance: Vigorous Recording: Excellent

he singer, composer, and alto saxophonist Louis Jordan worked with several big bands between 1929, when he occupied the piano in Jimmy Pryor's Imperial Serenaders, and 1936, when he joined the reed section of



Ray Kennedy: dangerous

Chick Webb's orchestra for a two-year stint. In the summer of 1938, Jordan formed his Elk's Rendezvous Band, a group that soon became known as the Tympany Five. He signed a contract with Decca and began making a long succession of hits, most of which were characterized by pronounced rhythm and humor. He E became one of the Forties' most popular musical entertainers, with individual record sales registering as high as two million copies.

Jordan often wrote his own material, and he had a knack for turning other people's banal songs into something worthwhile. Such was the case with Five Guys Named Moe, a pedestrian tune that gave its name to a British cabaret show that became a West End musical and is currently running on Broadway. The Broadway-cast album is an entertaining, wellexecuted recording that faithfully captures the flavor of the stage production but spares listeners the forced hilarity of its audience-participation segments. The renditions of the songs are also fairly faithful to Jordan's original performances. The show's cast is excellent, but only one singer, Milton Craig Nealy, stands out. I hope someone has the sense to give him an album of his own. This CD serves well as a memento of the show and as an introduction to Louis Jordan, but you ought to treat yourself to the original performances, many of which are available on CD.

#### THE JAYHAWKS

Hollywood Town Hall **DEF AMERICAN 9 26829 (43 min)** Performance: Affecting

Recording: Very good

muted, wintry sense of urgency permeates the ten songs in "Hollywood Town Hall." You can feel the frosty tang of an arctic wind blowing down in the Jayhawks' piquant country-rock. The group hails from Minneapolis, and, like Blue Rodeo, who could be considered their counterpart across the Canadian border, they imbue their music with a sense of place. It seems that the further north you go, the more you notice and internalize changes in seasons, to the point where the weather functions as a metaphor for emotional states: Witness songs such as this album's

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Settled Down like Rain, Clouds, and Waiting for the Sun.

At the core of the band are its two singer/songwriter/guitarists, Mark Olson and Gary Louris, whose clear, pure tenors blend in high, lonesome folk harmonies. Olson strums an acoustic, while Louris plays an electric with the searching sound of early Neil Young. Guest keyboardists Benmont Tench and Nicky Hopkins slot right in, adding a "Music from Big Pink" or "Blonde on Blonde" cast to the Jayhawks' rustic ruminations. The rhythm section does exactly what bass and drums ought to do in this kind of music: support the melodies, mark time, throw in an artful fill every now and then.

Like the folk-rock naturals they are, the Jayhawks fit squarely in the tradition of the



Byrds, Gram Parsons, Poco, and Neil Young. The songs flow effortlessly and easily, establishing a comfortable familiarity on first hearing and wearing well. "Hollywood Town Hall" is a tunefully melancholy place worth visiting over and over.

#### RAY KENNEDY

Guitar Man

ATLANTIC 82422 (32 min)

Performance: Merle, Jr. Recording: Good

ay Kennedy's 1990 debut album, "What a Way to Go," was remarkable both for its dark, moody ambience and concise songs of pain and pleasure and for Kennedy's musicianship-he not only played nearly every instrument but engineered the recording, too. "Guitar Man" is the follow-up, and while it's lighter in tone and subject matter-for instance, there's a swing song, No Way Jose, in which he has a one-way conversation with a bottle of Jose Cuervo-Kennedy remains a charismatic performer. He's got a heart-on for Merle Haggard, often writing in Haggard's tough-but-tender style, and doing a betterthan-average vocal impersonation when he wants to. But his wit is drier than the Hag's, he stays away from Haggard's overt politics, and, as the first album showed, he can talk about dangerous sex, and not just romance.

Once Kennedy gets established, he should pocket the money, go back to his more edgy, atmospheric stuff, and be content to be a cult



Tamiya Lynn: personal

figure. The mystery becomes him—and nobody else in contemporary country can pull it off. Be sure to check out his guitar work, too he's Mr. Art Deco in the credits.

A.N.

#### TAMIYA LYNN

LIBERTY C4-99470 (51 min)

Performance: Intriguing Recording: Satisfactory

t is difficult to define the kind of music Tamiya Lynn makes on her first album, for which she wrote all the songs. The instrumentation of the opener, *Hip New Moon*, seems to

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set us up for some airy but offbeat Californiaflavored jazz, but other tracks go in quite different directions, from the lightly rock-inflected To Be Your Lady to the classical tracings of After All. Her nonconformity might not be surprising considering that Tamiva Lynn long has been a favorite of Dr. John, appearing on several of his albums while also working with other name artists as a background singer. Indeed, there are echoes of Dr. John's incantatory approach on a couple of these selections, most notably Love Is, with its throbbing percussive pulse. But an odd, dreamy quality prevails throughout, and by the time you've listened to a few of these highly personal songs about the nature of love. you will have fallen under Lynn's spell. This is an album to refresh jaded ears.

#### MADONNA

Erotica

MAVERICK/SIRE 45031 (75 min) Performance: Pant, pant Recording: Fine

rousal of one sort or another has always been Madonna's calling card. So it was both natural and redundant for her to put out a book called Sex and an album called "Erotica." But this time she went too far-for her own good as well as ours. Madonna was much more enlightening and entertaining when she suggested the rich possibilities within relationships and physical love. The book, in making her fantasies explicit, makes her look silly and artificial. The album isn't as narrowly conceived-without the visuals it simply can't be as explicit-so there are fewer truly embarrassing moments. The worst is Deeper and Deeper, a sophmoric paean to oral sex ("In case you don't already know / Dining out can happen down below").

Far more troublesome than the silliness is the utter seriousness of Madonna's work on "Erotica." On the title cut, when she substitutes a moan for the choicest four-letter word. it should have been funny, or at least done with a salacious wink. But instead it's a thickvoiced expression of how all-consuming this



O'Connell: visionary

hunger can be (tell us something we don't know, babe). Going even further on a musical level, Madonna has shifted the emphasis in her arrangements almost entirely to deep, rumbling rhythms. Maybe she thought these slow shuffles-heavily influenced by the rap and underground dance scenes-would seem primal. But the lack of hooks gives the album a sort of brooding sameness.

To be fair, some cuts—the itchily desperate Waiting, for example—manage to kick harder. especially when they break out of a single lockstep beat into a bridge that goes against the rhythmic grain. Listening to longer stretches of this album, though, can be tedious, even boring. And, unfortunately, that's what's really shocking about "Erotica." R.G.

#### JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY

Life's a Dance ATLANTIC 82420 (33 min) Performance: A star is born Recording: Good

dd another name to the long list of country hunks. John Michael Montgomery strikes a Garth Brooks pose on the cover of this debut album, but he really doesn't have to. Montgomery, a Kentuckian who's been a local club favorite for some time, turns in a first-rate collection of traditional jukebox fare, mostly honky-tonk and tuneful ballads, and he sings it like he knows he's going to be the next guy to own Nashville. Whether going for a Hank Williams choke-and-moan vocal style in the clever Beer and Bones (that's all he is since his baby left him) or settling into a Haggard/Strait groove in the sweet waltz Dream On Texas Ladies, he's always in command of his material, delivering with the ease of a seasoned veteran. Life's a Dance is the most potentially hit-laden debut of the season. Watch Montgomery become a megastar. A.N.

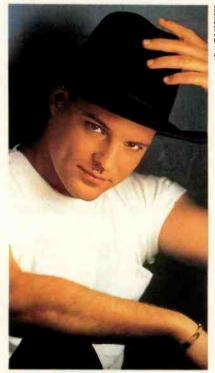
#### MAURA O'CONNELL

Blue Is the Colour of Hope WARNER BROS. 45063 (38 min)

> Performance: Superior Recording: Good

he surprise with Maura O'Connell isn't that she's a cult artist, but that her cult hasn't splintered off into little fringe cults. For O'Connell isn't just an Irish singer who lives in Nashville, singing country-tinged Irish folk, soul, and pop. She's a force field of emotion, a singer with a multicolored corduroy quilt of a voice, and a musical visionary who makes it sound perfectly natural to segue from a sultry, Rosemary Clooneyish jazz piece (Love to Learn) to an early-Sixties-style r-&-b number (First You Cry), having already followed Mary Chapin Carpenter's somber and elegant It Don't Bring You with I Would Be Stronger Than That, a chilling song of wife abuse, and the sophisticated, soul-shaking pop of So Soft Your Goodbye.

"Blue Is the Colour of Hope," O'Connell's third solo album, also marks her third collaboration with an offbeat producer. This time it's dobroist extraordinaire Jerry Douglas, who gives her unremittingly sad songs about the different stages of love a fitting acoustic production with electric accents. But Douglas, who also contributes a gorgeous if somewhat overpowering Weissenborn guitar framework for a song of "never ending aching" (Sunny-



Montgomery: traditional

shine Day), needs to rethink his approach to sequencing-it's not in anybody's best interest to group all the progressive folk-rock songs together at the outset of the album. And calling on the otherworldly Webb Wilder to put a shadow vocal in To Be the One may have seemed like a great idea, but in actuality it just sounds like a radio pulling in two stations at once.

"Blue Is the Colour of Hope" (the title comes from J. D. Salinger) may lack the production edge that O'Connell's previous album, "A Real Life Story," had in spades. But it's still bound to enhance her considerable reputation, and justifiably so. She is a singer whose art comforts and nurtures the soul, her shaded soprano the very voice of desire. A.N.

#### THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

The Downward Road MERCURY 314 512 972 (50 min)

Performance: Rundgren rehash Recording: Good

rainy but underwhelming, the Pursuit of Happiness comes on like a Grade B Todd Rundgren clone or, worse, a poor man's Utopia. Their first two albums, which admittedly had their moments, were actually produced by Rundgren, and that made a difference. By contrast, "The Downward Road" is a faded copy from a machine in need of toner.

The Utopia comparison is not idly made; the Pursuit of Happiness suffers from plain, homely vocals, like those cuts on a Utopia record not sung by Rundgren. The group mimics voicings and progressions from the Rundgren conservatory, keeping the flame alive but at a dim flicker. Any stab at a pure-pop sensibility is corrupted by clunky concessions to mainstream rock: a big drum sound that marks time with the dull economy of an arena band, riffy power chords from the Cheap Trick-gone-tohell school. Finally, there's the incongruity of Moe Berg's lyrics, which scan like amateur psychology produced by a computer program: "You satisfy my ego / Still I'm pathologically restless," he drones in But I Do.

"The Downward Road" does have its pleasures. Bored of You plumbs the female psyche to puzzle out why "nice guys finish last," and I'm Ashamed of Myself turns a libidinous thought into an infectious pop chant. But the album is essentially featureless, and TPOH is really still pursuing an original niche. P.P.

#### THE REMBRANDTS

Untitled

ATCO 92200 (53 min)

Performance: Masterly pop Recording: Very good

f the Everly Brothers were to sing songs written by Squeeze in the mold of "Abbey Road"-era Beatles, you'd wind up with something along the lines of the Rembrandts' "Untitled." It's stocked to the legal limit with gorgeous melodies, rainbow-hued arrangements, and the sort of goosebump-raising excitement that fans of such smart-pop standard bearers as Big Star, Dwight Twilley, Shoes, and the dB's will recognize immediately. Actually, it took me about a week just to get past the third song, Rollin' Down the Hill-a delightful sleigh ride through a scenic pop wonderland, complete with a heart-tugging chorus and merrily bopping, McCartneyesque bridge—and discover the rest of the album. The Rembrandts are aptly named, layering their sonic canvases in bold, painterly strokes. The vaguely Springsteenish One Horse Town, for example, is sung against a backdrop of pizzicato strings, and I'll Come Callin', a Byrdsy swirl of harmonies and mandolins, is performed as nimbly as a folk waltz. If classy, quirky, studiously assayed pop is your thing-by now, you all know who you are-the Rembrandts' "Untitled" is a minor masterpiece that deserves to hang in your collection.

#### RON WOOD

Slide on This

CONTINUUM 19210 (59 min)

Performance: Lackluster Recording: Sludgy

t's no accident that ten years have passed between Ron Wood solo albums. At the risk of belaboring the obvious, they're just not very good. Neither is his voice, a hoarse bray that argues mightily against cigarette smoking. (But he would not be able to pose in silhouette without one of the damn things fuming away.) Even his vaunted slide playing isn't exactly the stuff of legend; he sounds a little rusty, like he's coasting on reputation.

Granted, the packaging for "Slide on This" is lavish and beautiful, a quadruple gatefold plus a thick booklet that features many of Wood's paintings and drawings. The man is gifted, both as an artist and as a musician, although in the latter department this ultimate journeyman/sideman may be overextending himself in a front and center role. There's little among the sodden, labored heap of tracks here to argue otherwise, with the glorious exception of the Hothouse Flowers' goading of Wood into a righteous, rocking performance on Like It.

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#### HERE NO EVIL-A TRIBUTE TO THE MONKEES

LONG PLAY LP23 (64 min)

Twenty-one alternative rock types pay homage to TV's Prefab Four, and, atypically for this sort of project, there's not a bum track in the bunch. Pick hits: R.E.M. pal Mitch Easter's blisteringly authentic Valeri, the Vulgar Boatmen's Buddy Hollvish take on The Kind of Girl I Could Love. Major oddity: Cruisin's A Little Bit Me, A Little Bit You, with lead vocal by Max Collins, the guy who usually writes (no kidding) the Dick Tracy comic strip. S.S.



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#### From Your Window

DLS 112378 (43 min)

Pop formalists will fall for this record, produced by Jeff Murphy of the Shoes, and though it doesn't jell on every tune, it will satisfy a compulsive's sweet tooth with its winning harmonies, chiming guitars, and big heart. But proceed slowly: all thirteen bonbons at once may give you a stomach-

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The title of this collection and the name of the record company suggest that this is a whole lot of hypnotic music to nod off to. But actually it is a varied, almost encyclopedic overview of world music divided into four sections: rhythm, melody, harmony, and song. Some of it is quite beautiful, and some of it is strange, but the individual selections were well chosen for authenticity and accessibility to Western ears. Ranging from Albania to Tibet, from Norway to Australia, the set covers so much geography that it just might be all the world music you'll ever need. (Available on CD's or cassettes directly from the Relaxation Company, telephone 1-800-788-6670.)

William Livingstone

#### IZZY STRADLIN AND THE JU-JU HOUNDS

GEFFEN GEFD-24490 (44 min) Tight band. Good songs. Rocks hard. Shame about the voice.

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SHANACHIE 9003 (40 min)

Phil Spector chanteuse and Lethal Weapon co-star Love and Stevie Wonder backup singer Grove here essay ten soul and r-&-b standards more or less live in the studio. It's a nice idea in principle, and the singing is exemplary, but does the world (or your record collection) really need covers of James Brown, Sam Cooke, and Fontella Bass songs that do not significantly improve on the originals? S.S.

#### RICK REYNOLDS

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GANG OF SEVEN 74144-22003-2 (75 min) A live recording of Reynolds's justifiably acclaimed one-man show, a monologue that's half standup comedy, half performance art (Swimming to Cambodia with better jokes?), and by turns laugh-out-loud hilarious and almost painfully revealing. The spoken-word album of the year for

#### THE SECRET POLICEMAN'S OTHER BALL-THE MUSIC

RHINO R2 71048 (50 min)

This reissued Amnesty International benefit show is a decade old, and some of it holds up (Sting's reconstituted Roxanne and Message in a Bottle, a Jeff Beck/Eric Clapton rave-up on a trio of blues tunes) while some of it doesn't (Bob Geldof's overwrought ranting, Phil Collin's selfpitying drivel). Trick question: Were we all less discriminating back then or were we just too stoned to recognize dreck when we heard it? AN



#### STEVIE RAY VAUGHAN AND DOUBLE TROUBLE

In the Beginning

EPIC EK 53168 (40 min)

Embryonic, pre-record-deal Stevie Ray (from a live, Austin, 1980 radio broadcast) in which Texas's most celebrated non-Albino blues guitarist does his post-Hendrix thing with characteristic panache. Not essential listening, perhaps, but a nice addendum to his legacy and, obviously, a treat for



#### GARY BURTON AND FRIENDS

Six Pack

GRP GRD-9685 (68 min)

Performance: Trite Recording: Good

ary Burton has long been one of the finest vibraphone players around, a musician whose aesthetic sense was never in doubt, an artist who chose his surroundings well. I suppose he is still all that, but on his new "Six Pack" I'm afraid he is aiming at the gallery. With guest appearances by the likes of B.B. King, John Scofield, Jim Hall, and Ralph Towner, this might have been an interesting get-together, but it is instead a hopelessly banal mélange of clichés. The worst culprit is tenor man Bob Berg, whose monotonous style simply isn't happening. There are, to be fair, flashes of finery here-like Asphodel, with Jim Hall and the pianist Mulgrew Miller, and Redial, a duet with Ralph Towner-but not enough for me to recommend this set to anyone with a good ear for music. CA

#### ROY CAMPBELL

**New Kinadom** 

DELMARK DE 456 (64 min) Performonce: Excellent

Recording: Good

the opening track of "New Kingdom" is trumpeter Roy Campbell's tribute to his teacher, Lee Morgan. Although I Remember Lee starts as a dirge played by some highschool band, it soon blossoms into a delightful bop romp. The forty-year-old Campbell is no newcomer to the music scene, but his name is not as well-known as it should be. As a matter of fact, this album features six relatively neglected musicians. Campbell, tenor saxophonist Zane Massey, and altoist Ricardo Strobert form the front line and fill it with substantive statements, while the action-packed, pianoless rhythm section sizzles with the work of vibist Bryan Carrott, bassist William Parker, and drummer Zen Matsuura. Parker was long associated with pianist Cecil Taylor, but his For C.T. is aimed elsewhere, being a bow to the late Clifford Thornton—a trombonist who briefly lit up the avant-garde scene of the Sixties. Massey's turbulent Peace, played with bass and drums only, is another highlight, but it is the leader who provides the glue for this cohesive set. Roy Campbell spends a good portion of his time in Holland these days, but this is the kind of album that could bring him home. C.A.

#### PAUL DESMOND

Like Someone in Love TELARCHIVE CD-83319 (61 min)

Performance: Pure alto down Recording: Very good remote

t would be difficult to imagine the Dave Brubeck Quartet of the Fifties without the sound of Paul Desmond's alto saxophone. Desmond, who wrote the quartet's biggest hit, Take Five, stayed with Brubeck until the group broke up in 1967. His delicate alto had been as vital to its success as the leader's own piano, and it proved to be equally effective when detached. Desmond spent his remaining ten years playing only occasionally and writing a book called How Many of You Are There in the Quartet? The book never materialized, but a few recordings were made during that period, including a live performance from Toronto, with the guitarist Ed Bickert. That two-LP set. "Paul Desmond Quartet Live" (A&M), was recorded in 1975 and should not be confused with "Like Someone in Love," a new Telarchive release of previously unissued material from the same period and place. This wonderful find has Desmond, Bickert, bassist Don Thompson, and drummer Jerry Fuller breezing through a program of familiar material. Paul Desmond's lyrical approach and keen



sense of composition could have turned any tune into something delightful, but here he has great material like Django Reinhardt's Nuages, Jobim's Meditation, and the Van Heusen-Burke ballad Like Someone in Love to work with. The result is heavenly.

#### ART HODES

Up In Volly's Room DELMARK DE 217 (59 min) Performance: Soothing

Recording: Very good

Besides caressing jazz with his keyboard work, Russian-born pianist Art Hodes has written many wonderful firsthand observations on jazz people and events he's experienced since he began his professional career over sixty years ago. "Up in Volly's Room" is a rich serving of material from the traditional jazz repertory, recorded twenty years ago by Hodes and some of his long-time associates. The title refers to Volly DeFaut, a former member of the famous New Orleans Rhythm Kings, who also recorded with Jelly Roll Morton, Muggsy Spanier, and the Gene Goldkette orchestra. His agile, somewhat gaunt clarinet style graces all but four of the thirteen tracks. Heard throughout the album is a Hodes regular, former football player Truck Parham, whose solid bass playing earned him a place in some of the best groups of the Thirties and Forties. Trumpeter Nappy Trottier and trombonist George Brunis (another famous New Orleans Rhythm Kings alumnus) join in on Ja Da and—giving this otherwise velvety set a rousing finish-Panama Rag.

#### JUNIOR MANCE

Here 'Tis

SACKVILLE SKCD2-3050 (61 min)

Performance: Superb Recording: Very good

have long admired the playing of Junior Mance. His style is an appealing blend of old and new, firmly rooted in the past but adapted to the present, and he can structure a solo with awesome logic. Proof that Mance's piano today is as compelling as ever lies in the pits (formerly grooves) of "Here 'Tis," a tribute to Dizzy Gillespie, who last year celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday, and in whose quintet Mance played in the late Fifties. Contributing generously to this set are four young Canadian musicians: flutist Bill McBirnie, who lends a Gillespie-like feel to half of the selections, including the title track (which also reflects Mance's time with Cannonball Adderley), and Reg Schwager, Kieran Overs, and Norman Marshall Villeneuve-who play guitar, bass, and drums, respectively. They are all exceptional musicians who have captured the essence of this kind of unpretentious jazz, which is as timeless as the Junior Mance style itself. The final track is a solo piano performance of A Nigh in Tunisia, which sums up the appeal of Mance's soulful approach to a music that can be downright frosty.

#### RED NORVO

Live from the Blue Gardens MUSIC MASTERS 65090 (57 min)

Performance: Good dig Recording: All things considered . . .

ed Norvo made his mark playing an in-strument that continues to be an anomaly in the jazz world, but the xylophone was not his only distinguishing sound. He displayed an ear for rare textures as early as 1933, when he made the unconventional Dance of the Octopus with a quartet that included Benny Goodman on bass clarinet. Some of that penchant for unorthodox orchestration can be heard on a new release of a radio broadcast Norvo made fifty years ago. "Live from the Blue Gardens" features Norvo's big band broadcasting to WOR listeners and playing for dancers in Armonk, New York, on the night of January 4, 1942. Except for the leader, there are no real big names in this fifteen-piece band, but Norvo always surrounded himself with fine musicians, and this band is as good as any starstudded group of the period. Among the four featured vocalists are "special guest" Helen Ward and trombonist Eddie Bert, whose wife recorded this broadcast. The discs were recently unearthed in one of Bert's closets, and they seem generally to have been in good shape, but I wish that the ticks had been removed on a couple of selections. Sonic limitations notwithstanding, this time capsule is a joy to hear, for besides its obvious nostalgia value (enhanced by the mellifluous voice of a Forties announcer), the set contains superbly executed ballroom material and a generous amount of simmering jazz. CA.

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BEETHOVEN: Piana Sanatas Na. 12 ("Funeral March"), No. 15 ("Pastarale"),

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Performance: Ingratiating Recording: Excellent

hese four sonatas take us just past the halfway point in the remake of the Beethoven cycle Claudio Arrau had under way when he died in June 1991 at the age of eighty-eight. Despite the Funeral March of No. 12, all of these works show Beethoven at his most ingratiating rather than in his Olympian mold, and none of them is among the most demanding technically. Indeed, the biggest challenge of the two-movement Sonatas Nos. 19 and 20 may lie in resisting the temptation to seek out a philosophical mystique, because of the name Beethoven, in music whose essence is unfeigned simplicity and charm. Arrau, of course, was never condescending; there is no striving for profundity here, no trivializing of the music's honest virtues, and no phrase that fails to sing.

The disc carries a dedication to the memory of Arrau's wife, a gesture that is the more affecting for *not* involving something monumental. Elsewhere in Beethoven, and in Brahms and Liszt and Schumann, Arrau was the titan or the philosopher. Here, in playing that is radiant with the intimacy of pleasure received and given, he simply reminds us that musicmaking can be an act of love. And these 1989 performances are enhanced by as lovely a piano sound as Philips has yet achieved. *R.F.* 



Emanuel Ax and Ya-Ya Ma

BRAHMS: Cella Sonatas In E Minor, F Major, and D Minor

Ma, Ax (75 min) SONY SK 48191

Performance: From the heart Recording: The very best

arvelous music, marvelous playing, superb sound—all from two of the finest chamber-music partners in the business working in the lovely acoustic surround of Jordan Hall in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The E Minor Sonata finds Brahms the young romantic in full cry for the first movement, a delicate miniaturist in the second, and a gnarly contrapuntalist in the final allegro. Yo-Yo Ma is at his tonally rich and virile best, and



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Emanuel Ax is the perfect keyboard partner.
The late F Major Sonata has an almost Schumannian exuberance in the first of its four movements. There is a fine, brooding slow movement, a tense scherzo, and a thoroughly relaxed and laid-back finale. Again, the performance is just right for the music.

A surprise is the great D Minor Violin Sonata in cello guise. Ma and Ax, after reading through the music for fun, simply did the Op. 108 as it stood with minor modifications to accommodate the cello registration. For the most part it works very well, although the double-stopped episodes in the slow movement seem oddly diluted in comparison to what one hears from the violin. But this is a minor cavil given the fact that this recording is a singularly satisfying achievement on every level.

D.H.

#### **DEBUSSY:** String Quartet **RAVEL:** String Quartet

Quatuor Ysaÿe LONDON 430 434 (54 min)

Performance: Elegant Recording: Exemplary

The illustrious Belgian violinist Eugène Ysaÿe led a famous string quartet of his own, the original Quatuor Ysaÿe, which gave the premiere of the Debussy Quartet in Paris at the end of 1893. The present group, formed by four students at the Paris Conservatoire in 1984, does honor to the name in its debut recording. The playing combines—as the two



works themselves do—a specifically Gallic elegance, clarity, and passion. While there is nothing radically different about either performance here, both are remarkably fresh because of a more profound emphasis on both the intensity and the clarity, and a greater success in balancing them, than we are accustomed to encountering at a single sitting. Thus the music comes at us as something both comfortably familiar and provocatively revealing. The scherzo in the Debussy shines with freshness as an almost microscopic violin figure is etched below the other players' pizzicati, and the climax of the succeeding slow movement is the more poignant for the steadiness of the rhythm. In the Ravel, the sinuous themes have a sort of drypoint texture from the outset, giving the pizzicati in that scherzo and the driving energy of the finale an unparalleled sense of power without upsetting the intimacy or proportions of the work. The recording captures the performances superbly, underscoring their aptness to the music without drawing attention to itself.

#### ELGAR: Symphany Na. 1; Pamp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 and 4

Philharmonia Orchestra, Sinopoli DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON 431 663 (67 min)

> Performance: Finely honed Recording: Good

iuseppe Sinopoli made his first excur-Sion into Elgar territory back in 1989, with the formidable Symphony No. 2. The Symphony No. 1 is hardly less formidable, but I find it a more mercurial piece, with its many pages of turbulent ebb and flow. Sinopoli captures this quality especially well in the opening movement, and I like the way he handles the quiet, visionary opening melody in the truly simple manner called for by the composer. The savage patrol march of the second movement goes well too. As tender as the immediately following adagio is, however, I question extending its playing time to almost two minutes beyond the norm; for my ears, the "sweetness long drawn out" began to outstay its welcome. The finale works up to a splendid peroration, with the motto theme fighting its way through rather like Bunyan's Pilgrim attaining the Celestial City. The church acoustic of Sinopoli's recording makes for somewhat less clarity of texture and richness in the bass than is heard in David Zinman's recent and very fine Baltimore performance for Telarc. Of the two Pomp and Circumstance marches here, the famous D Major fares best by virtue of the very alert performance of the outer sections.

#### MASSENET: Chérubin

Von Stade, Anderson, Ramey, Upshaw; Munich Radio Orchestra, Steinberg RCA VICTOR 60593 (two discs, 115 min)

#### Performance: What a cast! Recording: Stunning

ore ghosts of Versailles!
Beaumarchais, the original author of the Figaro plays, wrote the first sequel himself; La Mère Coupable was set to music by Darius Milhaud and provided the inspiration for John Corigliano's Ghosts of Versailles. There is also a play called Figaro Gets a Divorce, well-known in Germany, and an opera was made



out of it by Giselher Kiebe. Oddest of all is a French play called *Le Chérubin*, by a certain Francis de Croisset, which was set to music by none other than Jules Massenet. *Chérubin* is sexist, terminally cute, and terribly dated, but it is also, like the rascal that Cherubino becomes, utterly charming.

The opera is set in a never-never land of gallantry, willing women, and sexual adventure. The exquisitely pubescent Cherubino of The Marriage of Figaro has become an insufferable little macho punk of seventeen who makes a pass at (sexually harasses) every woman he sees, leaving behind a trail of panting females, jealous husbands and lovers, and a mildly disapproving philosophy professor. When the king's mistress, a Lola Montez dancer, turns up, he plays the callow innocent to get her attention. At one point he manages to get three different women going at the same time, and his delight knows no bounds.

This is all clearly supposed to be clever and amusing, especially since (1) it is so absurd, (2) he never really makes it to bed with any of them, (3) Lola gives him his comeuppance, (4) he learns his lesson and is redeemed in the end by the pure love of an honest woman, and (5) he is a she. In spite of the fact that Cherubino's hormone production has multiplied exponentially since the last opera, he is somehow still a mezzo.

But what a mezzo! And what a cast! Frederica von Stade as Cherubino, June Anderson as the sexy dancer, Dawn Upshaw as the faithful Nina, and Samuel Ramey as the Panglossian philosophy prof. Even the minor characters are extremely well cast: Jean-Marc Ivaldi as the otherwise unnamed Count, Michel Sénéchal as the Duke. And they genuinely have something to sing, the vocal writing is as

Giuseppe Sinopoli



#### **Haydn Surprises**

HOUGH it's hard to imagine any surprises from sweet, predictable Papa Haydn, three recently released oratorio recordings are all major additions to the Haydn discography, and two are landmarks. Despite all the phonographic attention Haydn has received with complete recordings of his symphonies, operas, string quartets, and other chamber music, the 1768 Applausus, his first oratorio with a secular text, has escaped attention. It can be seen as a laboratory for The Seasons and The Creation, but its differences from later Haydn are what really make it interesting.

Applausus celebrates the four cardinal virtues. Relentlessly brilliant in the "galant" style, it shows an almost uncharacteristically expansive side of the composer. Each aria is longer than the last, and the final ones (as long as 18 minutes) use the da capo form as a jumping-off point for larger, rondo-like and binary forms with florid violin and keyboard obligattos. The final section quotes previously heard melodies before going on to its own theme for chorusnot unlike the final movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, written roughly fifty years later. Applausus is quite a curiosity, then, and well worth listening to, although it might be more enjoyable with somewhat better soloists than the ones on the new Opus recording. Patrick Fournillier is a wonderfully spirited, knowledgeable Haydn conductor, however, and this performance at least provides a sturdy framework with which to become acquainted with the piece.

In the much later oratorio The Seasons (1801), his first major Haydn recording, John Eliot Gardiner turns out to be a potent Haydn conductor. The composer's natural vigor lends itself well to the conductor's driving style. In fact, Gardiner seems almost obsessed with clarity here, making sure that every original-instrument strand is crystalline. While such clarity is refreshing after hearing so many conventionalinstrument recordings in which the homophonic choral writing obliterates all the details of the scoring, Gardiner's Toscaninian control over everything (including a tendency to straitjacket the soloists) sometimes robs the music of geniality, one of its most essential characteristics. But Gardiner uses this control with the benefit of convincing



Conductor Robert Shaw (center)

ideas about virtually every phrase of the music. He also has a near-ideal lineup of soloists—Barbara Bonney, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, and Andreas Schmidt—something that even Sir Thomas Beecham, that master of Haydnesque geniality, was not able to assemble for his recording on EMI.

Robert Shaw's performance of The Creation (1798) isn't a first of any sort, but it is, in many ways, the most satisfying of the three. With larger performing forces, conventional instruments, and the text sung in an English translation, Shaw's approach is far from authentic. Only a few seconds into the overture, however, even the most rabid authenticist might find Shaw's loving, empathetic interpretation irresistible. He's occasionally guilty of slack tempos in the recitatives, but there is none of the rhythmic stiffness that has marred his previous efforts. Everything has a natural sense of flow. Being a singer's conductor, Shaw often lets the soloists have their way, though they're tasteful enough not to abuse the privilege. In fact, I don't know of any recording that shows these oft-heard singers-Dawn Upshaw, Jon Humphreys, and John Cheek-to such good advantage. And the Telarc production has a radiance befitting the David Patrick Stearns music.

#### HAYDN: Applousus

Musoleno, Dolberg, Johnson, Byrne, Courtis; Haydn Vokaal Ensemble, Orchestre Regional De Picardie, Fournillier OPUS 111 OPS 61-9207 (two discs, 129 min)

#### **HAYDN:** The Creation

Upshaw, Humphrey, Cheek, Murphy, McGuire; Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Chorus, Shaw TELARC CD-80298 (two discs, 107 min)

#### **HAYDN:** The Seasons

Bonney, Rolfe Johnson, Schmidt; Monteverdi Choir, English Baroque Soloists, Gardiner DG Archiv 431-818 (two discs, 137 min)

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exquisite as anything in Massenet or French opera. Indeed, the score, with its combination of French Romanticism and Classical clarity. expressivity, wit, and spirit, is one of Massenet's finest.

It is not only the leads that are strong. The entire cast, including the chorus of the Bavarian State Opera and the Munich Radio Orchestra under the elegant and inspired leadership of Pinchas Steinberg, contributes to the success of this remarkable and forgotten work. The recording, a co-production of BMG Classics and the Bavarian Radio, is stunning. E.S.

#### MILHAUD: Symphonies Nas. 1 and 2; Suite Pravençale

Orchestre du Capitole de Toulouse, Plasson **DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON** 435 437 (70 min)

#### Performance: Easygoing Recording: Fine

ilhaud was hardly a symphonist by nature (or, for that matter, by art), but he wrote a couple of works under the title of symphony. Both were commissions from America—one from the Chicago Symphony, the other from the Koussevitzky Foundation for the Boston Symphony. These mild-mannered pastorales meander pleasantly and take their time working themselves up or getting anywhere. They lack the dramatic edges and developmental confrontations that usually go with the idea of symphonic form. Urgency is what these pieces do not have, and the homegrown performances here from the south of France (where Milhaud was from) only reinforce that impression. It is not surprising that the Suite Provençale, settings of old Provençal tunes originally intended for the theater, makes a deeper impression.

#### MOZART: Quintets in C Major and G Minar

Zukerman, Tokyo String Quartet RCA VICTOR 60940 (74 min)

#### Performance: Superlative G Minor Recording: G Minor better

inchas Zukerman's viola blends gorgeously with the rich-toned yet refined style of the Tokyo String Quartet in these quintets, Mozart's supreme achievements in the medium. Mozart the classicist was in peak form throughout the C Major. The menuetto is elegance itself, the slow movement a fascinating study in harmonic light and shade, the sonata-rondo finale precisely witty. In this recording, however, resonance factors contributed to a disconcerting up-front presence of the cello in the first two movements. I was also a bit surprised at the intense first-violin vibrato at the outset.

But the somber G Minor Quintet put me in a different sonic world altogether, with everything in perfect balance and Mozart's musical message coming through with such piercing loveliness that I was no longer conscious of the instruments as such-no sense of what Charles Ives called the "apparatus of catgut and wires." This is an exquisite performance,

too. The fierce chording in the menuetto, the black despair of the first adagio, the infinite sadness that introduces the "whistling in the dark" finale—these linger in my memory. No sonic problems here!

RAVEL: Daphnis et Chloe; Rapsodie Espagnale; Pavane paur une Infante Défunte; Albarada del Graciasa; Baléro Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Barenboim ERATO 45766 (63 min)

#### Performance: Rangy but controlled Recording: Exceptional

he Rapsodie Espagnole contains the only notes Ravel ever wrote that were intended purely as orchestral music-especially extraordinary considering that he might just have been the most skillful and original (and certainly most elegant) orchestrator of the century. Whether writing for the theater or dance or orchestrating from the piano, he always made the music sound as if it had been conceived in purely orchestral terms. The scope of that orchestral aesthetic is very much the subject matter of these performances and recordings, particularly in the four Hispanic works, which Barenboim has set up as a kind of Spanish symphony. The musical and sonic range of the recording is exceptional but always in a controlled sort of way. This makes for a rather tame Boléro, but mostly it works fine for this fastidious and elegant music which, like fine wine, has only improved over the years. E.S.

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#### QUICK FIXES

#### BRAHMS: Symphony No. 2;

**Tragic Overture** 

Boston Symphony, Haitink PHILIPS 432 094-2 (62 min)

Bernard Haitink takes a decidedly broad view, for my taste verging on the stodgy, of the two opening movements of the Second Symphony. The reading of the rest of the symphony is okay, but in the *Tragic Overture* the atmosphere is solemn rather than dramatic. Decent Boston Symphony Hall sound throughout.

D.H.

#### **BRUCKNER:** Symphony No. 7

London Philharmonic, Welser-Möst EMI 54434 (61 min)

The London Philharmonic's youthful music director, Franz Welser-Möst, has a strongly lyrical view of Bruckner's most popular symphony. Lighter in weight than most readings, it is also swifter by some 6 minutes than either Karajan's or Giulini's recording. Sonics are reasonably good considering it's a live recording at a Proms concert in Royal Albert Hall.

D.H.

#### **HANDEL:** Rayal Fireworks Music; Water Music

Orpheus Chamber Orchestra DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON 435 390 (66 min)

Orpheus is a conductorless chamber orchestra based in New York, and, although the musicians do not play old instruments, they have a very stylish approach to Handel in the Strand. They neatly capture the blowsy outdoor feeling of this music; the very jauntiness of the sound (it really swings) is, I think, quite authentic and a lot of fun. And the ensemble feeling is superb—better than that of a lot of conducted orchestras! Highly recommended. E.S.

#### HONEGGER: Jeanne d'Arc au Bûcher

Petrovna, Lonsdale; Choruses; Orchestre Symphonique Français, Petitgirard OSF 49008/09 (two discs, 84 min) Honegger's Joan of Arc at the Stake (1935) has not stood the test of time very well; it is melodramatic literally (verses spoken to music) as well as figuratively. So is this high-powered cinematic recording, which features impassioned performances and overwhelming acoustics. E.S.



#### MOZART: Plano Concertos No. 20 and No. 12: Rondo in D Major

Kissin; Moscow Virtuosi, Spivakov RCA 60400 (56 min) Russian pianists are often defeated by Mozart, and at this point in his young life Evgeny Kissin does not appear to be the exception. Though there's nothing bad about these enlightened, well-played performances, his technique lacks the refined legato expected of a fine Mozartean. Moreover, interpretive insights seem strangely scant in all but the Rondo (K. 382) and the final movement of the Concerto No. 20, which have a rhythmic spring that the rest of the performances, especially the rhetorically weighty first movement of No. 12, sorely lack.

D.P.S.

#### PROKOFIEV: Violin Concerto No. 2 SIBELIUS: Violin Concerto

Zimmermann; Philharmonia, Jansons EMI CDC 54454 (59 min)

Violinist Frank Peter Zimmermann seems to reach (successfully) for radiant glow and poetic evocativeness rather than propulsive animation here, and Mariss Jansons, in an uncharacteristically expansive mood, provides beautifully meshed support. Within that frame, these are warmly enjoyable performances, but as supplements to, rather than replacements for, others a bit richer in momentum.



#### VLADIMIR HOROWITZ

Discovered Treasures

SONY CLASSICAL SK 48093 (67 min)
These performances, recorded between 1962 and 1972, hardly had to be "discovered," since their existence was never unknown, but they had never been issued in any format until now, and there is indeed a sense of discovery in the playing. The legendary pianist apparently had a special affection for these brief pieces by Scarlatti, Bach/Busoni, Clementi, Chopin, Medtner, Scriabin, and Liszt; his staggering creative involvement illumines every phrase of the music brilliantly.

R.F.

#### ARTUR RUBINSTEIN

The Last Recital for Israel

RCA VICTOR 61160 (75 min)

Not really Rubinstein's last recital for Israel, but a rare example of Rubinstein taped live (at Ambassador College, Pasadena, California, in January 1975). In that respect, the videotape edition may have more to offer; except for the two Chopin études, Rubinstein made studio recordings of everything on this disc, and they are much to be preferred for their all-round greater refinement.

#### WAGNER: Götterdämmerung

Bavarian Radio Symphony, Haitink EMI/ANGEL 7 544852 (four discs, 257 min)

> Performance: Variable Recording: Good

his issue completes EMI/Angel's new recording of Wagner's operatic cycle The Ring of the Nibelung, which has been somewhat overshadowed by the Metropolitan Opera version available from Deutsche Grammophon on CD, VHS tape, and laserdisc. Each recorded cycle has its strength and weaknesses among the singers. For example, here EMI's tenor Siegfried Jerusalem has more vocal appeal than DG's Reiner Goldberg, and therefore the death of Siegfried is more affecting on the EMI set. But in the Immolation Scene that closes Gütterdämmerung and the Ring cycle, DG's Brünnhilde, Hildegard Behrens, is much more convincing (and pleasing) than EMI's Eva Marton. Although not the equal of the Met's orchestra, conducted by James Levine, the Bayarian Radio Symphony plays well for EMI's sensitive conductor, Bernard Haitink. Overall, I prefer the DG Ring, but those who choose EMI's recording of Wagner's lengthy masterpiece will find in it many hours of pleasure. William Livingstone

#### Collections

#### THE WOMEN'S PHILHARMONIC: Music

of L. Boulanger, F. Mendelssohn, C. Schumann, and G. Tailleferre

KOCH 3-7169 (65 min)

Performance: Solid Recording: Excellent

here's a genuine poignance to this disc devoted to women composers, which might be subtitled "Composers with Great Names and Thwarted Promise." Fanny Mendelssohn's 1830 Overture is a genuinely engaging work much in the style of her brother, Felix, but with a distinctively less fussy, less decorative personality of her own. In her time, however, marriage and domesticity were considered more important than the development of her considerable talent. Clara Schumann's 1836 Piano Concerto has some pretty clunky moments in the first movements, but the affecting piano-cello duet in the second movement suggests another real talent that hadn't quite found its legs.

Jumping ahead to the twentieth century, Lili Boulanger exhibits a strong personality that one might describe as Debussy with teeth in D'un Soir Triste and D'un Matin de Printemps, written during her last illness, months before her death in 1918 at the age of twenty-five. D'un Soir Triste is a minor masterpiece, fearlessly introspective with an incredibly moving deployment of dissonance. Germaine Tailleferre, a member of Les Six along with Poulenc, Milhaud, and Honegger, is represented by her 1927 Concertino for Harp and Orchestra, and there's more than promise here. Her handling of themes and textures is both substantial and fun without resorting to the irreverent rowdiness of Poulenc. Though conductor Jo Ann Falletta, pianist Angela Cheng, and the Oakland-based orchestra almost audibly labor in vain to make the Schumann concerto work, all the other performances are well prepared and beautifully recorded. D.P.S.

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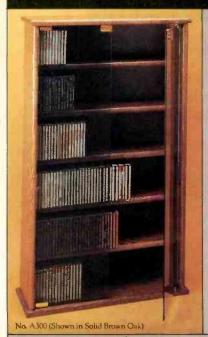
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# THE HIGH END

BY RALPH HODGES

# **Surround About**

HERE seems to be little love in the audiophile world for more than two speaker channels in the listening room, even though center and surround speakers have been advocated by leading audio figures for decades. Whether the dismissal by enthusiasts results from bad experiences, suspicion of marketeering claims, or a purist aversion to "dolled-up" sound that would seem to exceed the chaste intentions of some artists and record producers is not clear. But it has left the high end pretty much alone in despising what is a dramatic and, in many respects, perfectly legitimate expansion of listening possibilities.

For my part, I deny myself as little as possible; and while I am not about to tolerate musicians sitting in my lap or blasting at me from behind, being engulfed by the glowing ball of ambient energy that emanates from a properly staged performance puts me in the best and most receptive frame of mind. For years I have used a very simple "ambience-extraction" circuit -no more than a modified Hafler L-R hook-up, but implemented at line level and affording a slight adjustment of spatial perspective—to drive rear speakers, and this has generally been enough to do it for me. My usual program sources are ordinary stereo recordings, since there is simply not enough "surround-encoded" material available to satisfy serious music collectors. Some recordings are (presumably by simple happenstance) revelatory, while others are hardly worth the trouble of switching the rear speakers on. But at least I've been squeezing the last smidgeon of gratification out of every record-buying dollar. Or have I?

To find out, I decided to give cabinet space to an AudioSource SS Four, a basic surround processor of very modest cost, with politically correct Dolby Pro Logic and a few afterthoughts meant to enhance stereo—and even mono—music listening. Because the Dolby configuration is the principal operator here, I also imposed on the RCA division of BMG to provide a

handful of Dolby Surround-encoded CD's.

First hearings, with well-known unencoded recordings, both pleased and intrigued me; a dimension beyond my homemade rig's capabilities was apparent. Why this should be, given that the rear-channel presentation is deliberately non-specific as to the identity and locality of any sound source, was ultimately traced to the 30-millisecond delay the Dolby decoding applies to the surround signals. It had the effect of subtly moving the performance back from the front-speaker plane—a desirable effect with the many overly close recordings in circulation-and hence opening up the spatial boundaries encompassing it. The phenomenon was magnified when I switched in the SS Four's HALL mode, which introduces a 50-millisecond delay to the rear speakers.

Appealing as this effect can be, it comes at a price. Additional reverberation, whether natural or artificial, muddles the articulation of an audio experience, particularly making vocals less clear and sharply etched. That's one of the reasons the motion-picture industry has so insistently recommended center speakers for home theaters. Not having a home theater as such, I decided to leave a center speaker out of the mix for the time being.

Further SS Four listening caused me to wonder whether AudioSource had given any consideration to the phase relationship between the front and rear speakers. The front speakers may-and should-be in phase with each other, and likewise the rears, but that says nothing about the left front speaker being in phase with left rear, etc. When I queried the manufacturer, I got the expected (and generally appropriate) response: Since the rear speakers receive a delayed signal, phase relations between them and their front counterparts don't amount to anything meaningful.

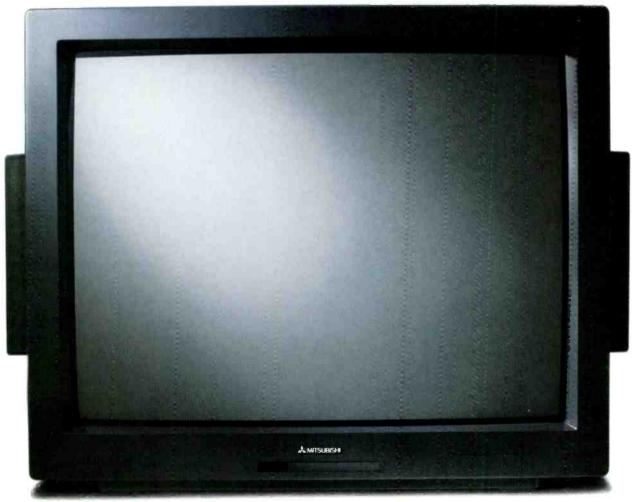
Well, not quite. If speakers are placed at either end of a room, wavelengths corresponding to various multiples and fractions of the room's length will interfere acoustically in ways that can exaggerate or subdue the room's principal axial modes. In

other words, it's possible to use rear speakers to smooth the effects of standing waves. To do this effectively, you have to pay attention to the polarity of the speakers in question. To each other, the speakers will still seem to be in phase or out of phase. So I inverted the polarity of the rear speakers by way of experiment, and found I liked the result better. That's what counts, after all.

Surround processors extract rearchannel information from two-channel recordings by subtracting the two channels from each other, isolating the signal components that are not common to them-the ones that are not coherent. Signals having the same phase and amplitude cancel out in this process and thus emerge only from the front speakers. It is a clever and resourceful scheme, but it does no favors for signal-to-noise ratio. During the subtraction process, noise, which is incoherent, will retain almost its full power in the surround output, whereas much of the signal, which is much more coherent, will cancel. The upshot is that the rear channels can tend to hiss-and the noisier the recording, the more hiss goes to the

Delay lines can also hiss, to a degree that is partially determined by the signal, meaning that noise-modulation effects can arise. It's possible to eliminate such noise, but the techniques for doing so are evidently a bit beyond the SS Four's cost constraints. I can sympathize with anyone who objects to hiss coming from around and behind him—unless the performance is truly atrocious, that is. So I regret to say that if minimum noise is a requirement, so is a greater expenditure than the current price for this otherwise admirable device.

As for the RCA surround recordings, I was surprised to find that they were no better at conveying a sense of spaciousness than many unencoded sources. One, however (Stokowski playing familiar Wagner, circa 1973), unexpectedly features the legendary talents of Richard Mohr as producer and Robert Auger as engineer. It also features a recurrent whistle in the left channel—an analog whistle, I suspect, not a digital one.



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