

TUBE, TRANSISTOR OR HYBRID?

Three amplifiers, all alike in dignity? We take a closer look at some of the finest amps one can get for just below 10,000 Euro.



B&W FORMATION DUO

A multiroom system from B&W? Wireless and Active? The British delivered an impressive first performance in this new field.



CLEARAUDIO BALANCE V2

Why compromise? This is a preamp within a preamp, ready to use with either active speakers, headphones or a power amplifier.



BLUESOUND VAULT 2i

This streaming and ripping device from Bluesound dispels all concerns one may have about „computer controlled“ music reproduction. Going digital has never been easier.



HIFIMAN ARYA

These boots may be made for walking, but these headphones are not. The Arya is specifically designed for use with stationary equipment.



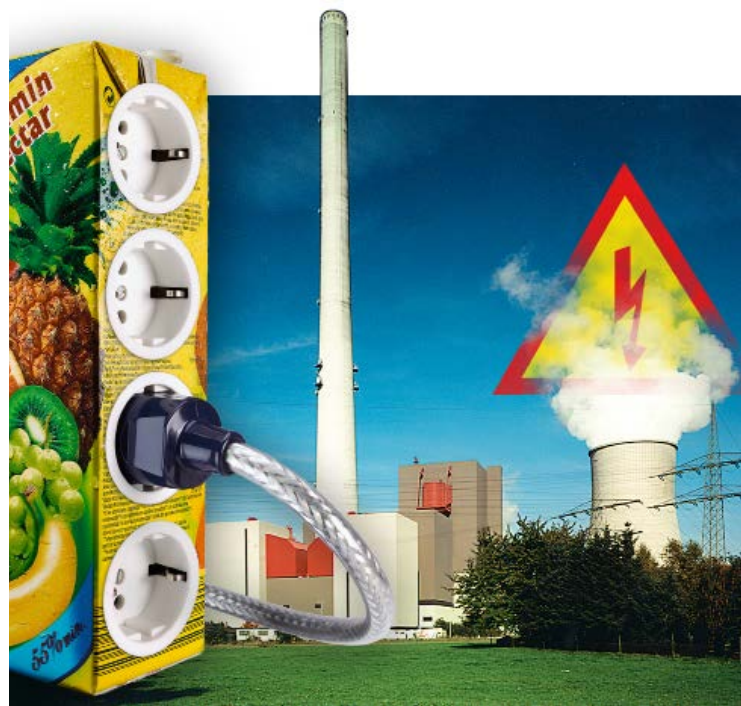
TECHNICS SL-1500C

The newest member of the Technics family comes ready to use without the need for a preamp or pickup. Though it remains below the 1000 Euro mark, the SL-1500C inherited some of the best genes from its bigger siblings.



MONITOR AUDIO PLATINUM PL 100 II

Noble in any imaginable way, the task for this test is to find out whether this standmount speaker can also meet our high expectations in the listening room.



CLEAN POWER

Gone are the days of naturally clean power supplies. But are there any ways to regain clear currents and thus improving the sound of one's system? There are. Plenty.