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Levinson SACD/streamer

N°5101 INTEGRATED STREAMING MEDIA PLAYER ANNOUNCED

Joining Mark Levinson's N°5805 amplifier [reviewed next month], its new N°5101 combines a network streamer, SACD player and DAC in one box and supports a wide range of digital music sources. As well as playing SACDs, the N°5101 also spins CDs and recordable/re-writable CD-R and CD-RW. Supported digital audio formats are AAC, AIFF, FLAC, MP3, OGG, WAV and WMA, and files can be streamed from NAS drives or DLNA/UPnP devices on a shared network – although Harman's initial product information says nothing about the range of sample rates supported nor DSD compatibility. The 'PrecisionLink II DAC' is built around an ESS Pro Sabre converter, with proprietary circuitry from the N°5802 and N°5805 integrated amplifiers. Although launched at Munich, the N°5101 won't become available until the last quarter of this year, at an estimated US price of $5500.

Harman International Ind., CA, USA, 01223 203200; www.marklevinson.com

Compact Chords

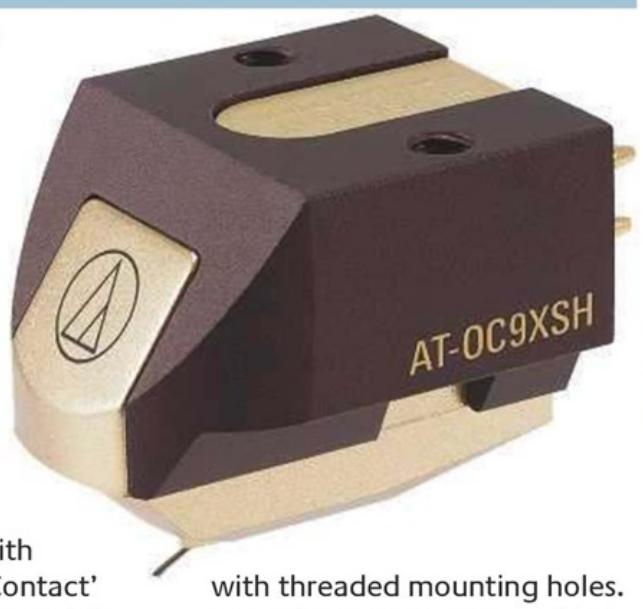
FLAGSHIP ULTIMA AMP TECHNOLOGY TRICKLES DOWN

Chord Electronics has trickled down its Ultima technology, debuted at the 2018 Hi-Fi Show *Live* in the £30k top-of-the-range Ultima power amp [*HFN* Feb '19], into two smaller mono power amps, the 750W Ultima 2 and 480W Ultima 3 priced at £18,360 and £11,000 each. A total of 32 proprietary dual die MOSFET output devices are used in a nested feedforward, global negative feedback design claimed to be one of the world's most advanced amplifier topologies. Both models are available now.

Chord Electronics Ltd, 01622 721444; www.chord electronics.co.uk

Next gen OC9 pick-ups

AUDIO-TECHNICA ANNOUNCES OC9X SERIES OF MOVING-COILS



Audio-Technica has introduced five fourth-generation OC9 moving-coil pick-up cartridges, differentiated by stylus type. Entry point to the range is the £210 AT-OC9XEB with its bonded elliptical stylus; top of the range is the £660 AT-OC9XSL fitted with A-T's 'Special Line Contact' stylus. Intermediate models offer nude elliptical, MicroLine and Shibata styli in ascending order of price. The two models with elliptical styli have aluminium cantilevers while the three top models benefit from a boron equivalent. All feature A-T's 'Dual Moving-Coil' motor and an aluminium body with threaded mounting holes. Mounting screws are provided in four different lengths. Also new is a trio of AT-LH anodised aluminium removable headshells (light, mid-weight and 'higher weight'), each of which costs £80.

Audio-Technica Corp, Tokyo, Japan, 0113 277 1441; https://eu.audio-technica.com

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06-08 SEP	Rocky Mountain Audio Fest 2019, 6700 North Gaylord Rockies Blvd, Colorado, USA; *www.audiofest.net*
06-11 SEP	IFA Berlin, The International Funkausstellung, Germany; *http://b2c.ifa-berlin.de*
26-27 OCT	The UK Hi-Fi Show *Live*, Ascot Racecourse Grandstand, Ascot Berkshire SL5 7JX; *www.hifinews.co.uk/show*