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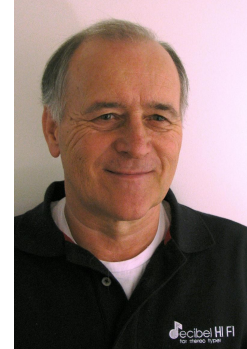


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Hello Brian

The European Image and Sound Association has just awarded the Pro-Ject Audio "The Classic" best turntable for 2016/17. At under \$2000 this could be a desirable upgrade for someone with an entry level model like the Debut range. Details below.

I mentioned last month that we had the fabulous Whatmough Signature 15 stand mount speakers available for demonstrations, well we still do, and they are now on permanent demonstration as we have decided to keep them as our personal main loudspeakers in our lounge room. As a special offer till the end of the year we will include a pair of Apollo 500mm speaker stands in the price.



Rotel is a brand that I remember from the 70s, in fact they have been going since 1961, and still offer solidly built, reliable, and value-for-money equipment. They have just released a new range, designated 14 Series. More info below.

A reminder, next weekend is the [Australian Hi Fi & AV Show](#) in Melbourne, at The Rialto, from Friday to Sunday. There's over 40 demonstration rooms so if you have an interest in high fidelity sound and have never been to one of these shows it is a great opportunity to hear a wide variety of brands at a single venue. It's well worth the \$21.00 admission for the time it saves you compared to trying to get around to individual dealer showrooms. A real earopener! I'm not involved as an exhibitor this year. Next year's show will be in Sydney 28-30th July, 2017.

We changed our website platform a few weeks ago and it's not been without its problems. If you find something that doesn't work properly please let us know so we can fix it as soon as possible.

musical regards

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PS. We have just added 9 tradeins to the [Secondhand](#) category.

PRO-JECT AUDIO "The Classic Turntable"

We are proud to announce that Pro-Ject Audio has taken home one of the most important awards in consumer electronics worldwide, the EISA Award - for the sixth time no less! The EISA award for best turntable of 2016-2017 goes to..."The Classic"

Released to celebrate Pro-Ject Audio's 25th anniversary, the timeless and traditional look of The Classic conceals a plethora of current turntable technologies, including a hybrid carbon-aluminium tonearm, 2.1 kg aluminium sandwich platter and a unique elastomer damped design.

This turntable makes use of traditional frame design which was established by the famous turntable manufacturers of the 50's and 60's. It uses a compact simple and elegant form factor. [The Classic](#) incorporates a combination of approved belt drive design using a low noise AC motor with an ultra precision frequency DC-driven AC generator (like Speed Box) for ultimate speed stability. Advanced technology is used for decoupling and the completely new designed tonearm.

It will be available in November with a choice of finishes (Walnut, Rosenut, Eucalyptus) and will sell for \$1499 without cartridge. We recommend bundling it with the Audio Technica AT440MLb for \$1760 or the Garrott P77i for \$1980 (saving \$119).



Rotel Series 14

Rotel is pleased to announce the launch of their new 14 Series range of traditional hi-fi products. For over 50 years, this world-renowned and much loved brand has been distributed locally by Interdyn.

The new range of products consists of six models representing the very essence of Rotel's Balanced Design Concept. The 14 Series includes the A14, A12 and A10 Class AB Integrated Amplifiers, CD14 CD Player, T11 Tuner and T14 Streaming Tuner.

Each model has been carefully designed and acoustically tuned in the UK with critically selected components. The performance of the 14 Series hits well above its price, providing exceptional value to audio enthusiasts and music lovers of all needs.

The 14 Series is now available in both silver and black finishes. Until we get the products uploaded to our webstore please phone or email to order.

Peter Kao, Managing director of Rotel says, "The popularity of vinyl and near limitless availability of online music has created a resurgence of interest in HiFi electronics particularly among younger people. The new Rotel 14 Series components offer everything anyone needs today - USB connections for playback of digital music files, wireless streaming from all popular music services, Bluetooth, and phono stage inputs are among the connection options. Most importantly, these new products look and sound fantastic!" Kao continues, "Rotel has been designing audio products for over 55 years and the 14 Series proudly represents the very essence and heritage of the brand. The cosmetics, intuitive controls and exceptional audio performance are supported by a vast array of source inputs. Whether it is classic vinyl or streaming high resolution digital files, the 14 Series will deliver stunning realism."



When asked about the new Rotel series, Interdyn founder and Australian hi-fi guru Alex Encel remarked, "Rotel has been the longest relationship of my life, dating from before 1961. What I admire is that Rotel has adapted from the times when good sound reproduction was an interest of a small number of people to its current broad appeal. And through all the twists and turns of the market changes, Rotel has maintained its design integrity."

Introducing the 14 Series models

A14 Integrated Amplifier - AU\$1,699 RRP

The flagship A14 has the highest power rating and a most advanced feature set in the series. The A14 is built around a substantial power supply comprising of a Rotel manufactured toroidal transformer and slit-foil capacitors. This allows the amplifier to effortlessly handle difficult speaker loads and dynamic signal peaks. The unit has been designed to accommodate both traditional analog sources as well as the latest digital sources which are handled by the outstanding AKM 32-bit / 768-kHz digital-to-analog converter. We're proud to announce this flagship model supports IP network connectivity and app control too.

A12 Integrated Amplifier - AU\$1,299 RRP

This model displays the same clean lines and intuitive operation as the flagship A14 but offers a lower power output for those with more modest volume demands. The result is a rugged amplifier that won't distort your music under dynamic conditions or with difficult speaker loads. With myriad inputs and a digital section designed around the luscious Wolfson 24-bit / 192-kHz digital-to-analog converter, this amplifier offers all of the features you need in an amplifier and none of those you don't.

A10 Integrated Amplifier - AU\$649 RRP

The A10 is based on the classic Rotel Class AB analog integrated amplifier, designed for music lovers everywhere. The architecture of the A10 is a perfect match for turntables, with an MM phono input being available on all Rotel amplifier models. This efficiently designed amplifier is all about performance - processing audio entirely in the analog domain to provide hours of listening enjoyment.

CD14 CD Player - AU\$799 RRP

The design of the CD14 begins with a carefully engineered power supply to ensure separate, ripple-free voltage and current to both digital and analog circuits. The tray loading mechanism and optical laser pick-up were selected for their precision and accuracy and are supported by the high performance Wolfson 24-bit / 192-kHz digital-to-analog converter.

T11 FM/DAB+ Tuner - AU\$599 RRP

Rotel has been providing quality tuners for over 40 years. This tradition continues with the T11, delivering listening options including FM and DAB+ broadcasting services. With exemplary sound quality and easy to operate controls, this tuner continues in the longstanding tradition of its predecessors.

T14 Play-Fi/FM/DAB+ Streaming Tuner - AU\$1,199 RRP

The T14 supports a huge range of popular online music streaming services as well as thousands of internet radio stations. With the option of Airplay as well as playing content from your local network, you'll have an entire world of music at your fingertips. As well as the option of analog outputs, you also have the choice to output your audio digitally from this tuner to take advantage of the digital-to-analog converter of your choice.

The Whatmough Story



It's great to be able to support an Australian manufacturer that competes successfully against a plethora of worldwide speaker brands. Colin Whatmough started his enterprise in the 1970s and despite his untimely death in 2011 the business continues under the control of his wife Kee.

Speaker designs large and small, stereo and multi-channel, have won Colin and the company multiple awards for designs always characterised by a desire to achieve tonal accuracy above all, in addition to extended frequency range, a wide spacious soundstage, transient response, coherent and seamless integration, as well as rhythm and timing - all essential to the criteria for a high fidelity loudspeaker.

As well as the [S15 monitors](#) we have some Classic floorstanders in a home theatre system that we can demonstrate. And we can arrange to demonstrate other models with a bit of notice. If you are looking to purchase loudspeakers in the \$1000+ price ranges please contact me to arrange a demonstration - I know you will be impressed. To see their full range take this link whatmough.com



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