

Meridian DAC

New from Meridian Audio is a stand-alone digital-to-analogue converter, the 566. The unit employs the latest version of Meridian's proprietary twin phase-lock loop (PLL) circuit which, it is claimed, yields the lowest jitter in the industry. It also uses the Delta-Sigma "true 20-bit" converter featured in the latest version of the 508 CD player and which is based on an integrated circuit developed jointly by Meridian and Crystal

Semiconductor. The 566 is the first Meridian D/A converter to be given "Comms" capability, allowing it to be controlled from the system handset in a complete Meridian set-up. The 566 has three phono digital inputs, one AES/EBU input via an XLR socket, and one Toslink optical input and costs £995-00. Meridian Audio Limited, Stonehill, Stukeley Meadows, Huntingdon, Cambs PE18 6ED.

Telephone 01480 52144.



Jamo news

The first in a new five-model loudspeaker range from Jamo is the Centre 18. Intended, clearly, for use as a centre loudspeaker in home cinema applications, it employs two 127mm bass/midrange drivers, one on each side of a 25mm tweeter, and covers the frequency range 70Hz-20kHz. It has a nominal impedance of 8 ohms and a sensitivity of 90dB/W/m. Its crossover is set at 2kHz. Available in black or mahogany finishes, it is supplied with wall brackets and has dimensions of 430 x 144 x 188 (W x H x D). The price is £149-99.

Jamo has also released brief details of a new six-loudspeaker home cinema loudspeaker package, its Home Theatre System One. Retailing for £299-99 this comprises two SAT80 'satellite' loudspeakers, a Centre 40 'dialogue' loudspeaker, two Surround 50 rear loudspeakers and an SW80 subwoofer. The set comes packed in a single carton. Jamo UK Limited, 5 Faraday Close, Drayton Fields, Daventry, Northants NN11 5RD. Telephone 01327 301300.

Monitor Audio PMC

New from Monitor Audio is the 705PMC loudspeaker, a floor-standing infinite baffle design employing two metal cone bass/midrange drive units and a metal dome tweeter. The HF dome is formed of a gold-anodized aluminium/magnesium alloy, a composite whose first break-up mode occurs well beyond the upper limit of human audibility at 28kHz. The LF cone is made of the same material but is fabricated in a three-stage process, stress relieved at each phase, and then sandwiched between 50 micron thick layers of a heat dissipating ceramic. Again the result is a structure which behaves in a very well controlled fashion and is light enough to respond well to musical transients. The 705PMC has a frequency range of 30Hz to 30kHz (± 3 dB), a sensitivity of 90dB/W/m and a nominal impedance of 6 ohms. Dimensions are 912 x 200 x 260mm (H x W x D) and the balance-

veneered cabinet is available in Black at £1,399-99 or "Rosemah" at £1,499-99.

Monitor Audio Limited, Unit 34, Clifton Road, Cambridge CB1 4ZW.

Telephone 01223 242898.



Ruark Dialogue

New from Ruark Acoustics is the Dialogue One, a two-way, three-drive unit design intended for use as a centre channel loudspeaker in home cinema applications. Symmetrical in the horizontal plane, the cabinet employs two 140mm bass/midrange drivers, one each side of a centrally mounted 28mm soft dome tweeter. The drive units are fully shielded, allowing the Dialogue One to be placed on top of or below a TV or monitor screen and indeed its dispersion characteristics are such that it will work well in either location. The MDF cabinet is finished in "video" grey with the option of rosewood effect end-cheeks. Nominal impedance is 6 ohms, sensitivity 90dB for 2-83V input at one metre, and the power handling 150 watts. The crossover is split to allow bi-wiring or bi-amplification and the dimensions are 170 x 480 x 200mm (H x W x D). The Dialogue One costs £289-00. Ruark Acoustics Limited, 59 Tailors Court, Temple Farm Industrial Estate, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 5TH. Telephone 01702 601410.



B&W Prism

B&W has introduced a centre channel home cinema loudspeaker, the CC3. The new model employs the "Prism" cabinet technology used in the new 300 Series (the DM302 was reviewed in April 1996). This comprises a series of tapered wedges which project into the enclosure from its back panel and act to inhibit the build-up of internal resonances. The new design employs two 100mm doped paper cone bass/midrange drivers, one

each side of a centrally mounted 26mm soft dome tweeter. The cabinet is configured to provide reflex loading of the bass/midrange drivers via a rear-firing port. With its high sensitivity of 91dB/W/m the CC3 is a good match to the DM302, having similar tonal characteristics. It costs £149-00.

B&W Loudspeakers (UK Sales) Limited, Marlborough Road, Churchill Trading Estate, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8TR. Telephone 01903 750750.

In brief

Retailer Audio T has opened its eight branch at the premises formerly owned by Reading Hi-Fi centre. Audio T, 4 Queens Walk, Broad Street Mall, Reading, Berkshire. Telephone 0118-958 5463. E-mail hifi@audio-t.co.uk

In order to capitalise on the strength of loudspeaker manufacturer Revolver's home and export successes since its launch in 1994, a new company Revolver UK Limited has been formed to take sole responsibility for the brand. Revolver UK Limited, 77 Dane Lane, Sale, Cheshire M33 7BP. Telephone 0161-973 0505.

Pink Triangle has announced details of an exclusive global distribution agreement with Michael Stevens & Partners Limited, who will handle all future sales and marketing enquiries, an arrangement which will allow PT to concentrate on development and production. Michael Stevens & Partners Limited, Invicta Works, Elliot Road, Bromley, Kent BR2 9NT. Telephone 0181-460 7299. Pink Triangle will continue to handle technical and servicing enquiries on 0171-703 5498.

Roksan, famous for its high quality turntables and more recently electronics units and loudspeakers, has become part of Verity Group plc and has moved to Stonehill, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE18 6ED. Telephone 01480 431577

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Apologies for our error in mentioning the Harbeth HL-P3ES on the front cover of the magazine last month. The review appears this month on page 137.