

# 'Modular' DVD from Meridian

Using DVD-ROM technology developed for the Meridian 800 Series, the new Meridian 596 DVD player (£2350) also aims to offer the very best playback of CD, VCD, CVCD and MP3. The drive pickup system is optimised for CD, CD-R and DVD. Construction is modular, and part of the back panel can be exchanged so that functions like audio or video output or disc playback can be upgraded in the future. The 596 is built using six-layer PCBs, nine separate power supplies, the latest surface-mount technology and components which have been carefully selected to optimize sound and picture quality. All the 596's main playback electronics are housed on five PCBs for control, audio and video decoding and output sections. An ultra-quiet active control system automatically maintains the laser at the optimum replay temperature.

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