

Meridian modular miracle amp



Top UK amplifier manufacturer, Boothroyd Stuart has released the first ever fully modular series amplifier. The idea is that you buy the basic system of modules — a disc input module plus modules for the power supply and power output — and then add whatever module you need to provide inputs for tuner, tape and tone control.

Judging from its appearance it's an ergonomic miracle, which is amazing when you consider that the designers have a reputation for producing product that competes purely on sonic grounds. Usually products are either super-simple to use or 'super sounding'. The Meridian modular amp purports to offer the best of both worlds. And all this from

a UK manufacturer!

Examples of the tasty operational features are that to switch from input to input all you do is press the front of the appropriate module. To turn the amp on you just press the top left hand side of one of the power supply front panels. But the most stunning innovation of all is that the system completely obviates cable interconnects. Each module simply clips onto the next one by means of mains and signal pins. At a stroke you not only do away with the usual birds nest of wires, but you theoretically improve sound quality by eliminating potential sources of interference.

A review of the amplifier, is due in next month's *New Hi-Fi Sound*.