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LEAK STEREO 130 & CDT



Aug, 2022 Fedelta Magazine (IT)



Taken separately, these components have largely convinced the undersigned (himself) about the undoubted quality... The amalgamation of the components is excellent and with a small but very sensible upgrade it is possible, with little expense, to achieve a quality that is only possible with perfectly calibrated systems... Honestly speaking, if I had 3000e for a complete system, I would choose these proposed products.

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2phPdPVAhQpzCGiGh8WA?e=XDC1RT>

Jun, 2021 TONE Audio (USA)



The key to the Stereo 130/CDT combination is overall balance. No aspect of its sound or functionality overshadows the rest... making this a perfect hub for a music lover on a real world budget. You can get great sound without spending five or six figures, and the Leak combo makes for a system to be proud of... Fit and finish is very good... You'll either drool over the vintage/mid-century aesthetic, or be turned off and move to the more typical looking gear in this price range. But if you're in the "love it" category with us, these two components from Leak are a fantastic combination.

https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2pg_lh2K8dmnANWdxO8A?e=V2hC6L

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Feb, 2021 HiFi.nl (NL) - 4.5/5.0 Stars



A total of 5-pages of coverage with the title 'Classic Hi-Fi in a New Retro Jacket'. LEAK had not existed for a long time, but now this quite iconic brand is back on the market. Not with what-the-crazy-gives high end price tags, but affordable and with some interesting contemporary features gadgets...

The LEAK Stereo 130 and the CDT CD transport form one classic looking but completely perform contemporary standards for a surprising affordable price... one set that in combination with the right one speakers will be the stars of heaven while playing... The LEAK CDT works fast and smooth, actually runs dead quiet and ensures in combination with the converter in the Stereo 130 for a catchy, spatial and light-footed rendering... The Stereo 130 integrated amplifier is both sweet to see and to hear. It is well built, sounds modern and open, and offers sufficient digital and analogue connectivity including Bluetooth. Don't be fooled by the compact dimensions, this spicy performing set has it all just like its illustrious predecessor one become a true retro classic.

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNDUK2pgq8rbMv4YDYGllNksg?e=J7flnW>

Dec, 2020 SUONO Magazine (IT)



The appearance is however very pleasant and the quality of the realisation is excellent, with a feeling of robustness transmitted by the commands to the remarkable users... Defects? We have not found any... LEAK also excel compared to established standards...in terms of versatility... in terms of design choices... But if tradition and the iconic effect come into play, the two new Leaks beat everyone hands down!

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNDUK2pgpkAkhZroxmQhU0OnQ?e=ExuUmK>

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The Stereo 130 integrated amplifier is a treat to see and hear. It is well built, sounds modern and open, and offers plenty of digital and analog connectivity options including Bluetooth. As icing on the cake, he has an excellent MM phono stage on board... this snappy performing set [with CDT] has what it takes to become a true retro classic just like its illustrious predecessor.

<https://hifi.nl/artikel/29525/Review-LEAK-Stereo-130-en-CDT-klasseke-hifi-in-retrojasje.html>

Nov, 2020 Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (DE)



[LEAK] with English roots are reflecting on the glamor of the HiFi early days. With considerable success...Simply beautiful would be a short answer... If we take another look at the prices after these experiences, the following applies in particular to the speakers: Here is a real bargain on offer.

<https://www.faz.net/aktuell/technik-motor/digital/hifi-von-wharfedale-und-leak-16985408.html>

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LEAK STEREO 130



Sep, 2021 Steve Guttenberg Audiophile
(USA)



Steve has included LEAK Stereo130 at the first place in his recent sorted amplifier section in 'The very BEST audiophile systems, \$2K to \$4K (USD)'... It's very tasteful, has a built-in DAC... I just have a great time with the handsome built-in phone pre-amp. It's just a gorgeous piece of audio for a very fair price, [with] a great great product!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-n9bT60uSII>

Aug, 2021 The Audiophile Man (UK)

Paul Rigby
(The Audiophile Man)

Overall, I really enjoyed the musical experience of the Stereo 130... Frankly, I could easily live with the Stereo 130... I could easily see myself listening to the Stereo 130 in evenings and weekends, and doing so with a big smile on my face! The Leak Stereo 130 has bags of character and certainly offer you a definite sonic choice but it does so, while retaining frequency discipline; that is - it remains well behaved!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yblZ9H77cRA>

Jan, 2021 Diapason Magazine (FR)

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L'AMOUR DE CLASSEUSE, LA PASSION DE L'EXCELLENCE

The feature covers the LEAK Stereo 130 with comments 'sweetness and expressiveness on all sources...' and how '...one is seduced by a fluid and almost silky side that evokes the best of analog reproduction before all digital.... The Stereo 130 is a strange, musical and seductive attractor.' The reviewer proclaims, in conclusion and encouragement "long live the retro style!"

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2pgqslBdmQ6zffFWDg8A?e=aDvhAE>

Dec, 2020 Hi-Fi World - Awards 2020
Best Amplifier



By combining great sound with all digital conveniences this amplifier easily cruises in to gain our recommendation as the best all-round amplifier package of 2020. In style, compact size and performance nothing comes close.

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2pgpkAkhZroxmQhU0OnQ?e=ExuUmK>

Dec, 2020 The Luxe Review (UK)

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In celebration of the late great Jimi Hendrix's Birthday, we are excited and proud to have been involved in the recreation of the exact listening experience Jimi Hendrix had at his home in 23 Brook Street, Mayfair (between 1968-1969). The late and great Jimi was a big Leak Fan!

<https://theluxereview.com/2020/11/27/jimi-hendrix-hi-fi-experience-london/>

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/marksparrow/2020/11/27/bang--olufsen-lowther-and-leak-join-forces-to-recreate-jimi-hendrixs-original-sound-system/?sh=13fcb921ef8>

Nov, 2020 Steve Guttenberg Audiophilia (USA)



The Stereo 130 is a pretty remarkable return... the Stereo 130 for looks, for the sounds, for what it stands for; this review was a pleasure!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UITiCVAdZx4&feature=youtu.be>

Nov, 2020 Darko.Audio (DE)



The Leak Stereo 130 has a character that extends beyond its looks... it offers many strengths that will neatly complement any music you care to play through it. If we add up all of the Stereo 130's pluses which include a very good sounding DAC, an equally-well-sorted MM phono stage, eminently enjoyable Bluetooth connectivity and a headphone amplifier, all wrapped in a vintage-inspired aesthetic and at a price that won't obliterate the bank, the only question remaining is: what's not to like?

<https://darko.audio/2020/11/whats-not-to-like-leaks-stereo-130-integrated-cdt-player/>

Nov, 2020 Just Audio (USA)



LEAK Stereo 130 VS Vintage Leak Stereo 30 Plus - How close is it to the original?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0yhh1JUmmfV8LK7tbobVA0lHenZYuV17eUlsGeyGVi_mLD2mzNdLceHU&v=OiZhjZZkvpU&app=desktop

Oct, 2020 BUG Magazine (Croatia) - Recommendation



Beautiful retro design, top quality workmanship, clean and detailed sound... The Leak Stereo 130 is great and highly recommended integrated stereo amplifier!

https://1drv.ms/b/s!AiX7zWNUK2p3kL2-0ffl932m2_O?e=9tLnmO

Oct, 2020 Recovering Audiophile (USA)



The Leak Stereo 130 is NOT your grandpas stereo! The Stereo 130 is an integrated amplifier that brings past eras into 2020, bringing with it modern sound with vintage style. The 130 is a great compact integrated amplifier. When paired with Leak CDT players, this combo will have you reconsider your vintage vs modern audio comparisons.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugzgZBCnes4&feature=youtu.be>

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Sep, 2020 Stereophile Magazine (UK)



Full rear cover presentation of Stereophile Magazine (USA) - one of the USA's biggest and world respected audio enthusiast publications, on the LEAK STEREO 130 and CDT. Offering grand exposure to the return of the brand.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/De9WbZUQ2qS1BhjB1boD>

Sep, 2020 Hi-Fi World - 5 Globes Outstanding Amongst The Best



Warm yet detailed sound from vinyl and digital sources with vintage style and modern features. Superb! The new Stereo 130 also comprehensively outperforms my old drab-sounding Stereo 30, which, with its aged electrical components, is becoming to me nothing more than a chic Sixties ornament... Had Leak not got these products spot-on, it would've been difficult to disguise my disappointment. I'm delighted with them. Welcome back Leak – you've been a long time coming.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DSQ_rUcQ2qS1BhjA1boD

May, 2020 What Hi-Fi?



Quite simply, there is nothing the Leak can't happily turn its hand to. But for all its versatility, this is an amplifier that puts the music first. Whatever the source, its virtuosic performance is consistently engaging: foot-tappingly lively yet maturely refined, richly detailed and fluidly dynamic... Here, vintage aesthetic, contemporary features and state-of-the-art technical proficiency go hand in hand to herald a new and unique addition to the midrange amplifier market.

<https://www.whathifi.com/news/leak-is-back-and-the-stereo-130-amplifier-is-its-first-modern-retro-masterpiece>

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LEAK CDT



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Polite, approachable and easy on the ear, totally lacking in any form of ear fatigue; this is a CD transport that wants to be your friend! It offers a host of detail, clarity and transparency to impress... A satisfying dynamic range and bass punch to rock, if required. If your looking for a CD Transport, the Leak CDT should on your list... the distinguished gentlemen of CD Players.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcLqO1EzfwA>

Jan, 2021 Steve Guttenberg
Audiophiliac (USA)



I think it's pretty cool... the LEAK's CD Transport is a very appealing piece of machine. First of all, I feel really solid... I think it's gorgeous... everything kind of works as it's intended, a straightforward machine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJqCNbbyNm4>

Nov, 2020 Darko.Audio (DE)



As a CD Transport I found nothing to criticize with the [Leak CDT] and we cannot ignore the fact that if you like the look of the Leak Stereo 130, you'll love the look of these new Leak components sitting side-by-side.

<https://darko.audio/2020/11/whats-not-to-like-leaks-stereo-130-integrated-cdt-player/>

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Sep, 2020 Hi-Fi World - 5 Globes
Outstanding Amongst The Best



A CD transport that can also play digital files from flash drive. Keenly priced, and easy to use.

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