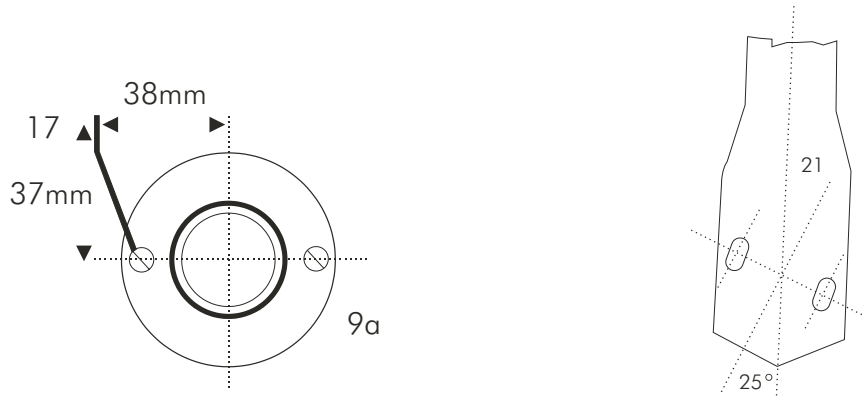
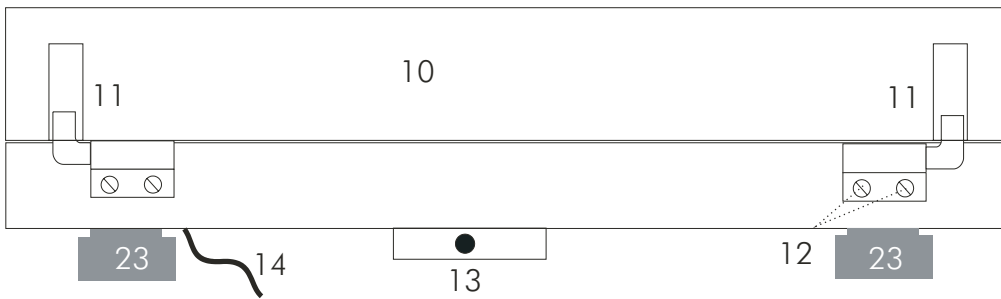
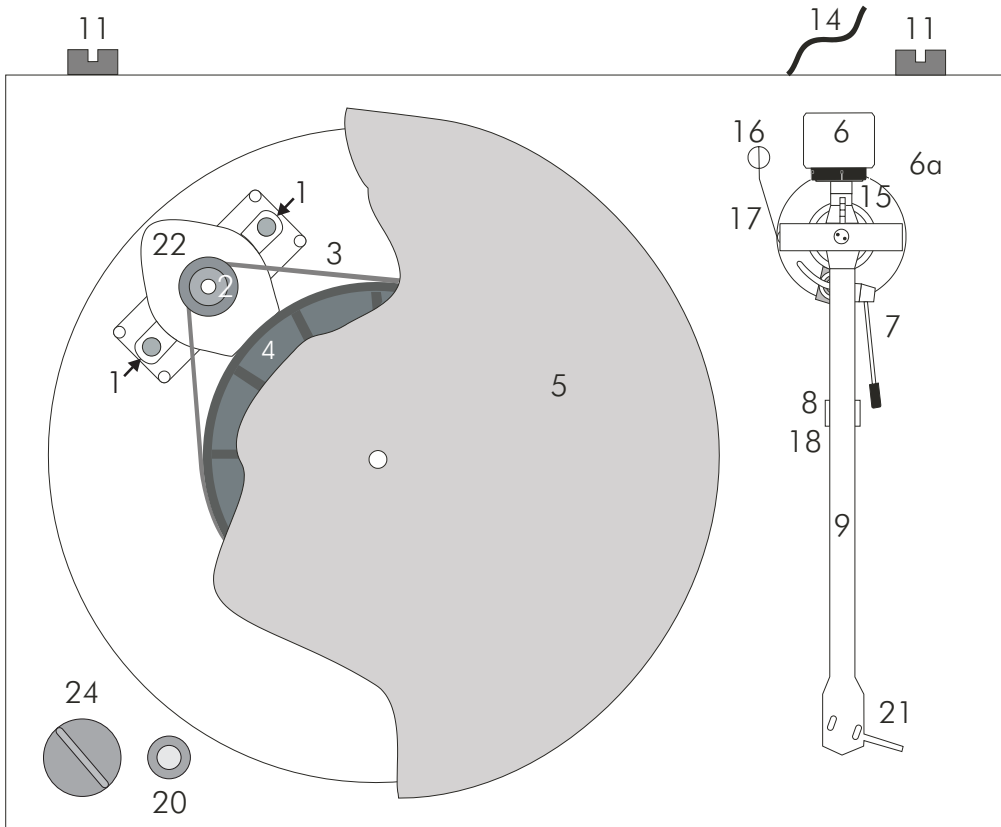




INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE  
Pro-Ject 1.2 Comfort



# PRO-JECT 1.2 Comfort

## Controls, features and connections

- 1 Motor transportation screw (marked red)
- 2 Stepped drive pulley
- 3 Drive belt \*
- 4 Hub
- 5 Platter with felt mat \*
- 6 Tonearm counterweight \*                      6a    Downforce scale
- 7 Tonearm lift lever
- 8/18 Tonearm rest and removable transport lock
- 9 Tonearm tube                      9a    Tonearm base
- 10 Lid \*
- 11 Lid hinges
- 12 Hinge fasteners
- 13 Power supply socket
- 14 Signal output cable
- 15 Anti-skating weight adjustment scale
- 16 Anti-skating weight \*
- 17 Anti-skating weight support hoop
- 20 Power switch
- 21 Headshell with optional finger lift \*
- 22 Motor
- 23 Feet
- 24 Speed change
- Power supply (not shown) \*

Dear music lover,

thank you for purchasing a PRO-JECT AUDIO record player.

In order to achieve maximum performance and reliability with this record player you should study these instructions for use carefully.



*Warning of a hazard for the user, the unit or possible misuse.*



*Important notice.*

The PRO-JECT 1.2 Comfort is supplied with a factory fitted and adjusted cartridge. \*\*The following instructions for adjusting the cartridge are provided in case the cartridge is replaced by a different model at a later date.

During assembly and adjustment of the deck small parts could be lost if not carefully placed in a suitable receptacle.

Before starting assembly make yourself acquainted with the parts listed above and correspondingly numbered in the technical drawings above. Separately packed items are marked with an asterisk \*.

## Set-up

The deck is supplied partially disassembled and carefully packaged for safe transport. Carefully remove all parts from the transport packaging. Make sure the surface you wish to use the turntable on is level (use a spirit level) before placing the turntable on it. Remove the two red transport screws (1) which secure the motor (22) during transportation.

After adjusting the downforce (**please take note of the instructions pertaining to the belt and switching on in the paragraph "Adjusting downforce"**) fit the drive belt (3) around the hub (4) and the motor pulley (2). Avoid getting sweat or grease on the belt as these will deteriorate the performance and reduce the belt's lifespan. Use absorbent kitchen paper to remove any oil or grease from the outer edge of the hub and the belt. Fit the platter and felt mat over the spindle of the hub.

Remove the transport lock (18) from the tonearm and the tonearm bearing. Store it together with the two red motor transport screws (1) in the original packaging so they are available for any future transportation.

## Fitting and connecting the cartridge

**\*\*All cartridges with half inch mounting holes can be fitted.** Leaving the needle's protection cover on, fit the cartridge to the headshell using the screws supplied with the cartridge by passing one screw through each slot in the headshell (21). Do not tighten the nuts yet.

Connect the tonearm wires to the cartridge pins as follows:

white	left channel positive (L+)
red	right channel pos. (R+)
green	right channel return (R -)
blue	left channel return (L -)

The full sound quality of the PRO-JECT 1.2 Comfort can only be achieved if the cartridge is correctly adjusted. Particular tools like the PRO-JECT alignment tool are required to accomplish this job properly. If you are not well acquainted with the adjustment of cartridges you are advised to call upon the willing help of your PRO-JECT dealer to accomplish this task for you.



*Whilst adjusting the downforce and cartridge alignment with an alignment protractor the drive belt must be removed and the motor must be switched on, otherwise the arm lift cannot be lowered.*

## Cartridge downforce adjustment

The counterweight (6) supplied is suitable for cartridges weighing between 3,5 - 5,5g. An alternative counterweight for cartridges weighing between 6,5 - 9g is available as an accessory part.

**Downforce adjustment must be completed with the anti-skating weight and the drive belt removed, and the motor running. (See page 6).**

Gently push and turn the counterweight (6) onto the armtube stub. Lower the armlift and position the cartridge in the space between arm rest and platter. Carefully rotate the counterweight (6) until the armtube balances out. The arm should return to the balanced position if it is moved up or down. This adjustment must be done carefully. Do not forget to remove the cartridge protection cap if fitted (as with the Pro-Ject K4 or K6).

Once the arm is correctly balanced return it to the rest. Hold the counterweight (6) without moving it, and gently revolve the downforce scale ring (6a) until the zero is in line with the anti-skating prong (15). Check whether the arm still balances out.

Rotate the counterweight clockwise (seen from the front) to adjust the downforce according to the cartridge manufacturer's recommendations. One mark on the scale represents 1 mN (=1g, 1 Pond) of downforce.

Please do not forget to refit the drive belt after completing all adjustments. Please refer to the warning on **Page 4** in the chapter on setting up the turntable.



*The recommended downforce for the factory fitted Ortofon OM 5E cartridge is 17,5mN. For the factory fitted Sumiko Oyster the recommended downforce is 23mN.*

## Adjusting the vertical tracking angle (vta)

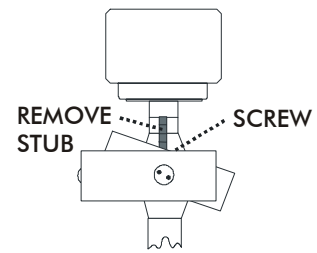
Put a record and the record weight on the platter. When the needle is lowered into the record groove and the tonearm is not resting on the lift arm, the tube of the tonearm should be parallel to the surface of the record. If it is not loosen both allen screws in the tonearm base just enough to allow vertical movement of the arm pillar without force and slide the arm up or down until it is parallel. Carefully retighten the allen screws without applying excessive force (which would deform the arm pillar) – finger tight is quite sufficient.

## Adjusting the azimuth

**\*\*The cartridge needle must be vertical in the record groove in order to trace the groove wall modulations correctly.**

A small screw at the bearing end of the arm, which is covered by the outer bearing ring, allows incorrect azimuth to be corrected if your needle is not mounted exactly perpendicular to the cartridge body (which is often the case).

In order to access this screw, the stub for the anti-skating weight thread (15) must be removed by gently unscrewing it with flat nosed pliers or a strong pair of tweezers. Keep the stub in a safe place until you are ready to reinsert it.



Now tilt the front of the tonearm up, and slacken off the screw just enough to be able to revolve the arm tube without applying force. Note! *Do not remove the screw completely!*

With the aid of a good magnifying glass adjust the needle until it is vertical in the groove (i.e. perpendicular to the record's surface). Ideally this should correspond to the top surface of the cartridge body being parallel to the record surface, but in practice this is often not the case.

When you are satisfied that the needle is vertical retighten the screw carefully and replace the anti-skating stub.

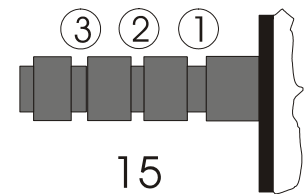


*Under no circumstances should the arm tube be adjusted with the needle still in the record groove! Irreparable damage may be caused to the cantilever suspension! The arm must be lifted to make each adjustment and lowered afterwards to check it.*

## Anti-skating force adjustment

The anti-skating force must be adjusted according to the mass of the cartridge as follows:

<u>Downforce</u>	<u>Groove in the stub (15)</u>
10 - 15mN	1 <sup>st</sup> from bearing rings
15 - 20mN	2 <sup>nd</sup> " " "
20mN and bigger	3 <sup>rd</sup> " " "



Hang the loop of the thread of the anti-skating weight in the groove of the anti-skating stub (15) corresponding to the downforce applied to your cartridge and feed the thread through the loop of the wire support (17). By applying gentle pressure to the wire support bend it until it is positioned exactly like it is shown on page 2 (17/9a).

## Changing replay speed

The Speed selector (24) switches between 33 and 45 r.p.m..

## Automatic switch-off

When the needle reaches the runout groove the motor is turned off by the electronic circuit, which also controls a mechanical link to activate the tonearm lift.

## Using the automatic start & stop facility

Before starting record replay, lower the tonearm lift lever until it is about horizontal. By switching the power on/off switch (20) record replay can be started and stopped at any position across the record. The tonearm lift is raised or lowered accordingly when the power is turned on or off.



*The tonearm cannot be lowered manually whilst the turntable is turned off, as it is held in position by an electromagnetic switch.*

*The manual lift function is only available when the turntable is turned on and the platter is revolving.*

*If other cartridges are fitted or if the tonearm height is altered it may be necessary to readjust the automatic start/stop mechanism in order for the arm lift to function correctly.*

## Connection to the amplifier

The PRO-JECT 1.2 Comfort has a captive tonearm signal lead (14) for connection to the amplifier. Use the Phono input (sometimes labelled gram, disc or RIAA) on your amplifier. Make sure that the phono input offers correct matching and amplification for the type of cartridge used. Line inputs (such as CD, Tuner, Tape or Video) are not suitable.

Take care to connect the left and right channels correctly. The right channel is usually marked red, the left channel black or white. Check the manual supplied with your amplifier for relevant information. The earthing wire of the tonearm lead should be connected to the earth terminal on your amplifier (if provided).

If your amplifier does not have an input suitable for phono cartridges you will require a separate phono amplifier stage for MM or MC cartridges such as the PRO-JECT PHONO BOX, the PRO-JECT PHONO BOX SE or the PRO-JECT TUBE BOX which is then connected between the record player and a free line level input of the amplifier. For further information see the last page.

## Mains power connection, switching on and off

The turntable is supplied with a power supply suitable for your country's mains supply. Check the label before connecting to ensure compliance with the mains rating in your house. Connect the low voltage plug from the power supply to the socket (13) on the rear of the record player before connecting the power supply to the mains. Pressing the power switch (20) alternately starts or stops the motor.

## Fitting the lid

Fit the lid (dust cover 10) carefully over the hinge prongs and adjust the screws (12) until the lid stays open where you want it to without being too stiff to open or close.

## Maintenance and cleaning

Your record player requires little or no regular maintenance. Remove dust with a slightly moistened antistatic cloth. Never use a dry cloth because this will create static electricity which attract more dust! Antistatic cleaning fluids are available at specialist stores but must be applied sparingly to avoid damage to rubber parts. It is recommended to fit the needle cover before cleaning or maintenance is carried out to avoid damage.

If the player is not used over a long period of time the drive belt can be removed to prevent unequal stretching.



*Always disconnect the record player from the mains power supply as a precaution before maintenance!*

## Useful tips

The lid is not only a dust cover but also a resonant structure likely to be excited by, and to pass into the plinth, the acoustic energy emanating from your loudspeakers during replay. It is therefore recommended that the lid be removed for optimum sound quality.

The record player should be positioned on a low-resonance surface such as wood or multiple layer ply board to avoid structural vibrations disturbing replay.

## Technical specifications PRO-JECT 1.2 Comfort

Outboard power supply	16V/500mA AC, suitable for your country's mains supply
Automatic switch-off	opto-electronically controlled
Electronic speed change	33,33/45,11
Power consumption	10W
Speed variance	±0,5 %
Wow and flutter	±0,1 %
Signal to noise	-70dB
Downforce range	10 - 30mN
Effective tonearm length	8,6 " (218,5mm)
Overhang	18,5mm
Dimensions (H x W x D)	118 x 415 x 334mm
Weight	6,4kg

## Potential incorrect use and fault conditions

PRO-JECT turntables are manufactured to the highest standards and undergo strict quality controls before leaving the factory. Faults that may possibly occur are not necessarily due to material or production faults but can sometimes be caused by incorrect use or unfortunate circumstances. Therefore the following list of common fault symptoms is included.

### The platter doesn't turn although the unit is switched on:

- The unit is not connected to the mains power supply.
- No mains at the socket.
- Drive belt is not fitted or has slipped off.

### No signal through one or other channel or both channels:

- No signal contact from the cartridge to the internal tonearm wiring or from that to the arm lead or from that to the phono box or between that and the amplifier. This could be due to a faulty plug, broken wire or solder joint or simply loose plug/socket connection.
- Phono input not selected at amplifier.
- Amplifier not switched on.
- Amplifier or speakers defective or muted.
- No connection to the loudspeakers.

### Strong hum on phono input:

- No earth connection from cartridge or arm or arm cable to amplifier, or earth loop.

### Distorted or inconsistent sound from one or both channels:

- Record player is connected to wrong input of amplifier, or MM/MC switch incorrectly set.
- Needle or cantilever damaged.
- Wrong r.p.m., drive belt overstretched or dirty, platter bearing without oil, dirty or damaged.

## Service

Should you encounter a problem which you are not able to alleviate or identify despite the above information, please contact your dealer for further advice. Only when the problem cannot be resolved there should the unit be sent to the responsible distributor in your country.

Never return a record player without making sure that it is safely disassembled and correctly packaged in the original packaging according to the diagrams on page 8 of this booklet. Guarantee repairs will only be effected if the unit is returned correctly packaged. For this reason we recommend keeping the original packaging.

Please remove these parts and pack them separately: lid (10), counterweight (6), anti-skating weight (16) platter (5), cartridge, belt (3). Insert the transport screws for the motor (1) and the transport lock for the tonearm (18) prior to carefully packaging the record player.

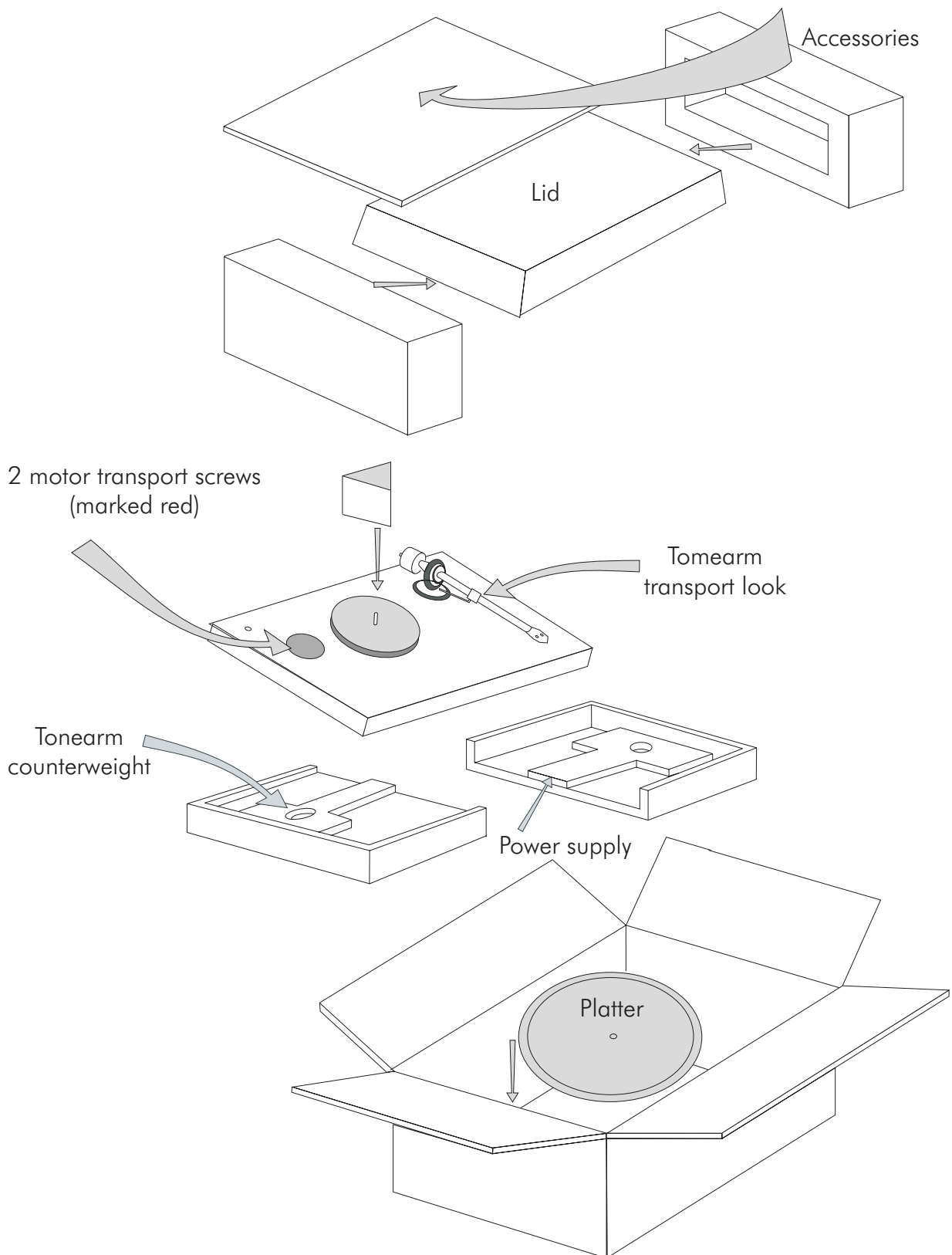
## Warranty



*The manufacturer accepts no responsibility for damage caused by not adhering to these instructions for use and/or by transportation without the original packaging. Modification or change to any part of the product by unauthorized persons release the manufacturer from any liability over and above the lawful rights of the customer.*

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## Phono pre-amplifier Phono Box

- Amplification and RIAA equalisation for MM and MC cartridges
- Dual-Mono circuitry for improved channel separation
- Gold-plated RCA phono socket connections
- Outboard power supply



## Phono pre-amplifier Phono Box SE

- Amplification and RIAA equalisation for MM and MC cartridges
- Selectable impedance for MC cartridges
- Subsonic filter
- Dual-Mono circuitry for improved channel separation
- Gold-plated RCA phono socket connections
- Oversized outboard power supply



## Tube phono pre-amplifier Tube Box

- Amplification and RIAA equalisation for MM and MC cartridges
- Selectable impedance for MC cartridges
- Subsonic filter
- Dual-Mono circuitry utilising two double triodes for improved channel separation
- Gold-plated RCA phono socket connections
- Oversized outboard power supply



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