

Product Announcement

Pro-Ject Debut Carbon EVO

Pro-Ject's iconic Debut Carbon evolves into a new generation for class-leading sound.

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Pro-Ject Audio Systems, an Austrian company devoted to the premium hi-fi experience, is excited to unveil the new Debut Carbon EVO turntable (£449.00 UK SRP), the next step in their Debut range's historic journey. The new product features the brand's famous one-piece carbon fibre tonearm technology, electronic speed selection, suspension elements from the EISA award winning X1, and a factory mounted Ortofon 2M Red phono cartridge.



Available in a range of nine finish options, including three in hand-painted high gloss, five varieties of hand-painted matte pastel colours and an elegant walnut veneer, the Debut Carbon EVO remains one of the most versatile record players for fitting into any home décor as a true statement piece.

Debut Carbon EVO Features Include:

- ✓ 8.6" one-piece carbon fibre tonearm with low-friction sapphire bearings
- ✓ Factory-mounted and aligned Ortofon 2M Red cartridge (usually worth £95.00 SRP)
- ✓ Heavy steel platter with Thermo-Plastic Elastomer (TPE) damping ring
- ✓ Electronic speed selection for 33 & 45 RPM (78 RPM possible with supplied drive belt)
- ✓ TPE-damped motor suspension plate for effective motor isolation
- ✓ Premium gold-plated RCA outputs and supplied Connect-IT E turntable-ready cable
- ✓ Height adjustable TPE-damped aluminium leveling feet
- ✓ Hinged dust cover

Debut Carbon EVO: £449.00 (SRP)

Available in the following finishes from September 2020:

High Gloss Black, Red or White.

Satin Matte Black, Fir Green, Golden Yellow, Steel Blue or White

Walnut Veneer

Debut Carbon EVO *in detail*

The Debut Carbon EVO is a premium, manual turntable designed to deliver a first-class audio performance with true high-end credentials from an affordable package that's aesthetically capable of taking centre-stage in any home.

Taking its name from the multi-award winning Debut Carbon turntable, the Debut Carbon EVO expands on its predecessor's features, finishes and technical abilities thanks to newly developed engineering capabilities.



One-piece carbon fibre tonearm with sapphire bearings



Ortofon 2M Red cartridge pre-installed

At the centre of the Debut Carbon EVO's design is its 8.6" one-piece carbon fibre tonearm. Chosen for its optimal acoustic properties, carbon fibre is rarely found on turntables below £500, allowing the Debut Carbon EVO to stand apart from the competition as a special proposition. In combination with the pre-mounted Ortofon 2M Red moving magnet cartridge, special sapphire bearings, high-purity copper internal tonearm wiring and shielded termination box, the tonearm system delivers a true high-end sound quality with a detailed sound presentation that conveys every musical emotion.



AC drive motor with isolation plate



Height-adjustable aluminium feet with TPE damping

Structurally, the Debut Carbon EVO is most recognised by its expertly finished main chassis, available in nine elegant finish options (various eight-layer hand-painted options or a walnut veneer). The traditional rectangular footprint has a timeless minimalism, and is made of MDF for its excellent anti-resonant properties, and this tendency to minimal vibrations continues throughout the Debut design.

The in-house designed and manufactured AC drive motor is made to fine tolerances for minimal noise, but to further eliminate any potential interference the motor is decoupled from the main chassis by a new mounting plate with TPE-damping. The mounting plate isolates the motor while still keeping it perfectly level with the sub-platter drive system for absolute speed stability. The turntable plinth also

sits on three height-adjustable aluminium feet with TPE-damping to guarantee a stable platform with good isolation from the surface it is placed upon.



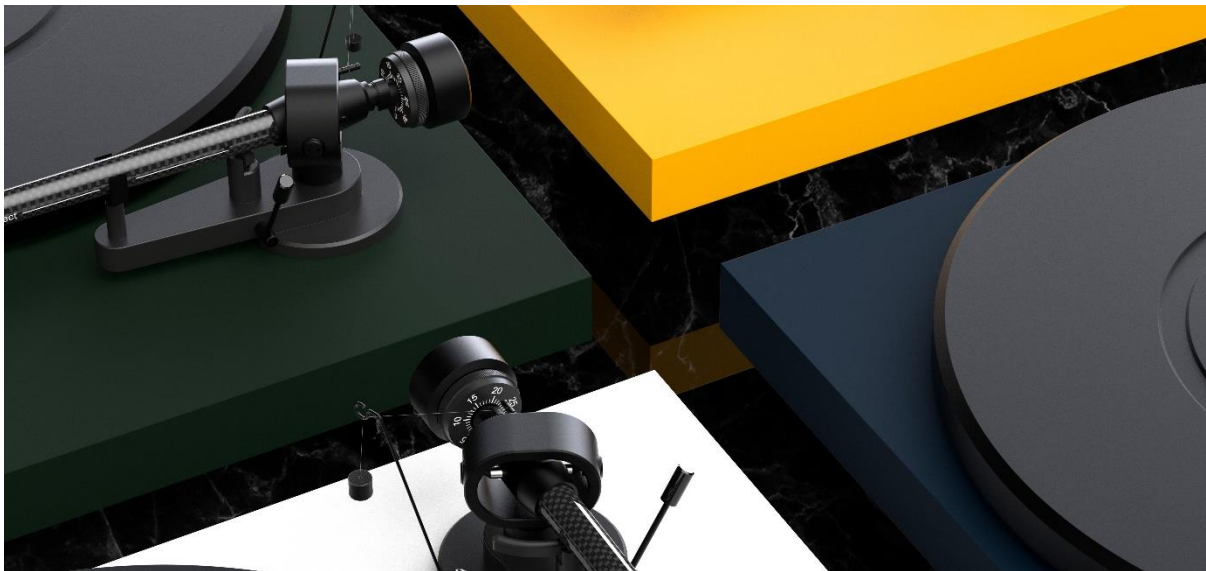
Three-position power switch for speed settings



Premium sub-platter drive system

Out of the box, the Debut Carbon EVO is capable of playing 33, 45 and 78 RPM records. The new speed control solution is implemented in a highly intuitive fashion using a three-position rocker switch (33 – OFF – 45). For precise speed at 78 RPM, a separate drive-belt is also supplied. As well as bringing convenience to the overall design, the speed control system also ensures the motor rotation is electronically regulated for total accuracy and stability.

The motor drives a sub-platter system for a more elegant overall aesthetic. The sub-platter is mounted into a precision-engineered stainless steel main bearing with bronze bushing. The sub-platter sits beneath the heavy main steel platter with TPE damping. This proven drive system experiences minimal friction and allows for excellent technical measurements and unrivalled speed stability.



The Debut Carbon Evo is a truly accomplished turntable with audiophile credibility throughout. With nine finishes to choose from, there is something to suit any home environment – allowing your passion for vinyl music to take centre stage.

Finished with a removable, hinged dust cover and supplied as standard with Pro-Ject's semi-balanced, low-capacitance, shielded, turntable-ready Connect-IT E phono cables and an Ortofon 2M Red cartridge pre-installed, the Debut Carbon Evo is the worthy evolution of an audio icon, guaranteed to delight and amaze all who encounter it.

Debut Carbon EVO *a history*

From the very beginning, Pro-Ject Audio Systems has always believed in the power of analogue music. Launched to the market at a time when CD's were dominant, Pro-Ject's original 1, 2 and 6 model turntables were able to gain recognition around the world for their phenomenal sound quality, premium build, and affordable price. But the company still felt there was a gap in the market they needed to fill.

During a trip to Austria by UK distributor, Laurence Armstrong, in 1998, Heinz Lichtenegger, CEO of Pro-Ject Audio Systems, agreed that the company needed a new record player to bring the analogue sound experience to even more people. The new model needed to deliver as close to high-end sound as was possible, but at a price that a new, younger generation could afford. They also agreed that it must not only sound great, but it must be simple to use, it must have a high-end feeling and it must be affordable. It should also come in a range colours, so it could serve as a centrepiece in any home.

Thanks to Pro-Ject's then-product manager, Mr Kroutil, within only a few hours of this discussion a sample had been mocked up at the factory, and Debut was born.

Today, after more than 20 years, Debut is one of the best-selling products in the history of hi-fi with close to one million units sold. As Debut made listening to vinyl an affordable option for music lovers, thanks to its minimalist aesthetic and premium finish options it also made analogue fashionable again.

Through the years Pro-Ject have constantly been improving the Debut formula, moving with technologies and fashion trends to ensure it was always the best option for any vinyl fan under £500. In the early 2010s, the Debut Carbon gave new life to our icon with its true high-end materials – like a carbon fibre tonearm and a 100€ cartridge – defying belief and outshining all others in the market.

But with Debut Carbon, Pro-Ject and the Debut name also went truly global. Where the first Debut caused an analogue wave in Europe, the Debut Carbon exploded into the US market, where the vinyl boom of the mid-2010s was really born. Since that time, analogue has once again appeared at the centre of the hi-fi market as an essential source for any serious hi-fi system, and Debut is a key part of that story.



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Technical Information

Speeds:	33, 45 & 78 RPM (electronic speed change, except 78 RPM)
Drive Principle:	Belt Drive
Speed Drift:	33 = 0.50% / 45 = 0.60%
Wow & Flutter:	33 = 0.17% / 45 = 0.15%
Platter:	300mm Steel Platter with TPE Damping (felt mat included)
Main Bearing:	High Precision Stainless Steel with Bronze Bushing
Signal-to-Noise:	68dB
Tonearm:	8.6" Carbon Fibre
Effective Arm Length:	218.5mm
Overhang:	18.5mm
Effective Tonearm Mass:	6.0g
Output:	Phono Level RCA Outputs (to connect to phono stage)
Included Accessories:	Dust Cover, Felt Mat, Connect-IT E RCA Cables
Power Supply:	15V DC / 0.8A Detachable Power Supply
Power Consumption:	4W max.
Dimensions (W x H x D):	415 x 113 x 320mm
Weight:	6.0 kg (net.)

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About Pro-Ject Audio Systems

Pro-Ject Audio Systems are widely recognised as one of the finest turntable manufacturers in the world. Their mission is simply to produce the best sounding analogue components at the most competitive prices possible. The current range spans a huge variety of price points, with a variety of products targeted to key demographics or to accommodate any of the modern listener's unique requirements.

Based in the Austrian countryside, Pro-Ject Audio Systems use specialised manufacturing partners to produce all their products, and the entire turntable range is assembled with great skill, care, and attention in the Czech Republic.



About Henley Audio

Henley Audio has been importing and distributing industry-leading hi-fi equipment to the UK and Ireland since 1997. With a passion for great sound and a firm focus on brand integrity, we work to deliver excellence in both product and service.

Formed as the result of a management buy-out of Ortofon UK, Henley Designs Ltd. (trading as Henley Audio) operates in-house sales, marketing, service, support, and warehouse teams to offer the full turn-key solution for suppliers. The brands we represent are not only highly regarded in their own right, but they also share a symbiotic relationship with other brands in our portfolio.

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