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Pro-Ject Essential II
Digital



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If a turntable with arm, cartridge, built-in phono stage and both line-level and 24bit/96kHz digital output for a shade over £300 sounds like a bit of a bargain, you'd be right. It is. But that's the magic of Pro-Ject Essential II Digital.

Based on the multi-award winning Essential II deck with a factory-fitted arm and Ortofon OM5e cartridge the additional features allow it to be connected to any existing hi-fi system or even to be used to record your vinyl collection to a computer.

Noel Keywood commented, "You get turntable, cartridge, phono stage and digital convertor, which in separate units could easily cost double, or much more. The sound was big bodied, fluid and dynamic. It was larger chested than most budget turntables in fact, giving me a big expansive sound stage with plenty of apparent depth and real power. The Pro-Ject Essential II Digital is quite an amazing package. It gave great results, having lush sound quality from its analogue output that I found thoroughly enjoyable and entirely in keeping with expectations from LP".

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