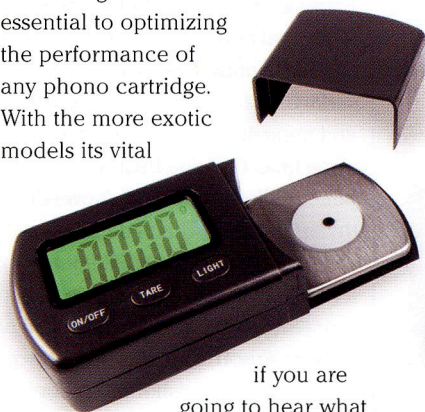


### Clearaudio Weightwatcher and Origin Live Electronic Stylus Gauges

Accurate, repeatable measurement of tracking force is an essential to optimizing the performance of any phono cartridge. With the more exotic models its vital



if you are going to hear what they're capable of. That means investing in an electronic stylus gauge.

Once the exclusive preserve of dealers and the well-healed audio enthusiast with everything,

electronic gauges were exotic and seriously expensive. Now, all that has changed. First the Clearaudio approached the £100 barrier, and then the Origin Live shattered it – and they are both just as accurate as their more expensive ancestors.



Performance-wise there's nothing to choose between them however, the Origin Live is smaller and cheaper but runs on watch batteries (there's a spare included).

The Clearaudio uses good old AAAs meaning that spares are never far away, which for me gives it the edge. Those unlikely to be setting up turntables at midnight in far off hotel rooms might choose to save the difference and spend it on a record or two. Either one of these balances will perform faultlessly – you pays your money and takes your choice. RG

Clearaudio Weightwatcher  
Price: £115

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Origin Live Stylus Balance  
Price: £55

Origin Live  
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