EMOTIONAL RESCUE

Said to be, "far more than a mere upgrade to the award-winning Emotion", the new Clearaudio Emotion SE turntable features a new 20mm thick acrylic chassis, high quality height adjustable feet, a 28mm thick precision CNC-machined GS-PMMA acrylic platter, a high mass motor damping base and a new aluminium arm base to produce a high-end analogue turntable in a fit-and-forget package of "extremely elegant appearance and design philosophy".

The Emotion SE also incorporates the latest patented Clearaudio technology: the Ceramic Magnetic Bearing.

The main bearing shaft is machined from an exclusive new ceramic alloy, allowing a much finer polished surface than that previously obtainable in turntable bearings. As the bearing does not use a ball bearing nor a thrust pad of any kind, the Clearaudio Ceramic Magnetic Bearing avoids any point of load and so eliminates bearing friction, wear and noise, it is claimed. The separate motor is entirely isolated from the chassis, driving the precision-machined 28mm thick GS-PMMA acrylic platter via a Clearaudio 'silent belt'. This joint-less silicon based drive belt transfers significantly less noise into the platter than traditional rubber types.

The Emotion SE turntable is fitted with Clearaudio's Satisfy Carbon Directwire tonearm which is said to combine extremely high structural rigidity with ultra-low friction movement. The woven carbon fibre arm tube is both extremely rigid yet light. The vertical bearing uses a shaft made out of wolfram, the polished ends of which run in sapphire watch bearings. The twin horizontal bearings use precise long life ceramic bearings. The high precision headshell and full adjustability allows the accurate alignment of any cartridge type. The arm has an unbroken run of Clearaudio's Direct Wire from the cartridge to phono plugs. Completing the package is Clearaudio's Aurum Beta-S Wood cartridge, said to be "extremely accurate and musically engaging", yet boasting compatibility with the widest range of amplifiers and phono stages. Price for the whole package (Clearaudio Emotion SE turntable, Satisfy CA DW arm and Beta-S MM cartridge) is £1,790. For more details, contact Audio Reference UK Ltd. on +44(0)1252 702705 or click on www.audioreference.co.uk.