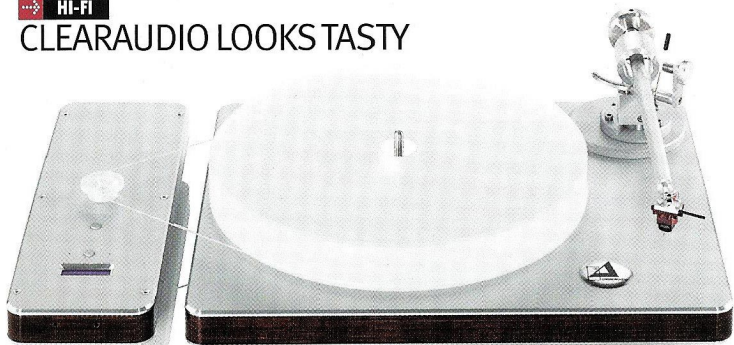


HI-FI

CLEARAUDIO LOOKS TASTY



SANDWICHES ARE TASTY, and they work wonders in hi-fi, too. Clearaudio's Ambient turntable uses an aluminium/panzerholz sandwich to produce an inert, low-resonance plinth. Panzerholz? It's a highly compressed mix of wood and synthetic resin, apparently. Other highlights include an outboard motor unit with an LCD read-out of rotational speed and a polished bronze main bearing. The deck will cost £2285, so start saving!

The partnering tonearm is a development of the Satisfy used on the Award-winning Emotion. It's known by the rather catchy tag of Satisfy Carbon Directwire, and as the name suggests, uses a carbon-fibre arm tube and an unbroken cable from cartridge to phono plugs. The price is £555.