

properties. The maintenance free main bearing uses a polished and hardened steel shaft running in a polished sintered bronze precision cap. The motor is isolated and damped from the chassis, driving the precision-machined 20mm thick turntable platter via a polished jointless drive belt. Speed selection of 33 1/3 and 45 rpm is easily achieved by changing the position of the drive belt

on the motor pulley (an optional 78 rpm pulley is also available). It comes complete with the Clearaudio Satisfy tonearm, a completely new design with extremely high structural rigidity and ultra-low-friction movement. The Clearaudio Aurum Classics Wood cartridge completes the Emotion package, a moving magnet design with a claimed high output and excellent dynamic range turntable to set a new standard in this price class. At £675, this should give Roksan's new Radius 5 and Michell's TecnoDec something to worry about... For details, call Audio Reference on 01252 702705 or click on www.audioreference.co.uk.

KEF KOOL

KEF Audio's new £1,199.99 KHT5005 5.1 system comprises slender cast-aluminium column speakers incorporating two 75 mm long throw bass drivers with ultra-low distortion motor systems, with a Uni-Q array boasting KEF's 16mm metal dome HF driver at the acoustic centre of the 75mm midrange cone. The new elliptical PSW 2500 subwoofer for the KHT5005 is a closed-box design with a 250 mm long-throw cone that delivers a claimed 250W of distortion-free bass. Individually adjustable phase, frequency and level controls (with 12dB/24dB variable slope switching) allow the user to fine-tune the output to personal preferences and the acoustics of the room. And with the choice of floor stands, wall brackets and either short or infinitely adjustable height desk stands, the satellite speakers can be positioned wherever is best suited. The KEF KHT5005

speaker system comes in a Matt anodised silver finish, with the option of soft black for the subwoofer. For details, call 01622 672261 or click on www.kef.com.

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COMING SOON...

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analogue turntable at an affordable price. The chassis is precision machined from high quality GSacrylic and aluminium, a combination that brings ideal mechanical and acoustic

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