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Dear Brian,

Despite the current doom and gloom I'm pleased to say that interest in vinyl related products continues to grow and almost every week there are new LP titles appearing. Additionally many people are finding that collecting older LPs is a rewarding hobby.

Obviously as new stocks of imported products arrive prices will need to be adjusted, but we have good stocks of many items and have decided to temporarily reduce margins in order to allow price rises to be conservative.

Over the next few weeks we will be clearing out slow moving stock via this website and our ebay store. So there will be plenty of good buys in this lead up to the Xmas season. A special [CLEARANCE category](#) has been created on the website so you can find all the specials in one place. Items not sold in the next few weeks will go to ebay to be auctioned in January.

There is also the [SECONDHAND category](#) which has many excellent products at present.

All the best for the Xmas period and New Year.

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Origin Live Update



We have been advised that there have been two changes to the construction of the [Origin Live Aurora turntable](#). The base is now made from metal twice the thickness (like the Calypso and Resolution) and the motor pod is also heavier. Unfortunately the price has therefore been increased by 10%.

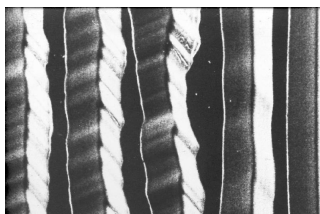
However, we have ONE unit with the old specs and the old price (\$1760). We also have two Silver tonearms in stock at \$1430

and can still offer the special price of \$2970 for the combination of Aurora and Silver. If you want to read a recent review take this link. [Aurora review by Stereo Times](#)

There have also been price rises to the Structural Mod and internal and external rewires, but we have some of the mods in stock so haven't needed to increase our prices yet.

Their Rega based tonearms now come with a 3 point mounting so if you are looking to upgrade an existing turntable you may need to drill some new holes. Contact me by email if you need more details.

Vibration absorbers



This article has been prompted by recent feedback from two customers. One had purchased a total of 30 Vibrapods and 30 Cones under his turntables, amplifiers and speakers. His comments "I used 10 #2 pods and cones under my Thorens T/T I arranged them in a box with a floating top .This works very well the difference to the sound was out of this world so I decided to put them under my

speakers Wharfedale Opus 3 35 kg. I used the same method 8#3 and 2#4 under each speaker fitted with heavy duty spikes and seats again the sound was great I am very pleased with the Vibrapods." He also has a Boston Mat1 on his Thorens turntable.

The other customer is using Boston Audio TunePlates and TuneBlocks under his speakers, as well as the Boston Audio Mat1 on his turntable, and he has 20 Vibrapods under his other equipment. His comments "Tuneblocks have arrived and are up and running. Fantastic! The combination of the Tuneplates and blocks under the speakers is quite remarkable in what it has done in contributing to a very detailed, precise and transparent soundstage. It makes me wonder just how many there are out there who have some very good equipment that could so easily and relatively cheaply be taken to another level."

It's fairly easy to understand why eliminating vibrations in a turntable is necessary. The wiggles in the vinyl that are turned into electrical signals by the phono cartridge are very small - about a 100th of a millimetre. Each of the tracks in the photo is only about a 10th of a millimetre wide. Anything that reduces vibration getting to the cartridge is likely to make an audible difference. And the main difference between lesser performing turntables and better ones is the quality of the engineering and choice of materials to reduce resonances.

With other equipment it is less obvious. Valves are known to be microphonic, so eliminating vibration with them makes sense. And CD and DVD players have motors and moving parts so vibration elimination is also understandable. But it has been found that almost any piece of electronic equipment can benefit from vibration absorbers such as Vibrapods. We've sold thousands over the last 5 years.

If you are interested in improving your sound system without spending a fortune here's some suggestions of vibration absorbers to try.

For turntables there's Vibrapods, the Mat1, and The Cartridge Man's Isolator. For other items there's Vibrapods, Vibrapods Cones, TuneBlocks, TunePlates. All are sold on a moneyback basis, so it's worth while experimenting. You'll find them in the [Vibration Absorbers category](#). We'll offer **FREE POSTAGE** on all orders over \$75 until the end of December - just mention that you are a newsletter reader in the Customer Instructions section of your order. And don't forget there are discounted prices for orders of 10 or more Vibrapods and Cones (in total).

Graham Slee Projects

Graham Slee must be one of the busiest people on this planet. As well as constantly being in a backorder situation for his products he still finds time to keep his website up to date and continues to develop new products. His range of phono preamplifiers and headphone amplifiers is now comprehensive and they have received wonderful reviews in the audiophile press for their performance and value for money.



A major new product is the [Novo headphone amplifier](#). Following on the success of the Solo, and more recently the portable Voyager, he is now introducing a mid-priced

model (\$594). It features discrete transistor construction and uses a switch mode power supply which helps keep the price down.

Switch mode power supplies are also now being supplied with the popular Gram Amp 2SE and Gram Amp 3 models. He has successfully modified the circuitry of these so they perform properly with these energy saving "green" power supplies.

A new shipment of GSP products has arrived. ALL PRICES HAVE BEEN FROZEN AT THE SEPTEMBER PRICES and also there is FREE POSTAGE until the end of December.

[All the Graham Slee products are on our website.](#)

A Better Stylus Gauge



We have sold hundreds of the Canrong arm load meter but were recently offered an improved alternative by another manufacturer.

The [Decibel Electronic Stylus Force Gauge](#) is larger and has a metal case. The sensitivity is .001gm and the range is 0 to 5gm. It also comes in a very nice presentation box.

Having the tracking force of your cartridge set correctly is important for preventing mistracking and overstressing the suspension, and reducing stylus and record wear. This device makes it easy. A great gift for a vinyl enthusiast.

Price is \$99 including GST - **FREE Express Post till Xmas for newsletter readers**. Just mention this offer in the Customer Instructions when you place your order.

Vinyl Record Titles



We are pleased to advise that we can now supply some audiophile quality vinyl LPs from Linn Recordings.

One absolutely superb recording is the 3 LP boxed set of the Messiah by the Dunedin Consort. This is the best produced LP I have ever heard. Price is A\$120 including postage. You can read more information and download samples of each track [HERE](#). Other single LPs are Claire Martin's [Too Darn Hot](#), Carol Kidd's [debut LP](#) and [All My Tomorrows](#) (each \$50 including postage).

There are only these four titles currently available from Linn but we intend to add titles from other producers such as Mobile Fidelity, Acousence, Opus 3 and Stockfisch in the near future.

If you browse the [Linn Records website](#) you will see that there are many more titles available on CD, SACD, HDCD, and download. We can supply all of these but they will not be added to our website initially, so email me for pricing - in general we can supply for less than the US\$ pricing shown on the Linn website.

We have added a new category to the website [Audiophile Recordings](#) where these can be ordered. Orders required for Xmas need to be placed before the end of November.

A source of re-released LPs is [Back to Black Vinyl](#). To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the long-playing vinyl they have announced the re-release of classic albums on much-loved vinyl. As a bonus, if you purchase one of these titles you are able to download the same album to your mp3 player.

Tivoli Audio Music System



There are many locations within a home where you might want to experience high quality sound but you don't want to go to the expense or trouble of setting up a component hi fi system.

Tivoli Audio provides some interesting solutions to that problem. It was started by Tom DeVesto, a respected and established leader in the audio industry, with the goal of bringing simple to use, high-quality

audio products to the consumer at reasonable prices. Tom is uniquely qualified to introduce Henry Kloss' designs. His thirty-year association with Henry Kloss includes senior management positions at Advent and Kloss Video and co-founding Cambridge SoundWorks.

In March 2002 Fred Kaplan of the Boston Globe said "Tivoli wins the contest for best tabletop radio on the market."

The range of Tivoli Audio radios is now quite extensive (see www.tivoliaudio.com.au).

One of the most capable models is the Music System. The Music System delivers full and expansive stereo sound - including a SpacePhase™ wide mode - from two integrated speakers and a down-firing, magnetically shielded, powered subwoofer. A self-adjusting lighted display provides the time and audio track information. "A CD player and radio with iPod capabilities in one sleek package - nothing looks better or sounds better than the Tivoli Audio Music System." (GQ - Best Stuff of the Year)

Like all Tivoli Audio products, the Music System stereo is compatible with iPod and other MP3 players. The multi-layered, high-gloss, hand-lacquered wood cabinet is available in your choice of three finishes: piano black with a silver faceplate, cherry/metallic taupe, or dark walnut with a beige faceplate. [View a video advert.](#)

Normal retail on this unit is \$1499, but we have limited numbers available for just \$999.90. Orders need to be placed by November 27th. You'll find it in the [Selected Hi Fi Products](#) category.

Sonic Impact "made for iPod" products

The main reason we sell Sonic Impact products is because a few years ago they introduced an inexpensive amplifier called a T-Amp. It was really aimed at the computer and MP3 market - providing a modest amount of power for driving desktop speakers. But the audiophile community discovered that it had outstanding sound quality for the price and it became a huge success with numerous modifications and add on products spawned. It's been one of our most popular products, with hundreds sold. The current model is called a Gen2 T-Amp and sells for just \$148.50.

Sonic Impact then introduced a portable amplified speaker system called iFusion. It had a socket to allow an iPod to be plugged it, and used the T-Amp technology to power small speakers where the carry case became the enclosure. It also



was very successful and led to the development of a whole range of powered speaker models. They also produced a Video55 (pictured) which displayed the iPod videos on a larger screen as well as providing speakers.

One recent addition is the iP23 Quicksilver edition. At \$198 it's a very smart and eye catching design.



Apple's iPod and other MP3 players have been a tremendous success and led to a proliferation of ancillary products - many of which fall into the category of "cheap and nasty". So if you want a brand with some quality sound have a look at the [Sonic Impact](#) range on our website, maybe there's a unit there that would make a good present for a relative or friend.

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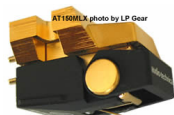
Much as we would like to avoid it, the plunge in the exchange rate of the Australian dollar means new shipments will be more expensive. Here's a few of the products that we have in stock that will save you money if you buy immediately.

As an example the Australian importer of Ortofon and Thorens has already put up prices by 15% so next time we order we will have to raise the prices of those brands.

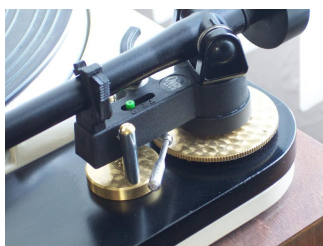
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ORTOFON Salsa moving coil phono cartridge \$396. 1 only.
ORTOFON 2M Blue moving magnet cartridge \$231. 2 only.
ORTOFON 2M Bronze moving magnet cartridge \$374. 1 only



AUDIO TECHNICA AT440MLa moving magnet cartridge \$198. 4 in stock.
AUDIO TECHNICA AT150MLX moving magnet cartridge \$495. 1 only.
AUDIO TECHNICA OC9ML MkII moving coil cartridge \$550. 2 in stock.



PETE RIGGLE's Vertical Tracking Adjuster on the Fly \$220. 1 only. Also 1 of the nickel plated version at \$264.



THORENS TD295 MkIV turntable - piano black finish. \$1254.
1 only. Includes FREE Audio Technica AT95E cartridge.



DAYTON Patio Speakers \$187. 1 pair white, 1 pair black.

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