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T+A electroakustik SDV 3100 HV DAC/ PDT 3100 HV CD/SACD Transport \$37,500/\$22,500

Although this pair of components from Germany's T+A is a separate DAC and CD/SACD transport, the combination can be considered the definitive disc player—and much more. The SDV 3100 HV DAC/preamp must be one of the most sophisticated and comprehensive digital products ever made. The gorgeous CD/SACD transport is built around a massive, high-precision, all-metal disc mechanism designed and built by T+A. When it is connected by a proprietary link to T+A's SDV 3100 HV, the sound quality from CD and, especially, SACD is spectacularly great. Able to handle virtually any of today's formats, the SDV 3100 HV boasts a host of advanced digital and analog circuits that have been refined over the company's 40-year history, including custom digital filters, advanced upsampling algorithms, dual-differential DACs, and a custom discrete DSD converter with an entirely separate signal path. Sound quality is exceptional in all formats and modes, with PCM conversion approaching the best out there, and DSD reproduction in a class by itself. The battleship build-quality, extensive features, fabulous casework, and beautiful fit 'n' finish suggest a product of twice the price. Individually, both components are worthy of Product of the Year awards in their respective categories, but together they form the ultimate digital front end. (reviewed in this issue)

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