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Exposure XM CD – HiFi Review

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Over the years I have collected more than 2,500 CDs and my library is carefully organised in alphabetical and chronological order. All are ripped and stored in WAV format on a music server ready to stream to my music streaming player. The original CDs are rarely played. So why then should I get



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The rear of the Exposure XM CD

Exposure XM CD player is a half-width chassis design sporting a top loader disc mechanism with a magnetic puck. The player has two digital outputs – a 75ohm BNC coaxial connector and Toslink for optical connections. Stereo RCA analogue outputs are also included and the CD has a built in Burr-Brown PCM1716 DAC with 8x over sampling. The Exposure XM CD player retails at £1,200 in the UK.

Quality

The Exposure XM CD player isn't what I'd describe as much of a looker but the aluminium fascia has a pleasant enough aesthetic with the buttons proud on the front. A solid on/off power button to the left is joined by play and pause and previous/next track buttons but, of course, there is no need for a disc loading open/close button as CDs are loaded manually into the top. The CD will not read without the puck or the top sliding cover being in the right place. The front display showing track info is red and gives the unit a retro feel. The sliding disc door is a rather plasticky affair, but it is entirely functional and simply does the job of protecting the CD.

Performance