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What HiFi (UK) – Formula 2 USB Cable System Building Feature

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SYSTEM/BUILDER All the best options for partnering this great DAC

MIGHTY (MINI) HI-FI

Total £2280



Cambridge Audio DacMagic Plus | £350 | ★★★★

Even by the supremely flexible standards of modern hi-fi components, the DacMagic Plus is a brilliantly versatile digital-to-analogue converter, as we'll demonstrate with this suite of carefully combined systems

CONCERT FOR ONE

This delectable desktop hi-fi offers a delightfully indulgent way to listen

AppleMacBookAir £850

Any decent laptop will suit here, but the MacBook's ability to link via its USB output is a real boon to quality. Of course, it's also well-suited to iTunes.



Furutech Formula 2 £55 * * * * * * Whether you're listening to

24-bit/192kHz files or your lower-quality iTunes-based material, this cable will make the very most of your music.



£250 *****
These hefty headphones sound every big as luxurious as their looks suggest. Closed-back designs, they'll ensure your listening is perfectly private.





Cyrus CD Transport £750 ***** CD is far from dead, even if its place at hi-fi's top table has been usurped of late. The Cyrus is a thrillingly musical source, its sound abounding with detail. Sonos Connect £280 **** The Sonosstreams everything from Tunes to Spotify. It won't handle 24-bit, but connected via coaxial digital into the DacMagic Plus, it's still an excellent choice. Acoustic Energy AE22 Active £900 * * * * * Although rare birds, these self-powered (160W per speaker) monitors are simply uncanny. They'll thrill on the end of this combination

The exceptional accuracy and speed

of this set-up belie its minimalist looks

WIRELESS LISTENING

Stream your favourite music in great quality with this cable-free combo

AppleiPhone4S £Free ****

Any Bluetooth-enabled phone can be used here, but the latest Apple is a particularly talented performer. Its apt-X technology

Cambridge Audio DR30, CD30 and BT100

£620****

The DR30 and CD30 'Sonata' system is a fine match for the DacMagic Plus. You'll need the BTIOO Bluetooth dongle, too.

QAcoustics 2020i

£160 ** ***
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Total £1130

