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Subject: Re: Happy New Year! Let's get this party started!

Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Thu, 15 Jan 2004 18:22:44 GMT

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NAD c541i here, and also a sony xa20ES. I agree with Wayne, any good \$500 CD player today is WAYYY better than a \$3500 dollar CD player from even 5 years ago. AS proof, I went over to a local dealer and borrowed a krell HAV 300CD, a \$3500 machine in 1998 that got GOOD reviews in stereophile. I AB'd it in my system with the NAD c541i (a \$500 machine in 2003, that is now available for \$375). While the Krell had slightly better detail, there was unfortunately a metallic quality to it that just did not sound right. Violins felt like the musician was using a metallic bow. It was just not as musical as the nAD C541i, which is pretty good at detailing also, but which has a more musical sound. ANYways, the experience convinced me to not buy older stuff in the digital world, but to buy a new DAC. SO i am saving up for one!-akhilesh

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