Subject: So Far It's Thumbs Down
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The Onix has now been on repeat for two days, so it should be on its way to being broken in. The bottom line is at this point I prefer the $48 Toshiba 3950 with the infamous John Swenson mod. The Onix soundstage is more forward and less three-dimensional, and the tonal character sounds a bit less delicate to my ears. With the Toshiba, on any CD where there's a solo instrument placed off center, that instrument sounds more like it's suspended at a specific depth within a background of quiet. With the Onix the instrument is less specifically located on the left-to-right plane, and even less so in the front to back plane. This is true even with an HDCD like the Reference Recordings' John Rutter Requium CD (the Onix has HDCD capability; the Toshiba doesn't).