Subject: Re: where are the Toshiba SD 3950's? Posted by FredT on Sat, 04 Mar 2006 01:29:56 GMT

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It's human nature. People get more excited over a \$50 component that sounds like \$150 than they do over a \$5K component that sounds like \$5K. My 3950 was \$48 from Amazon with free shipping, and I decided to go first class and do the upgrade with \$5 caps. With the upgrade it definitely sound better than other \$48 mass market DVD players, but not as good as the typical \$500 mid fi CD player. I recently heard an \$11K Esoteric SACD player, and while I would like to say the Toshiba kicked its butt, it didn't. If you have an extra \$11K in the checking account get the Esoteric, but if you don't even have \$100 the Toshiba 3950, or the current model that replaced it, would be a good choice. The reason you don't see any for sale is because it's not even worth posting an ad for the \$40 or whatever a used one would bring. I have so little invested in mine that there's no motivation to sell it, even though it's sitting on a shelf in the workroom.