Subject: Re: Analog or digital audio?
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Hi, I agree with Wayne. Both can be quite excellent. I prefer all analog, but do have digital sources as well. The biggest hurdle with analog is the price and complexity of the source components. A good turntable, cartridge and preamp can easily go way over the cost of a good CD/DVD player and DAC. Again it may come down to what you like to listen to. There is a lot of material available on vinyl that is not digital and in all probability will never go digital. Cost is a factor as well. Downloads are pretty cheap but then so are used LPs...many of which are in pristine condition. Another thing to ponder is do you actually own the digital copy...can you transfer it to someone else? LPs and CD/DVDs this is possible.

There is a hidden question to the mix as well. I agree that with digital music it should be consistent all the time....but are the players as consistent? I have two high end CD/DVD players (a Marantz and an OPPO). Do they sound the same...no. I have a number of turntables. If I use the same cartridge in each do they sound the same? Nope. And the variation between high end cartridges (I have several) is also high.

So in the end to me at least...both types of media are just fine, but different. Take your pick and enjoy.