Subject: Re: SACD player

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Hi The players are not particularly scarce, but they are not cheap. To make one handle SACD requires more components and additional firmware. Since there are relatively few SACD disks and CD sales are generally on the decline there is little incentive to add the feature to typical players. Listeners tend to fall into two very wide categories IMO. Ones that want some music but want it cheap and ones that want very high quality music and are not too concerned with cost. SACDs and the companion players tend to be aimed at the second group. The improvement in sound quality of an SACD over a standard CD is unfortunately IMO wasted on many listeners (that is another topic though). Digital downloads can fall into either area (low cost or high quality) and the players as you might expect have the same general categories (inexpensive or costly). BTW I'm not knocking the standard players and lower fidelity sound quality as I use disks full of MP3s in my car. The environment there just doesn't warrant better.