Subject: Bang & Olufsen Posted by JazzHog on Tue, 03 Jul 2018 12:49:38 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Is anyone else on here a fan of Bang & Olufsen audio equipment? I don't own any as yet, but am interested in acquiring some when I have the spare cash to do so.

I want to get a B&O amp, vinyl record deck, CD player and speakers. I may end up doing this by buying second hand.

A friend of mine has an audio system of B&O components from the 1970's, and it is pretty impressive.

Subject: Re: Bang & Olufsen Posted by gofar99 on Tue, 03 Jul 2018 21:59:03 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Hi, I have one of their receivers, a Beomaster 2400 (type 2901). An interesting piece of gear. Very advanced in some ways particularly for the vintage. The controls and way they function are quite neat. However under the skin it is pretty much a garden variety receiver. Nothing special. By some standards not as good a performer as some of its contemporaries. Modest power and distortion. The remotes are really hard to find BTW. The speakers if you get them are average in performance. The problem with using others is the odd connectors. I put binding posts in mine to get around the problem. The companion turntables are more or less equal in performance to others of the same era. They use unusual cartridges. They are scarce and can get costly. Without modification it will not use most others. In general a conversation piece and very modern looking...but unless you can get it inexpensively you might find other gear that will serve you better. Then again everyone needs some eye candy type gear. I have a Transcriptor Saturn turntable. It is about as odd as they get, but cool looking.

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1) Saturn With Cover 2.jpg, downloaded 595 times

Subject: Re: Bang & Olufsen Posted by Yurimi on Wed, 04 Jul 2018 17:23:41 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I recognize the name from the HP laptops. They use Bang & Olufsen as the sound system, and from my last experience with them, the sound quality was quite impressive. I am naturally drawn to check their speakers, but let me know if I'm missing something else.

Subject: Re: Bang & Olufsen Posted by JazzHog on Thu, 05 Jul 2018 15:27:48 GMT Wow, that Transcriptor Saturn turntable is something to look at! I quite like novel looking audio items. Is it one of those that has a strobe light so you can tell that it is turning at the right speed? Is the cover perspex?

Subject: Re: Bang & Olufsen Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 05 Jul 2018 20:48:54 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Hi There is no strobe. It is belt drive with a synchronous AC motor. The top is after market. The original was damaged in transit to me. Eye candy for sure...but fiddly as all get out. Not for folks with anything but lots of patience and good set up gear.

Now back to B&O (I don't want to hijack the thread)

Subject: Re: Bang & Olufsen Posted by JazzHog on Fri, 06 Jul 2018 19:57:53 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Thanks, gofar99! No need to worry about changing the subject a little, it doesn't have to be all B&O!

But, back to B&O, I know that some of their turntables had the strobe light. I am not sure that this was strictly necessary, or whether it was a bit of a gimmick.

Subject: Re: Bang & Olufsen Posted by Junior on Tue, 10 Jul 2018 02:20:40 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

This is actually my first time to hear about this brand. I searched their website and they manufacture sound systems particularly. If they focused on sound systems, then their product might be great.

Subject: Re: Bang & Olufsen Posted by gofar99 on Tue, 10 Jul 2018 02:46:04 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Hi, They have been around for a long time. I don't know the date, but their gear seemed to be common back in the 70's.