Subject: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by positron on Wed, 03 Dec 2025 13:06:19 GMT
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Well, I heard some nice things about the Schiit Mimir dac,
but wonder if it is hype, or descent, so I purchased one.
Should arrive fri.

Will report back with my findings in a couple of weeks.

cheers

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Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 03 Dec 2025 15:35:08 GMT
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Those guys are kind of the "new kids on the block" and I'm eager to hear what you find.

Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by positron on Tue, 09 Dec 2025 23:33:58 GMT
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Wayne Parham wrote on Wed, 03 December 2025 09:35
Those guys are kind of the "new kids on the block" and I'm eager to hear what you find.

Hi Wayne and All,

Received the basic Mimir dac. No Forkbeard module, no preamplifier,
just the dac. Cost was $299 plus tax and shipping. Looks great, simple
to use.

Separate external power transformer supplied for linear power supply,
just plug in, or use the USB for power. Transformer use increases the
output voltage spec. I auditioned with both power sources.

Toggle power switch on back. No thumps on power on. Simple front
push button switch to activate individual inputs.

Basically no specs given, except usb supports up to 32 bits/384 khz.
Also came with 1 meter usb, A and C ends.

My computer is using VLC Media Player. I used the Mimir supplied usb as I had none with C end as I had no other USB with C connector.

I used Tidal and YouTube. I have ~50 hours of play time. Sound seems to be stabilized.

I don't take much stock in other's reviews because I know little about the quality of the audio systems others use. Schiit also makes some claims.

I have auditioned the Denafrips Pontus, basically all the Chords including the Dave (12 grand), and probably another one or two from other audiophiles and now I do not miss any of them.

The Mimir is simply incredible. The harmonic structure from deepest bass through the highs is incredibly natural. Great dynamics, dimensions, tonal balance, everything sounds amazing. With all polypropylene decoupling capacitors in my audio system, years of listening testing, we can perceive 1 part in 4,000,000. Using 20 log equation, that is -132db down, so extremely transparent.

There is a sonic difference between YT and Tidal. I do not know how Tidal sonically compares to Roon, Qobuz, Deezer etc.

In conclusion, the piano and other instruments sound so gorgeous from deepest note to highest register. I still almost cannot believe it.

I guess one can conclude I highly recommend it.

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PS. I do Not have any affiliation with Schiit Audio.

Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 10 Dec 2025 22:59:56 GMT
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That's amazing, especially for three hundred bucks. My kinda DAC!

Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by positron on Thu, 11 Dec 2025 01:06:39 GMT
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Wayne Parham wrote on Wed, 10 December 2025 16:59
That's amazing, especially for three hundred bucks. My kinda DAC!

I received my B to C adapter, so now my 2 meter USB, and went from
2 meter ic to 1 meter,both ics are my build/design.

If I can find fault, it might be just a little full, but yet
the bass sounds quite taught. The coherency, live sound is quite
impressive.

There is a small restocking fee plus shipping, but I think
there will be very few returns.

I don't see how anyone can lose.

Cheers

steve

Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by positron on Thu, 08 Jan 2026 01:49:25 GMT
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Probably need to add, that with my computer win 10, Schiit supplied
outboard power transformer makes Mimir sound better, more natural than
my win 10 usb power supply. USB power source sounds thinner.

I would try both to hear what sounds best on your system.

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Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 08 Jan 2026 14:47:28 GMT
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That makes sense to me. It has been strange to me to see how many modern power connectors are small, with little surface area for the contact and small conductor wires. For 100mA, I wouldn't care but many try to get several amps of current though these tiny connectors.

Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by positron on Fri, 06 Feb 2026 18:02:25 GMT
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Wayne Parham wrote on Thu, 08 January 2026 08:47
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I agree Wayne. Seems everything has to be smaller, even if it is inferior.

I just added, via pigtails, Vampire gold plated copper
jacks to my Schiit Mimir analog outputs, using Jenalabs wire. What a
sonic improvement of the Vampire vs the original brass jacks.
Sounds so much more natural.

cheers

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Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by positron on Sun, 08 Mar 2026 01:44:37 GMT
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Adding the pigtails copper rca output jacks (Jenalabs 6N
all copper wire) made a nice improvement to the Mimir,
more natural sound, great spatial qualities.

Just received some parts fri and now testing a possible upgrade.

Will take some time for break in, time will tell. Will keep
informed.

cheers

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Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by Wayne Parham on Sun, 08 Mar 2026 14:29:55 GMT
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Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by positron on Fri, 13 Mar 2026 05:44:13 GMT
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Wayne Parham wrote on Sun, 08 March 2026 09:29
Sounds like that DAC is really working out for you!

Yes, it is. It is difficult to describe Wayne, but just when I think the sound is as real as it can possibly be, the sound becomes more real with the updates. (50% of the electronics is in the recording venue.) Improving half of the total electronics makes a definite improvement, as we all know when comparing components.

I have discovered fairly early in 4+ decades of research that the recording and playback electronics are a major factor limiting sound quality, just as speakers, room etc are.

I have been running the updates day and night for about 100 hours. Will continue and see if any more changes occur.

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Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 13 Mar 2026 17:30:13 GMT
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That's really awesome!

I've heard nothing but good things about that company and its products.

Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by positron on Tue, 17 Mar 2026 00:35:20 GMT
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Wayne Parham wrote on Fri, 13 March 2026 12:30

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Hi Wayne,

Yes, absolutely. I should have previously posted another thought I have been mulling over.

Since the recording equipment is half the electronics, how do I know how close to butting up against the absolute maximum sonic quality of the recording components?

I think I am quite close after adding the all copper single ended output jacks with Jenalabs wire increased naturalness a little, but noticeable. Interestingly,

I just made another upgrade, and the sound improvement was not as apparent. I think I am really really close now, as the sonic improvement, naturalness should have been larger.

I don't think I am going to try anything else, at least for awhile.

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Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by positron on Wed, 08 Apr 2026 00:25:17 GMT
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positron wrote on Mon, 16 March 2026 19:35Wayne Parham wrote on Fri, 13 March 2026 12:30
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I guess the definition "for a while" was not too long for me. :)

I am working with the power supply and improved the sonics, slightly; cleaner across the entire audio band. Higher quality audio grade capacitors, voltage rating etc, makes a difference.

Cheers

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Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 08 Apr 2026 21:09:00 GMT
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What capacitors did you replace, specifically?

Were there electrolytics in the power supply? Or perhaps ceramic, tantalum or electrolytic caps in the analog end of the signal path?

Or were they polypropylene or polystyrene caps, but you changed brands?

Are you into oil-filled caps?

Just curious what you swapped and what you like best.

Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by positron on Mon, 13 Apr 2026 20:49:26 GMT
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Wayne Parham wrote on Wed, 08 April 2026 16:09
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Hi All,

Nothing is labeled, except chips, and the traces are hidden from view, so I installed a couple of better quality audio grade Nichicon capacitors in the power supply for the single ended op amp.

Other caps are mainly digital and main supply before regulators etc.

No poly caps and cost of such would be a grand or more, plus external chassis.

The caps I used are no longer manufactured or sold, and were never manufactured in large enough ufd/voltage values.

The caps I tested and use now for other projects are Mundorf aluminum in oil. Larger values sound great, smaller values, like other brands tested, will sound more or less accurate, and may need a tweak I can do to the copper/gold plated jacks.

Important: Never believe websites that claim to test and rate capacitors. They have No idea of how to correctly run a test and I have yet to find results that are even close to accurate.

The analog appears to be dc coupled, Burr Brown Audio chip which has very good gain bandwidth product.

I am thinking of offering an upgrade to the Mimir single ended outputs, pigtail analog output jacks and upgrade caps. I only use all copper/gold plated jacks. I need to tweak the jacks no matter the brand.

If this is not allowable, I will delete this offering and offer my apology.

cheers
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Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 14 Apr 2026 13:11:58 GMT
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Very cool, thanks for letting us know.

I've upgraded electrolytic caps with Black Gates, and more recently with Nichicon, Rubycon, Panasonic and Elna caps. After trying each of those, I've centered on Nichicon.

But my favorite - if the capacitors aren't too large, 20uF and less - is to replace with polypropylene caps. Sometimes that's not a possibility though, if space is limited.

Subject: Re: Ordered a Schiit Mimir DAC
Posted by positron on Tue, 14 Apr 2026 21:07:23 GMT
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Hi Wayne,

I also like and use the Nichicon capacitors although I now use polypropylene capacitors in decoupling applications.
20 ufd is getting a little physically large for me as well.

Back in the day, I used a couple of brands, the silver looking Infini caps by TRT were the most accurate/natural, but the accuracy depended upon the ufd, and nothing over 10 ufd was manufactured if memory serves me correctly.

Around 2 decades ago, the Infini became extinct (except by special order the last time I checked), and I started using Mundorf in oil (after testing), although I found some smaller value ufds not that ultra accurate, just like other brands vary.

Wayne, I wonder how many truly understand the efforts we go to, to design excellent components? Truly a labor of love.

Cheers

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