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Subject: Best CD for \$3K US or less?

Posted by [Peter Downard](#) on Tue, 24 Aug 2004 16:46:49 GMT

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As a mainly analog person, it is that time I dread the most: having to get a new CD player. On the basis of limited exposure, I'm interested in the 47 labs Shigaraki transport/DAC combination at the moment. Any other suggestions for the best cd player out there for approximately \$3K US or less?

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Subject: Re: Best CD for \$3K US or less?

Posted by [pokey1](#) on Tue, 24 Aug 2004 20:46:33 GMT

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Look at this:

Modwright Sony DVP999ES

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Subject: Re: Best CD for \$3K US or less?

Posted by [Bill Martinelli](#) on Wed, 25 Aug 2004 01:27:02 GMT

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Before spending large coin you might want to give the Art DI/O a try. You can use a lot of lesser expensive cd decks as a transport as long as it has a coax digital out. The Art DAC has a tube in it and has a few fine tune adjustments. This is just an unbelievable DAC for 125.00 Also take a look at the Audio Note CD player and DAC combo.

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Subject: Re: Best CD for \$3K US or less?

Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Tue, 31 Aug 2004 14:32:55 GMT

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Hi Peter, I would try a transport for around \$1000 with a DAC for the remainder. For that money you can buy many dacs, and audiotion. Here are some examples: 1. Ack! Dac 2. Scott Nixon Tubedac+ 3. Museatex bitstream 4. Museatex bidat 5. Benchmark dac-16. ECD1 by electrocompaniet 7. Classe dac-1 (used) 8. Blue note Ag dac 9. Muse dacs And many many more. I suspect all of these would sound better than a standalone CD player, as long as they had jitter reduction (many of these dacs do already, for others you can buy a jitter reducer). hope this helps  
thnx-akhilesh

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Subject: Re: Best CD for \$3K US or less?  
Posted by [Bob Neill](#) on Tue, 14 Sep 2004 14:56:36 GMT  
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Audio Note transport and dac: CDT 1 (used or leftovers) and new Dac 1.1x Signature II sells for around \$3400.

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