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Subject: Marantz Reference CD/SACD Players

Posted by [mikeh22020](#) on Fri, 11 Aug 2006 11:43:01 GMT

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Has anyone been able to audition both the Marantz SA 11S1 and SA 15S1 CD/SACD Players? I have heard through sources I trust that the "15" is virtually indistinguishable from the 11 as far as sound goes, although I know the 11 has a few more options as far as digital modes/filters. Also I won't need the balanced outputs. This is for a stereo audio system only so while I certainly can use a universal player, I'd rather spend the money on good stereo sound. I have already decided on the new Denon 3930 for the AV system. None of the local dealers have both to compare. The rest of my system is audio research amp and pre-amp with maggies and a pair of velodyne subs. I would also be interested in your thoughts on other SACD players in the 2000-3500 dollar range.

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Subject: Re: If It's Any Help To You:

Posted by [Vinylly](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 14:29:08 GMT

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You might want to look at the October issues of 'Stereophile' and 'Absolute Sound'. In their recommended list, Stereophile gives the \$3000 Sony SCD-XA9000ES an A+ rating while the 'A' rated players under \$3500 are the Adcom DV-79, Ayre CX-7e, Denon DVD-5910, McCormack UDP-1 and the Naim CD5X. Absolute Sound's 2006 Editors' Choice awards goes to; for under \$2000: Sony DVP-NS9100ES, Quad 99-CDP, and the Sim Audio Moon Equinox. For \$3500 and under: Thule Audio Space DVA-250B Arcam FIVU CD36, Musical Fidelity A5, Ayre CX-7e, Arcam FMJ DV29, Marantz SA-11s1, and the Denon DVD-5910. I'm going to have to replace an old wornout Sony player soon, so I too am looking, -and confused with the numerous choices

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