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, althoug 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.

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 Arcum 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