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Subject: Sony AVD S500ES

Posted by [TommyK](#) on Tue, 30 Dec 2003 03:04:16 GMT

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I got this unit from Oade.com last week. I had been waiting for its release for 6 months. And I am not disappointed. It replaced a STR-333ES and the difference is noticable. The imaging is great. I actually like the all in one. No need to worry about ICs! I have also been very very pleased with the 2 channel sound. It is running a pair of Goodmans Dimension 8s that are not easy to drive, and they have never sounded better. I used to run these speaks with a MAC5100 int, and what I am hearing now is the Sony just sounds more effortless, more enjoyable. This is only 2nd digital amp I have heard, and I like it. It will be a while before I can be sure it is not just honeymoonitis, and the sound is actually what I am hearing. But first blush is this unit rocks. TommyK

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Subject: Re: Sony AVD S500ES

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 25 Jan 2004 06:47:19 GMT

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I looked for this unit on Oade.com and couldn't find it. Could you post a link?

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Subject: Re: Sony AVD S500ES

Posted by [TommyK](#) on Sun, 25 Jan 2004 11:19:27 GMT

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here [http://www.oade.com/Home\\_theater/sony/sony\\_es/avd-s500es.html](http://www.oade.com/Home_theater/sony/sony_es/avd-s500es.html)

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Subject: Re: Sony AVD S500ES

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 25 Jan 2004 14:36:24 GMT

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Wow - I guess it's so new they don't have a photo online yet. Nice to see some HT gear that isn't medium-fidelity - Seems like there's a lot of HT systems common today that have specs like 10% THD (and they sound like it). Some of 'em sound alright, but many are pretty mediocre. But after going back and re-reading your initial description, sounds like the S500ES must be a hi-fi unit. What do they cost, if you don't mind my asking?

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Subject: Re: Sony AVD S500ES  
Posted by [TommyK](#) on Sun, 25 Jan 2004 15:42:28 GMT  
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Hi fi, Mid fi. Who can say? Marketing defintions. I will say that the AVD and all the digital amplifiers represent a completely different topology that will only improve over time. I will also say that I like what I hear. For HT and moderate 2 channel listening I am very pleased. I would like to try the amp out on speakers that might be able to let it shine. I have run it 2 channel on a pair of Klipsch Hereseys and a pair of Hartley full rangers. These speaks are well suited to my SET amps, and shine with them. The Sony has given them a run for the money and does some things better. But female vocals still sound sweeter with the SETs. The AVD also draws much less juice than the other 'big budget' HTs I have set up. Over time, the bucks add up. My SETs I'll play for a few hours per week. The HT is on from 8 am to 11 pm 7 days a week b/w my wife, the kids, the nanny...I actually forget what I paid at Oade ... but Oade has always given me the best price, without the haggle, and they stand behind what they sell. I highly recommend them for price and service. TommyK

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Subject: Re: Sony AVD S500ES  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 25 Jan 2004 23:29:55 GMT  
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Sounds great! I'll have to check 'em out!

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Subject: I've been using the AVD-S50ES...  
Posted by [DD](#) on Sat, 31 Jan 2004 17:28:36 GMT  
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...the predecessor (differences seem to be only cosmetic) for about 8 months now, driving a set of Dynaudio speakers and a sub. Love it, best bang for the buck I've ever heard, especially on SACD. DD

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