

Product Announcement

Pro-Ject MaiA DS

Compact hi-fi has a new icon.

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Pro-Ject Audio System's Box Design range was created to satisfy the growing trend towards smaller high-performance audio products. In 2013, one of the companies most advanced ever products was released; My Audiophile Integrated Amplifier, or MaiA, set a new standard for functionality and performance in an amplifier that measured just 206 x 200 x 36mm (W x D x H). Now, at the end of 2015, Pro-Ject has introduced a bigger sibling to MaiA for their DS range of high-quality electronics.

MaiA DS provides everything the modern listener needs... Three analogue inputs, three digital inputs, a phono stage, USB streaming and Bluetooth streaming. In addition there are multiple output options including a headphone socket. MaiA DS is a pre-amplifier, an integrated amplifier, a DAC, a headphone amp and a phono stage – all in one box.



While being incredibly feature-rich, MaiA DS still adheres to Pro-Ject Audio System's core beliefs of audiophile-grade sound performance. The 60W per-channel Class D output stage is tuned to perform with a rich, tube-like sound. In the digital portion a high-end PCM1796 Delta-Sigma DAC chip with 24bit / 192kHz high-resolution audio handling from Texas Instruments is used. In addition, the USB input uses XMOS asynchronous streaming technology and the input can also handle up to DSD256 playback (DoP). The 4th generation Bluetooth input is aptX[®] enabled to ensure the highest quality wireless streaming from a smart device. So regardless of the source, quality is guaranteed.

MaiA DS also acts as the perfect amplifier for vinyl aficionados that are tight on space. The switchable MM/MC phono stage built into the amplifier is based on Pro-Ject's hugely successful Phono Box technology. The ability to competently handle both Moving Magnet (MM) and Moving Coil (MC) cartridges means the MaiA DS can support even more sophisticated record player and cartridge combinations.

But where MaiA DS really stands apart from those around it is in the way it's controlled. With the free Box Control Android application, you can gain complete control of the MaiA DS and any other Infra Red (IR) remote-controlled device in your system.* Heinz Lichtenegger, CEO of Pro-Ject Audio Systems, has said:

"We see that people like to control music with an app. The industry offers many streamers where you can control your music content very conveniently. But for your hi-fi amp, CD player or TV, you'll often have multiple remotes or a very expensive control system. With our unique Box Control app and the MaiA DS it is possible to control standard analogue IR products without the need of a Wi-Fi connection!"

So now your amplifier and any other IR-controlled device in your system can be controlled in one application, for ultimate convenience. To make things easier, all IR-controlled Box Design products are pre-programmed into the app, so there's no learning required.

Box Control takes a different approach to other remote systems; so only core controls are accessible through the app, and each device has its own easy-to-understand screen – rather than a myriad of complicated options squashed into one screen.

The final benefit of MaiA DS is that, unlike many other compact solutions which often stand in isolation, MaiA DS is part of a wider family of highly-regarded products. Not only is there the extensive range of world-famous turntables, but there's also the CD Box DS or Stream Box DSnet, which perfectly match the amplifier's aesthetic and high-quality sound performance. From 2016 there will also be an upgrade power supply that will improve the amplifier performance even further. The Power Box MaiA DS will have additional power outputs for up to five products from the Pro-Ject family on the back panel, including any of the new turntable range. MaiA DS owners can therefore buy with confidence, knowing their system doesn't have to stop with just the amp.

MaiA DS does it all, and it does it well.

SRP £699.00

The MaiA DS is available in the UK now in Black or Silver.

For a list of all approved Pro-Ject retailers, visit the 'Where To Buy' section of henleydesigns.co.uk

*iOS support for MaiA DS/Box Control integration coming soon.

Technical Information

Power Output:	2x 40W (8Ω) / 2x 60W (4Ω)
Signal-to-Noise Ratio:	> -90dB (Line) / -90dB (MM) / -75dB (MC)
Channel Separation:	> -65dB
THD + N:	< 0.07% @ 15W
Frequency Response:	20Hz – 20kHz (+0.2dB, -2.5dB)
Analogue Inputs:	3 x RCA Pair (Line) 1 x RCA Pair (MM/MC)
Input Impedance:	50kΩ (Line) / 47kΩ (MM) / 100Ω (MC)
Digital Inputs:	1 x USB 1 x Coax (RCA) 2 x Optical (Toslink) 1 x Bluetooth (Wireless)
D/A Converter:	TI PCM1796 Delta-Sigma
Speaker Connectors:	4mm Ø banana plugs, spade connectors or bare wire
Headphone Output:	6.3mm jack
Headphone Impedance:	16 - 600Ω recommended
Line Outputs:	Subwoofer (fixed) / Power Amp (fixed or variable)
Power Supply:	In-line 24V/5A DC supply
Standby Power:	< 0.5W
Dimensions (W x H x D):	206 x 72 x 165mm
Weight:	1,550g (without power supply)

Notes for Editors



About Box Design by Pro-Ject Audio Systems

Box Design by Pro-Ject Audio Systems is an innovative range of micro hi-fi electronics that spans a variety of price points and target markets. Unlike many other compact audio products, the entire Box Design range not only looks great, but it also guarantees to perform like a quality piece of hi-fi.

Based in Vienna, Austria, Pro-Ject Audio Systems use specialised manufacturing partners – primarily in central Europe – to produce all their products. They are recognised around the world not just for the Box Design range, but also for their extensive range of analogue turntables.



About Henley Designs Ltd.

Everyone has a different interpretation of what good sound is, and at Henley Designs we're no different. We strive to bring customers the best possible selection of hi-fi equipment from a variety of international manufacturers.

Formed in 1997 as the result of a management buy-out of Ortofon UK, Henley Designs Ltd. are one of the UK's premier distributors of quality hi-fi equipment. The brands we distribute are not only highly-regarded in their own right, but they also share a symbiotic relationship with other brands in the portfolio.

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