

Product Announcement

Unison Research Unico CD Uno

Enjoy your digital music library in a totally new way.

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The Unico line from Unison Research has built a reputation on the impressive ability of its amplifiers to successfully merge valve and solid-state technologies, resulting in a powerful, lifelike sound presentation that sets it apart from the crowd. However, the range has also always featured a small variety of digital source devices, so it's with great excitement that today we're announcing the UK availability of the new Unico CD Uno.

After the introduction of the flagship CD Due during 2016, Unison Research set to work on a more affordable disc spinner that also featured a full specification DAC and a Bluetooth module (like the flagship), except at an even more appealing price.



The DAC portion of the CD Uno is equipped with USB and Toslink inputs, which each route through the built-in ESS Sabre ES9018K2M DAC chip and high-quality IV inverter stage featuring a Texas Instruments NE5532AD. The USB input of the CD Uno uses a latest-generation D/A converter to manage signals up to 384kHz PCM and 11,2896MHz DSD, which effectively covers you for almost every format and sampling rate currently available. The Optical input handles up-to 24-bit/96kHz PCM signals, allowing another high-quality source to be connected with ease.

The CD Uno's Bluetooth functionality allows for wireless streaming from any Bluetooth-enabled smart device. Set-up is simple and the integrated aerial avoids the need for any unsightly appendages attached to the back panel. Similarly, the CD player section uses a premium mechanism and sleek drawer-loading system to neatly integrate into the CD Uno's imposing facade. Internally, the CD mechanism is shielded by a thick metal cover, to avoid interference.

What helps the CD Uno stand apart from its competitors is not just its feature set, but its rich, enveloping sound; which owes much of its expression to the valve output stage. The valve stage benefits from Unison Research's unrivalled knowledge of tube technology. The audio stage uses one 12AU7//ECC82 double triode, operating in pure class A, followed by a solid-state discrete buffer still operating in class A for a low impedance output and ideal audio behaviour. To assist in this sound presentation, the internal circuitry is designed to separate the digital portion from the analogue.

The Unico CD Uno makes controlling all its features easy, via the supplied RC2 system remote and its 128x64 OLED screen. The screen offers excellent visibility in all lighting conditions, and can even be switched off during use. Critical information is displayed on the screen in large fonts, and active features are displayed in smaller text. So, it's through the screen that you can also tailor the sound performance to suit. With three switchable filters and even the option to bypass the valves with a "solid-state" output buffer – the CD Uno can suit any high-end system or sound preference.

Enjoy your digital audio like never before with CD Uno.

SRP £2,250.00

**The Unico CD Uno is available across the UK now.
Available in Silver or Black (£100 premium) finish.**

Technical Information

Device:	CD Player, Bluetooth Receiver, External DAC
Digital Inputs:	1 x USB Type B (supports up to 32-bit/384kHz or DSD256 (DoP)) 1 x Toslink™ (supports up to 24-bit / 96kHz)
Bluetooth Receiver:	BT 3.0 (supports 16-bit / 48kHz)
Digital Outputs:	1 x S/PDIF (0.5Vpp, 75Ω Output)
CD Transport:	8829CD-KHM DVD-Loader (only for audio CDs)
Digital Filters:	F1 = high slope and linear phase F2 = high slope and minimum phase F3 = low slope and linear phase
Digital Stage:	ESS Sabre ES9018K2M DAC with jitter eliminator Ultra-low distortion and ultra-low noise IV converter
Analogue Stage:	Double-triode, pure Class A
Valve Complement:	1 x 12AU7 / ECC82
Analogue Outputs:	1 x RCA pair (stereo)
Output Buffer:	Optional “solid-state” buffer
Dimensions (W x D x H):	45 x 38 x 13cm
Net Weight:	10kg

For more technical information, [read the full white paper here](#).

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About Unison Research

Unison Research was founded in 1987 by a small group of audiophile enthusiasts, and since that point the company has garnered a reputation as one of the world's leading valve-focused hi-fi companies. Based in Treviso, Italy, they have a strong focus on audiophile electronics with a particular tendency toward integrated amplifier designs.

The current Unison Research range is represented by the Valve and Unico series, with other accessories including phono stages and headphone amplifiers also available. There's something available for any system, and all products maintain the company's historical reputation of paying due diligence to both sound performance and aesthetic appeal. All internal components and almost all the external parts are locally sourced, while all R&D and assembly is still conducted in house; ensuring each item purchased has been hand-assembled and tested by an expert engineer with an intimate knowledge of good sound.



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