

Product Series Announcement

Pro-Ject X1 and X2 Turntables

The Austrian analogue aficionados update their core mid-priced turntable offering.

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In 1991 Pro-Ject Audio Systems started a revolution in the Hi-Fi industry with the introduction of the Pro-Ject 1 turntable; a new high-end, low-budget turntable released at a time when CD was king. Against all odds, the newly formed Austrian company sought to create interest in analogue audio while most others were turning their backs, and their success was down to three core philosophies:

1. Simplicity yet technical correctness in the design
2. Use only the best available materials for the price
3. Handcraft each product using expert engineers, with production facilities inside Europe

Thanks to these philosophies, the P1 delivered unbelievable sound at a fantastic price; but as is the way in hi-fi, many people still wanted more. So, working to the same core philosophies, the Pro-Ject 2 turntable was introduced, at a higher price, to similar plaudits and success. Both the P1 and P2 turntables have remained part of the Pro-Ject range ever since, travelling through various iterations, and today we're delighted to announce the immediate UK availability of the latest models. The X1 and X2 follow on from the 1 Xpression Carbon and 2 Xperience SB turntables, respectively, and make use of Pro-Ject's latest technologies and abilities to deliver exceptional performance for the price.

Investing in middle- or high-end analogue technologies is increasingly rare in the hi-fi industry, as the affordable and esoteric high-end markets become saturated with choice. However, Pro-Ject have seen that "the middle ground" is still full of passionate audiophiles who wish to avoid poor quality alternatives but cannot afford the high-end price tags. The new X1 and X2 therefore typify Pro-Ject's belief that all analogue enthusiasts need to be catered for with something fresh and interesting, and that analogue playback is still one of the best solutions available to music lovers today.



X1

The X1 is the latest version of Pro-Ject's original record player, still in the range after more than 25 years. The X1 is a cutting-edge turntable that brings high-end analogue technologies to a more affordable price-point.

Structurally the X1 is framed by its over-sized, heavyweight MDF structure. Inside the plinth, it houses a sophisticated DC/AC generator board which, combined with the convenient speed control board (for automatic switching between 33 and 45 RPM as well as additional 78 RPM support), delivers clean

and stable power to the quiet-running motor. For even further improved performance, the motor is decoupled from the main plinth using a new motor suspension system.

In the X1, the motor drives a purpose-made, heavy, non-resonant Acryl platter via a sub-platter drive system and a premium-grade main bearing, for liquid smooth rotation. This is the perfect platform on which to place your precious vinyl records, guaranteeing absolute reliability in its performance and sonic character.

The X1 is also better than its predecessors thanks to the super-stiff, perfectly tempered Carbon/Alu sandwich construction tonearm, inspired by our superior The Classic turntable. This new 8.6" tonearm design is incredibly light and stiff, with improved resistance to external interference. Finished as a one-piece, with no resonance-inducing headshell, the X1 tonearm can also be adjusted for accurate azimuth and VTA settings, allowing advanced analogue audiophiles to fine-tune more than ever before. The tonearm is then supplied with a TPE-damped counterweight, further reducing cartridge/tonearm resonances.

The X1 is packaged to suit anyone who cares about how their vinyl sounds. Supplied as standard with a brand new Pro-Ject Pick-IT S2 MM cartridge (or optionally supplied without a cartridge), manufactured by the cartridge experts at Ortofon but voiced by the design team at Pro-Ject, it can be ready to play within a few minutes of unboxing. Also supplied in the box are a pair of Connect-IT E RCA cables; a semi-balanced, low-capacitance cable with superior shielding that's optimised for turntable use. The turntable is then positioned on three height-adjustable, decoupling Alu/TPE sandwich feet for improved isolation from the structure it's placed upon. For safety when not in use, an acrylic dust cover is also included with the turntable.

The X1 truly represents the epitome of Pro-Ject's core philosophies. Due to the company's extensive experience and meticulous manufacturing processes, they've put resources, time and effort into giving music lovers the best sound for their money, rather than cutting corners to save on costs. From the sophisticated motor drive system, on to the specially selected cartridge, the audiophile tonearm, the purpose-designed feet, the hand-cut acrylic platter and beyond; X1 delivers a luxury level of audio and technical excellence that belies the mid-level price tag.

The X1 is available in 3 finishes; a premium walnut wood veneer or a luxurious black or white eight-layer gloss paint.

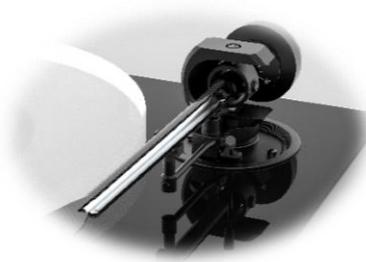
Say goodbye to unnecessary features, and hello to quality audio once again, with Pro-Ject X1.

SRP: £699.00 (£599.00 without cartridge)

The Pro-Ject X1 is available in stores now.



New motor isolation system



New Carbon/Alu one-piece tonearm



Convenient speed controller built-in as standard



X2

The X2 is a luxury high-end turntable that delivers sonically and technically while maintaining a high aesthetic appeal – but without an esoteric price tag. Employing Pro-Ject's latest audio technologies, it stands apart in a market awash with "me-too" analogue products.

Structurally the X2 is supported by its large, heavy, dense and stiff MDF structure, reducing unwanted resonances to almost imperceptible levels. By adding this extra mass, the X2 is even quieter than previous versions, allowing the vinyl reproduction to become cleaner and more precise. Inside, it houses a sophisticated DC/AC generator board which, combined with the convenient speed control board (for automatic switching between 33 and 45 RPM as well as additional 78 RPM support), delivers clean and stable power to the silent motor system. For even further improved performance, the motor is carefully balanced and suspended on a precision tuned TPE belt; this way the motor chassis is effectively decoupled from the main plinth.

In the X2, the motor drives a new, heavy, non-resonant Acryl platter via a sub-platter drive system and a premium grade main bearing for liquid smooth rotation. This is the perfect platform on which to place your precious vinyl records, guaranteeing absolute reliability in its performance and sonic character.

The X2 also benefits from a super-stiff, precisely tempered Carbon/Alu sandwich construction tonearm with a wider tube, inspired by our superior The Classic turntable. This 9" tonearm design is incredibly light and stiff, with improved resistance to external interference and better internal damping. Finished as a one-piece, with no resonance-inducing headshell, the X2 tonearm can also be adjusted for accurate azimuth and VTA settings, allowing advanced analogue audiophiles to fine-tune more than ever before. The tonearm is then supplied with a TPE-damped counterweight, further reducing cartridge/tonearm resonances.

The X2 is packaged to suit anyone who cares about how their vinyl sounds. Supplied as standard with the popular Ortofon 2M Silver cartridge (or optionally supplied without a cartridge), manufactured by the cartridge experts at Ortofon specifically for Pro-Ject turntables, it can be ready to play within a few minutes of unboxing. Also supplied in the box are a pair of Connect-IT E RCA cables; a semi-balanced, low-capacitance cable with superior shielding that's optimised for turntable use. The turntable is then positioned on three height-adjustable, decoupling Alu/TPE sandwich feet for improved isolation from the structure it's placed upon. For safety when not in use, an acrylic dust cover is also included with the turntable.

The X2 is fine-tuned to focus on audio excellence. It has all the features needed for convenient day-to-day use, but no superfluous add-ons that start to negatively impact the sonic character. The end result is a highly engaging, musical turntable that delivers deep, detailed lows, crisp high frequencies

and an engaging well-presented midrange. But due to Pro-Ject's advanced manufacturing experience, while delivering great sound the X2 is also a beautiful piece of engineering that can stand proud as the focal point in any home environment.

The X2 is available in four finishes; a premium walnut wood veneer, a luxurious black 8-layer high gloss paint, or black or white eight-layer hand-polished satin paint.

SRP: £999.00 (£899.00 without cartridge)

The Pro-Ject X2 will be available in stores from late-July.



New motor isolation system



New Carbon/Alu one-piece tonearm



Convenient speed controller built-in as standard

Technical Information

X1

Speeds:	33, 45, 78 (electronic speed change)	
Principle:	Belt Drive	
Speed Variance:	33: 0.30%	45: 0.25%
Wow & Flutter:	33: 0.15%	45: 0.13%
Platter:	20mm thick, 1.5kg acrylic	
Main Bearing:	Stainless Steel / Brass	
Tonearm:	8.6" Carbon/Aluminium Sandwich Construction	
Effective Arm Length:	218.5mm	
Overhang:	18 mm	
Effective Tonearm Mass:	10.0g	
Tracking Force Range:	0 – 30mN	
Included Accessories:	Dust Cover, Connect-IT E RCA phono cable, Felt mat	
Power Supply:	15V DC	
Power Consumption:	5.0W max. / < 0.3W standby	
Dimensions (W x H x D):	415 x 125 x 335 mm	
Weight:	7kg net.	

X2

Speeds:	33, 45, 78 (electronic speed change)	
Principle:	Belt Drive	
Speed Variance:	33: 0.25%	45: 0.20%
Wow & Flutter:	33: 0.12%	45: 0.10%
Signal-to-Noise:	70dB	
Platter:	30mm thick, 2.0kg acrylic	
Main Bearing:	Stainless Steel	
Tonearm:	9" Carbon/Aluminium Sandwich Construction	
Effective Arm Length:	230.0mm	
Overhang:	18 mm	
Effective Tonearm Mass:	13.5g	
Tracking Force Range:	0 – 30mN	
Included Accessories:	Dust Cover, Connect-IT E RCA phono cable, Felt mat	
Power Supply:	15V DC	
Power Consumption:	4.5W max. / 0.3W standby	
Dimensions (W x H x D):	460 x 150 x 340 mm	
Weight:	10kg net.	

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About Pro-Ject Audio Systems

Pro-Ject Audio Systems are widely recognised as one of the finest turntable manufacturers in the world. Their mission is simply to produce the best sounding analogue components at the most competitive prices possible. The current range spans a huge variety of price points, with a variety of products targeted to key demographics or to accommodate any of the modern listener's unique requirements.

Based in the Austrian countryside, Pro-Ject Audio Systems use specialised manufacturing partners to produce all their products, and the entire turntable range is assembled with great skill, care and attention in the Czech Republic.



About Henley Audio

Henley Audio has been importing and distributing industry-leading hi-fi equipment to the UK and Ireland since 1997. With a passion for great sound and a firm focus on brand integrity, we work to deliver excellence in both product and service.

Formed as the result of a management buy-out of Ortofon UK, Henley Designs Ltd. (trading as Henley Audio) operates in-house sales, marketing, service, support and warehouse teams in order to offer the full turn-key solution for suppliers. The brands we represent are not only highly-regarded in their own right, but they also share a symbiotic relationship with other brands in our portfolio.

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