

Distribution Announcement

Revised Roon Nucleus and Nucleus+ Servers Land in the UK

The premium server solution gets a new look and shifts production to the USA.

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Since its introduction in 2015, Roon has transformed the experience of browsing music. Artist photos, credits, bios, reviews, lyrics, tour dates and composers are located automatically within the software and then interconnected by links to build a surfable, searchable digital magazine for your music collection. Roon finds all the same links between your personal files and the millions of tracks available on TIDAL™ and Qobuz™, so you can start with the music you know, then explore and discover new music beyond your own collection.

In addition to music browsing, Roon is also a multi-room, multi-user networked audio platform built to the exacting standards of audiophiles. It offers features like bit-perfect playback, DSD and PCM upsampling, multi-channel playback and signal path display. Roon plays to a number of different types of devices on your home network and can be controlled from a single control app.

For these reasons, Roon Labs released its Nucleus and Nucleus+ servers in 2018. Built on Intel® Core™ i3 (Nucleus) and i7 (Nucleus+) processors, they delivered the ultimate Roon experience, regardless of your environment. Boasting a purpose-built OS for rock-solid performance and a unique set of features, they have quickly established themselves in both the high-performance home audio and custom install markets as the ideal core for any digital audio system, and something that will “*add immeasurably to your listening experience*”.¹

Today Henley Audio are delighted to announce the imminent UK availability of a new, revised version of these popular servers. The Nucleus and Nucleus+ retain the specifications of the previous version, but benefit from new production facilities, a new facelift and some revised features.



Nucleus and Nucleus+ units are now being manufactured at a new production facility in California, USA, and in the move Roon Labs have taken the opportunity to revise the chassis into a wider, deeper and shallower form, while retaining the same passive cooling system as the previous iteration. The internal layout has also been changed to allow for internal SATA drives up to 15mm deep (the previous version could only accommodate 9mm drives), and the inclusion of a second HDMI output on the back panel. There is also more eco-friendly packaging used with the new version.

¹ Quote from Hi-Fi News, Volume 63 No. 5, May 2018

The changes made in the 2019 Nucleus and Nucleus+ have no real-world impact on the product specifications (like library size or zone count) or user experience (sound quality or speed). In implementing these changes, Roon Labs have also managed to retain the same price as the original version, and stock is available across the UK during September 2019.

SRP £1,500.00 (Nucleus) / £2,500.00 (Nucleus+)

The Roon Nucleus and Nucleus+ are available across the UK now.

To find your local Roon retailer, please visit www.henleyaudio.co.uk



Roon Nucleus and Nucleus+ Product Description

Nucleus is the center of your Roon music system. It's the housekeeper, the traffic cop, and the brain that takes care of the music in your life. Using Nucleus, Roon manages all your music – on hard drives, NAS, and streaming content – and allows you to play it on all the audio devices around your home. Nucleus is the best way to run Roon, at any price.

Just plug Nucleus into your network, connect your hard drives, download Roon remote apps (iOS, Android, macOS, Windows) and you'll be ready to play music using a wide variety of audio devices.

Aside from being a powerful, fanless music server, what sets Nucleus apart is that it's powered by Roon OS – a fast and lightweight operating system optimised to do just one thing: browse and play music. Roon is a multi-room, multi-user networked audio platform built to the exacting standards of audiophiles, so it offers features like bit-perfect playback, DSD and PCM upsampling, multichannel playback, and signal path display.

As well as distributing music throughout your home, Nucleus also offers the very finest performance possible when connected to a USB DAC. A computer source has never sounded this good before.

Key Features

- Manages your music stored on USB hard drives, Network Attached Storage (NAS), and streamed content from TIDAL™ and Qobuz™
- Runs Roon OS and is controlled by dedicated Roon apps
- Roon OS boasts exclusive features that are only available to Nucleus customers
- Silent design with no fans or moving parts
- Requires a Roon subscription

Technical Information

	Nucleus	Nucleus+
Library Capacity:	Up to 10,000 albums (100,000 tracks)	Over 10,000 albums (100,000 tracks)
Multi-Room Streaming	Up to 6 Simultaneous Zones	Over 6 Simultaneous Zones
DSP Capability:	All DSP functions available in the PCM domain. Certain combinations of functions using DSD source or destination formats, up-sampling, or multichannel processing may not be possible.	All DSP functions available
Input Voltage:	12-19V DC	
I/O Ports:	2 x USB 3.0 (<i>can be used for hard drive and/or DAC</i>) 2 x HDMI (<i>stereo and multi-channel audio output</i>)	
Internal Drive:	2.5" SATA SSD or HDD up to 15mm drive height	
Dimensions:	267mm (W) x 267mm (D) x 61mm (H)	
Home Automation:	Control4® and Crestron® Drivers	
Weight:	3.2kg (excluding power supply)	



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About Roon Labs

Roon Labs was founded in January 2015 by a team that started working together ten years earlier. Their first company was Sooloos, which produced an embedded multi-room music server system with storage, audio playback, and touch-screen kiosk devices. Upon its launch in 2006, Sooloos received critical acclaim and became the gold standard in high-end audio systems. Sooloos was acquired by Meridian Audio in late 2008, where the team developed (among other things) a desktop music player for HP that has shipped on over 50 million PCs since its introduction.

The team at Roon Labs proudly state that "*music is very much in our DNA*", so on exiting Meridian at the beginning of 2015 the team were devoted to developing a world-class music experience in software. Roon launched as a desktop music app in May 2015 and won product of the year awards from Stereophile magazine, ComputerAudiophile.com, and Digital Audio Review. Only two years later, and Roon was supported by over 50 respected audio equipment manufacturers for streaming, storage and USB playback. With this increase in exposure, more people than ever are choosing to use Roon as the optimal front-end experience for their whole-home audio systems.



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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