

# Ortofon

## 2M Blue 100 stylus



### THIS YEAR REPRESENTS

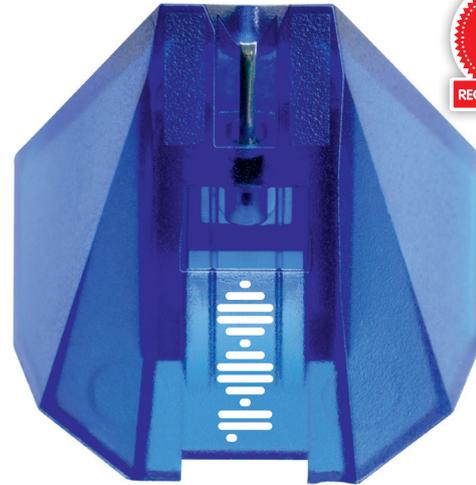
Ortofon's 100th year in business and to celebrate, a selection of products will wear special '100' branding over the course of the coming 12 months. First up is the 100 version of the 2M Blue that will be available for a limited time. This is mechanically identical to the existing 2M Blue and features a nude elliptical stylus on the end of a tapered cantilever.

### The 100 club

The real appeal of the Anniversary is that the price in the UK is £110, which is currently £25 cheaper than the 2M Blue stylus and means that the dozens of 2M Red and Silver models that have been sold in recent years can all be updated to 2M Blue specification at a very cost-effective price. As a matter of interest, I discover a secondhand 2M Red with a bent cantilever for sale on ebay for

£15 including postage, which would be an ideal candidate to have an Anniversary stylus bolted on for a very good value cart.

Placed on an SME M2-9 tonearm running on a Michell GyroDec, the Anniversary stylus doesn't do anything different to a regular 2M Blue and this is an extremely good thing. The Blue offers up a happy balance of detail, force and sweetness, which ensures that it hammers through Josefín Öhrn + The Liberation's *Mirage* with a pleasing balance of propulsive force and refinement. Öhrn's ephemeral vocals are well captured and held centre stage and there is an almost liquid quality to the upper registers as well as excellent three dimensionality to the stereo image. Bass might not be the deepest going, but it is certainly well controlled and packs plenty of detail.



As you might expect, the Anniversary stylus doesn't go quite as far as rewriting the rules of vinyl playback, but it does mean that you can upgrade any 2M Red – one of the most commonly encountered pre-fitted cartridges going – for a very competitive price, and that can only be seen as a good thing. **ES**

### DETAILS

**PRICE**  
£110

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