

Nagra CDP and CDC

\$13,495 and \$14,995

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Whether you choose the volume-controllable CDC(ontroller) or the straight CDP(layer), Nagra's superbly executed designs rank among the finest of today's ultra-pricey compact-disc players. For the ultimate in simplicity, meaning a system made up of a CD player, amp, and speakers, some users will opt for the CDC, which allows you to drive a power amplifier directly from the disc player's outputs. This said, the slightly less costly CDP's straighter signal path retrieves somewhat more musical detail, air, dynamic nuance, and emotional expression. Either way, both of these Swiss-made gems share the same beautifully built and remarkably compact brushed-aluminum chassis, and offer outstanding tonal purity, openness, transparency to the source, clarity and resolution, and sheer loveliness of sound. These Nagras are the Patek Philippes of CD players. Reviewed by WG, Issue 176