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The new £1.670 Performance turntable presents a truly high-end analogue turntable in a fit-and-forget package of elegant appearance and design philosophy, says Clearaudio. Most interesting is its use of the latest patented Clearaudio Ceramic Magnetic Bearing. The main bearing shaft of the Performance is machined from an exclusive new ceramic alloy, allowing a much finer polished surface than that previously obtainable in turntable bearings. As the bearing does not use a ball bearing nor a thrust pad of any kind, it avoids any point of load and so eliminates bearing friction, wear and noise. The Clearaudio Performance chassis is precision manufactured from High Density Fibreboard within an aluminium frame, which is then sandwiched between two layers of 'Staron' artificial stone. The separate motor is entirely isolated from the chassis, driving the precision-machined 40mm thick GS-PMMA acrylic platter via a Clearaudio 'silent belt'. This joint-less silicon based drive belt transfers less noise into the platter than traditional rubber types. The deck is also fitted with Clearaudio's Satisfy Carbon Directwire tonearm sporting magnetic bias compensation, sapphire and ceramic bearings, woven carbon fibre arm tube. Completing the package is

Clearaudio's top of the range Maestro Wood moving magnet cartridge. The satiné wood body provides the perfect mechanical match for the Satisfy Carbon tonearm. Vital statistics are 420x330x130mm and 10kg. For details, contact Audio Reference on +44(0)1252 702705 or click on www.audioreference.co.uk.