

Extension of the

Combat zone



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Remembering well the test of big brother Xtension 10, we find that both are on the same wavelength. Even though the younger brother delivers a very lively performance, the sound arrangement still is smooth and clearly arranged. Both feature a heavy mass block around the magnetic supported platter bearing, that should absorb unwanted vibration like a black hole. Performance is slightly less as unshakeable, but you can not deny their cousinship.

The huge orchestra stood there firmly positioned between the speakers with precise differentiation in depth and having enough air between the instruments. Xtension 9 easily could give the impression to be the master of the game and with loads of sensitivity for low volume parts of the music.

PRO-JECT XTENSION 9 EVO.



Everyone believing that Pro-Ject only does entry-level stuff has to make up his mind.

Xtension 9 Evolution sets a mark, both in sound quality, first-class workmanship and clever solutions. As a non-compromise SuperPack Edition it surely can not be beaten at this price.

CONFIGURATION

External power supply, electronic motor control, adjustable feet with magnetic decoupling, 800gr platter puck, lid

STEREO-TEST

Sound quality **80%**

PRICE / PERFORMANCE



OUTSTANDING

The access into Highend

Not only against in-house rivals Xtension 9 Evolution was able to score, but it also is able to match with the representatives of the audiophile upper-class, which is more expensive or delivered without cartridge for the given price of 2500 Euros.

The Pro-Ject easily can be identified with his calm and stable pace, full-blooded and shaggy bass, colourful mids and exactly defined treble. The cartridge Quintet Black strongly supports this characteristics and is

Pro-Jects pralles „SuperPack“

SuperPacks offer product combinations for a lot less than summing up standard retail prices. Xtension 9 comes with top MC Quintet „Black“ cartridge (€ 800), Phono cable 5P CC (€ 145), which is available with RCA or XLR plugs. This SuperPack saves around € 900.

Evolution gibt's mit Ortofon MC Quintet „Black“, Spitzenmodell einer neuen Linie, das solo mit 800



zwischen einer unsymmetrischen und einer Variante mit XLR-Steckern wählen darf. Unser Tipp: Wer symmetrisch anschließen kann, sollte dies auch tun!



equipped with a nude „Shibata“ stylus mounted on a boron cantilever. And the interconnect cable transfers it all. The extremely competitive entry-level turntable segment of Pro-Ject is now strengthened with a new combatant from the Highend world.

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