

## **CES 2012 : Krell unveils new integrated and preamp models**

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### **Stereo Phantom III preamplifier and S-550i Stereo integrated amp.**



Both models are due on sale in the second quarter of 2012 and will retail for \$5000 each.

The Phantom III – one of our Stars of CES 2012 – is the first Krell preamp to include an optional digital input module and a headphone input.

The digital module features AES/EBU, coaxial and optical digital inputs for use with streaming devices or other digital sources. The digital module supports up to 24-bit/192kHz audio. The Phantom III utilizes a true dual monaural design, having separate power supplies and circuit boards for the left and right channels. Headphone amplification circuitry is reported to be identical to the main amplification circuitry, thus providing similar levels of performance.

The digital module supports is available for an extra \$1000.



The second new product being features is the S-550i integrated amp. This new integrated amplifier incorporates an iPod dock, balanced and single - ended inputs, RS-232 connectivity. The integrated preamplifier leverages the circuit designs from the Phantom III preamplifier. Power output on the new S-550i uses a 1750VA toroidal transformer and 68,000 microfarads of capacitance to provide a rated 275 wpc.