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The <u>SME Model 8</u> is no exception it's not merely a turntable, but a triumph of craftsmanship that elevates vinyl playback to an art form. Building on the legacy of the Model 6 series, the Model 8 introduces a remarkable 40% increase in mass, delivering unparalleled stability and resonance control in its class. This is a turntable that embodies SME's relentless pursuit of perfection, blending cutting-edge technology with a striking aesthetic that's as functional as it is beautiful.

Engineered for Sonic Purity

The Model 8's foundation is its CNC-machined plinth, crafted from a unique high-density polymer resin. This innovative material offers a winning combination of high mass, a compact footprint, and exceptional resonance absorption—key factors in ensuring your records sound as pristine as the day they were pressed. The main bearing, spindle, and drive pulleys are precision-engineered to the exacting standards found across SME's high-end turntable lineup, guaranteeing flawless rotation and minimal interference. Every detail of the Model 8 reflects SME's dedication to performance, making it a standout choice for audiophiles who demand nothing less than the best.





Cutting-Edge Control and Design

A highlight of the Model 8 is its next-generation electronic speed control unit, a sophisticated system that allows for fine pitch adjustments across a wide range. This ensures your vinyl plays at the perfect speed, preserving the integrity of every track with remarkable accuracy. Complementing this technical prowess are machined aluminum finishers on the isolation feet, which not only enhance stability but also complete the turntable's sleek, polished look. The Model 8 is as much a visual statement as it is an audio marvel, available in three stunning paint finishes: classic SME Black, crisp White, and the evocative Midnight Blue, each accented with contrasting details.

The Perfect Pairing

No SME turntable would be complete without a tonearm of equal caliber, and the Model 8 proudly features the renowned SME 309. Known for its precision and balance, this tonearm is paired with internal Crystal Cable wiring as standard, ensuring signal purity from cartridge to amplifier. Together, they create a seamless synergy that extracts every nuance from your vinyl collection, delivering sound that's rich, detailed, and utterly captivating.

A Masterpiece for the Modern Listener

The SME Model 8 is more than a tool for playing records—it's a testament to what's possible when engineering and artistry converge. Its increased mass and resonance control set a new





benchmark in its category, while its elegant design and customizable finishes make it a centerpiece worthy of any high-end audio setup. Whether you're spinning a rare pressing or a modern reissue, the Model 8 promises an experience that's as immersive as it is refined.

For those who seek the pinnacle of vinyl playback, the SME Model 8 is a worthy investment—a masterpiece that honors the past while embracing the future. Contact your nearest SME dealer to explore this exceptional turntable and hear the difference for yourself.