



The Zanden Audio CD Replay System

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It's not often that words like "fluid", "tactile", "involving", "natural textures" and "musical life" grace a CD player review. But then, not many CD players look like, cost as much as, or sound like the Zanden Model 2000 Premium CD Transport and Model 5000 Mk. IV Signature D/A converter. And if the name seems like a mouthful it's nothing compared to the chunk of humble pie all those analogue die-hards will be swallowing (and their brains will be trying to assimilate). Include me in the latter category; never have I heard a CD player that can rival the sonic performance of the best analogue sources – until now; never have I had a CD player that can recreate the power and emotional range of a musical performance as well as a good record player – until now; never have I lain awake at night wondering just how to scrape the money together to buy a CD

player – until now. And don't be fooled by the exquisite appearance and construction; this player is much, much more than just a pretty face. In sheer musical terms, the Zanden is so much more involving, so much more satisfying, than any other digital system I've used that it



has forever changed the hi-fi landscape. The horizon has tilted at a crazy angle and the facts of musical life have changed. Viciously expensive, this player will remain a pipedream for many, but its performance won't. It's in that promise that its real importance

lies: unless of course, you simply must have the best – now.



Price:

Model 2000 Premium Transport

£19000

Model 5000 Mk. IV D/A Converter

£12500

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