



Lindemann Audio Musicbook COMBO

WINNER
INTEGRATED STREAMING AMPLIFIER



Lindemann's elegant Musicbook COMBO is a deceptively powerful and flexible device. Delivering a healthy 70W into eight ohms, the amp includes a network player, DAC, and MM phono stage and two line-level analogue inputs. You can connect it to A2DP-compatible Bluetooth devices, local network, and online streaming services via a router, you can play thumb drives or even CDs from a CD-ROM drive inserted into the rear USB connector. There's a good quality headphone socket. It upconverts any PCM signal to DSD as standard (using a AK4137 upsampler), but this can be deactivated and any PCM signals are kept bit-perfect by the twin AK4493 DACs and synchronised against an ultraprecise MEMS-Femtoclock. It can be run wired or wirelessly (within 10m from a wireless router) into your Local Area Network. It's fully Roon Ready, works with Tidal Connect, Qobuz, High Res Audio.com, Spotify Connect, Deezer and more. There is also

a multi-room feature. Everything is driven from Lindemann's own iOS or Android app, although there are basic controls on the COMBO itself and a mini-remote with track handling functionality.

In our test, Alan Sircom said, "the sound of the COMBO is exceptionally clear and clean, cutting a fine balance and always staying on the right side of 'clinical'. Perhaps most noticeable is that this 'spring water' sound applies universally."

He concluded by saying, "the Lindemann Musicbook COMBO is one of the ways good audio reaches those it presently cannot. It's small enough to be domestically acceptable. It's powerful enough to drive the loudspeakers it will most likely partner with and sounds good while doing so. It's made to be not just app-chummy but live happily in that domain and the app itself works extremely well. If this is the face of audio's future, it's a bright and rosy one!"

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