

Best hi-fi of 2024



CAD USB Control

Monday, December 2, 2024
Chris Baillie

This product opened my eyes and ears to how much noise exists within digital components. I had already heard a prototype of this device before my sample of the USB Control was left with me to try, so I knew it would work, but the finished product went much further than the early sample. Even used with a low-noise server such as Melco's flagship N1-S38, the background was quieter, the soundstage was bigger and more holographic, and music breathed more naturally. Impressively, it even worked with my TV box. At £675, the USB Control represents a significant outlay for a pocket-sized component, but as both the editor and I discovered, it produced benefits that were often beyond what you might expect from spending a similar amount elsewhere in your system. Like all of the products from CAD that I have tried, the USB Control makes music more relaxing and enjoyable to listen to. As Yuletide approaches, this could be the perfect stocking filler.