

BEST UP TO £300-600

Rega P3-24/Elys 2 £508
Move up a couple of rungs on the Rega ladder and you come to the P3-24/Elys 2 combination.

Like all Rega decks, the P3-24 is an uncomplicated device. It shares the same simple structural design as the budget RP1, but includes better quality parts all-round. Build quality and finish are confidence inspiring.

This is the fourth year this package has won some kind of Award from us, and it only takes a short listen to understand why.

This is an extremely assured performer that never gets fazed by complex music or dynamic extremes. It has an upbeat presentation that always keeps

the listener engaged, and a cohesiveness that puts the emphasis on the music rather than the mechanics of hi-fi.

Class-leading presentation

Not that this Rega has trouble with timing, dynamics and detail retrieval: in each of these areas it's class leading at this price level. It means REM's *Everybody Hurts* is as emotionally compelling as it gets, while hard-charging music such as Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* is just as frantic and exciting as it should be.

Looked at one way, it's a shame that nothing we've heard in the past four years has bettered this player at this price. On the other hand, this Rega sets a sky-high standard - so we're not too upset.

