

## Turntables



Delphi MK V

Didn't these go the way of the dinosaur? No, says Lynn Ethier, spokesperson for Quebec-based audio maker **Oracle**. The company's **Delphi MK V** vinyl turntable set a gold standard when it came on the market in 1995, and it's stayed there ever since. With diamond-tool-cut parts housed in a temple of brushed aluminum, the Delphi is so beautiful you'll wax rhapsodic before you even hear a note.

But it isn't just beautiful. Its "groove isolation" technology absorbs extraneous vibrations--from footsteps, speakers, even from the turntable motor--allowing the stylus to pick up the most minute details. Most of the 150 units Oracle makes per year are snatched up in Europe, Ethier says, "because the access to vinyl is greater than here in North America."



Oracle CD 2500

The MKV lists for \$4,565 for the turntable alone, without the tone arm or cartridge. (A tone arm or cartridge can add several thousand dollars more to the overall cost.) Oracle's

**CD 2500** player (\$9,845), which echoes the Delphi's beauty and technology, is even rarer, at only 100 units per year. No wonder even used Oracle components command stiff prices among bidders on eBay.

(These models are also available in black and gold with a granite base, sending the price of the turntable to \$6,025 and the CD player to \$11,410.)  
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