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HRT Music Streamer Pro

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We have already HRT products - High Resolution Technologies - discussed. The Music and Music Streamer Streamer + are beautiful products for music lovers who want more music from their laptop or HTPC out. Now the Pro's turn: a high-end USB DAC with balanced outputs.



The HRT Music Streamer Pro: the definitive end of the CD player. What sounds good hey!

In [the previous review](#) of the HRT Music Streamer we indicated that the word "streamer" is misleading. HRT is not a music streamer streamer in the pure sense, but a USB dac. PC 'streams', although data via USB, but that is not streaming audio as we know from the network. It is something to be reckoned with if you want to buy this device.

Basic

The HRT Music Streamer Pro - like all HRT's - a very basic device. It really is a case 'What You See Is What You Get'. The Pro is just a stereo USB dac. Point. To take into use, disconnect the HRT with a USB cable (not included, unfortunately), to the PC. The PC recognizes the Music Streamer and external sound card and then sends all data via USB to the D / A converter. You do not need drivers and does basically nothing to change the settings on your computer. Simple. Plug and play like it should.

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The print of the Music Streamer Pro. Excellent parts and completely balanced.

Example of what the Pro Plus distinguishes the balanced output. Internally, there are still some (minor) differences, but we come into the review of the Music Streamer Plus back. To get Balanced Pro, is of course a balanced circuit is needed. If the base PCM1794A HRT D / A converter caught. This is suitable for a balanced circuit. Sits behind a 5534A four op-amps. Behind this series we find another pair 4131C opamps that the signal finally to the mini-XLR connectors send.

Striking at the Pro is that we see the same USB input design as with the 'old' Plus. We take the same example TAS1020B USB streaming controller from Texas Instruments on the board, as the same layout around it. This is not a criticism, because it was neatly arranged in the Plus.

Clean



The center of the Pro PCM1794A a dac.

In the previous review can be read - or have you already read - that we ought to talk about Streamers of HRT. The Plus was audible up fancier than the standard version, but considerably more expensive. Pro is doing this even further to 499 euros. That is a whopping 370 euros more than the entry-level ... that of course puts you think.

We combine the HRT Music Streamer Pro to our HTPC. Recognizes this problem the Music Streamer. The Streamer then we connect to the VM which MA350 Lentus a set of Audio Duo's drives. Wiring is Van Medevoort (Q series) and Art Speak (netbekabeling)



The USB input on the Music Streamer Pro is very similar to that of the Streamer Plus.

Most striking in the Music Streamer is incredibly clean, quiet and smooth presentation. We typically use a V-

- Fantastic. Invention of the century!
- Interesting, but other media as well.
- I do not know yet.
- Terrible! Away with it!
- I can say nothing: no experience

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Dac with S-booster and a separate power supply. However, these Pro makes it really minced.

If we Sarah McLachlan's new album up (or click, whatever you want), we hear a very coherent representation. The stereo image extends neatly from wall to wall and will also clean up the Ussen Lent. So we know it from the serious CD players! Sarah's voice is firmly in the middle, behind and beside her guidance. We can not believe we have a PC music playing, so this sounds good. This is undoubtedly hi or even high-end ... if we do not want to be hasty.

Striking is the highly fluid field. High-hats are wonderfully mild, but very rich in detail. This also applies to the middle. Male voices are especially suitable for these tests. We hear absolutely no "veil" of Sarah's voice. Each swipe the paint is beautiful and never boring down on the ears. In the low, we hear plenty of foundation. This gives the album a pleasant heat it.

The harder work knows the Pro with it. We click our way through the flac folder to Muse. We select the new album: The Resistance. We put the song on Unnatural Selection, a great rock song with nice raw guitar work. The Pro is fortunately not too soft and let the hard edges of the distortion on the guitar great to hear. Energetic, pure, raw ... fantastic!

Unstoppable



The mini-XLR output Streamer Pro, we are missing a description for left and right ...

Occasionally we run against a product that ensures that we do not want to stop playing. The HRT Music Streamer Pro is one such product. Everything we set up, sounds delicious. Pop, ballad, rock, house ... we can give an entire list of test numbers, but it simply comes down to is that the Pro version of HRT everything is wonderful. This is our proof that the CD player's best days have had. This is the future of music play: httpc or a laptop, a nice USB DAC out and enjoy all your way through the music button.

Conclusion

The key question in 'simple' USB DACs in this price range remains: is it worth the money? For 499 euros buys you an entire Sonos or Squeezebox streaming audio player. And you will keep more money! But yes, those devices do not offer the sound quality but this HRT Music Streamer Pro Pro realizes ... This is really music. The Music Streamer Pro is simply a great device ... perhaps with a limited audience, but that does not affect the quality. Definitely a must.



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