

2010 Exceptional Value

Clearaudio Concept Turntable

MSRP: \$1,400 (cartridge not included)

www.clearaudio.de

Review: TONEAudio website

Though there are quite a few great choices in this highly competitive price range, the Clearaudio Concept redefines what is possible for \$1,400, revealing more music than we've yet experienced at this price point. With your eyes closed and a great cartridge, you could be fooled into thinking this table costs quite a bit more.

The Concept is exquisitely built and incredibly versatile, with 33.3, 45 and 78 rpm speeds easily set with a control knob right on the plinth. Set up is straightforward, and even an analog novice should be able to be

spinning records in no time. And the sound is clean, powerful and big, with a substantial amount of analog magic, especially if you've spent a few extra bucks on a good cartridge. Many audiophiles may never feel the need to go beyond the Concept.

If you'd like to order your table completely "set and forget," your dealer can send it with the Concept MM cartridge for only \$100 extra or the Concept MC cartridge for an additional \$800 pre-installed. All you need to do is attach the counterweight and roll

