

The C-Major is the latest deck from EAT (European Audio Team), and is also the company's least costly design at £1,995 (including the matching C-Note tonearm). It follows in the footsteps of the company's widely acclaimed C-Sharp deck (£2,500), but at a price that vinyl newbies won't scoff at froe much, at least).

It features a high-mass aluminium platter and a sub-chassis constructed from a sandwich of carbon fibre and MDF.

The sub-chassis is separated from the main chassis via thermoplastic elastomer columns to isolate from vibration, and the tonearm tube is also fashioned from carbon fibre for its rigidity and excellent strength-to-weight ratio.

EAT manufacturers in the same factory as Pro-Ject (see opposite), which happens to be the world's largest specialist turntable manufacturer.

£1,995, absolutesounds.com



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In my mind, there's no better album to test a turntable. The title track is multi-layered has an amazing vocal and contains one of the best guitar salos ever. I find it impossible not to get the air guitar out!