

2011 Product of the Year

OVERALL

Rega Brio-R Amplifier

\$995

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Rega's diminutive amp gets the overall nod simply because of its high level of quality; the Brio-R goes far beyond clichéd "bang for the buck" performance. It is a serious high-end amplifier, up to task in a system comprised of some of the world's finest components. You won't believe that this small, 50-watt-per-channel amplifier drives the Magnepan 1.7s to a decent level until you experience it.

In typical Rega fashion, emphasis is first placed on sound quality and functionality. An excellent MM phonostage and basic remote are also part of the package.