

Inside Hegel

Both H600 and Viking wins EISA!



We are so excited! Not in our wildest dreams did we dare to believe we would win an EISA award for both High-End Streaming Amplifier and High-End CD Player in 2023. But we did!



This year we are releasing two completely different products. One is a CD player, and the other is a streaming amplifier. These products could not be further apart in terms of electronics, mechanical design, features, and use. What unites them is the fact that Hegel makes them. Our philosophy regarding sound, keeping distortions to a minimum and preserving as much of the original music signal as possible, is at the

heart of every product we make. So even though these products are vastly different, they both originate from our founding principle — to make music as transparent and engaging as possible. With this year's two EISA awards, it seems our way of doing things is appreciated by the HiFi magazines, and hopefully, also by all others that listen to our products. We trust that the Viking and H600 duo will be a great success!

EISA High-End Streaming Amplifier 2023-24 Hegel H600

Benefiting from an upgraded digital stage built around a new DAC chip and network board, Hegel's H600 is a worthy successor to the spectacular H590 streaming amplifier. The company's bespoke SoundEngine 2 error-cancelling technology is on hand to deliver a sound with abundant detail and control, aided by a comprehensively redesigned preamp stage that guarantees an organic, honest and compelling performance. All flavours of loudspeaker are welcome, thanks to the H600's hugely powerful '2x303W' output. Generous connectivity, in addition to its LAN port, includes digital inputs on USB-B (384kHz/32-bit; DSD256), three on optical and two via coaxial sockets. Aesthetically pleasing and easy to use, this flagship integrated is a tour de force.

H600 Reference Amplifier

Power output:	2 x 303W in 8 ohms, Dual Mono
Minimum load:	2 ohms
Analog inputs:	2 x Balanced (XLR) 2 x Unbalanced (RCA)
Digital outputs:	1 x Coaxial (BNC) S/PDIF 24/192
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Line level outputs:	1 x Unbalanced fixed (RCA), 1 x Unbalanced variable (RCA)
Streaming:	AirPlay 2, Roon Ready (pending), Tidal Connect, UPnP
Streaming formats:	MP3, WAV, FLAC, ALAC, AIFF, DSF, DFF, AAC, PCM, MQA, Ogg
Frequency response:	5Hz-100kHz
Signal-to-noise ratio:	More than 100dB
Crosstalk:	Less than -100dB
Distortion:	Less than 0.005% @ 50W 8 Ohms 1kHz
Intermodulation:	Less than 0.01% (19kHz + 20kHz)
Damping factor:	More than 4000 (main power output stage)
Dimensions/weight:	17,1cm x 43cm x 44,5cm (HxWxD), 22kg
Dimensions/weight US:	6,74" x 16,93" x 17,52" (HxWxD), 48,51 lbs

EISA High-End CD Player 2023-24 Hegel Viking

This player from the Norwegian marque takes an unapologetically purist approach, focused on extracting every last drop of performance from your CD collection. To that end, Hegel has engineered a high-quality AKM-based DAC stage and fully balanced analogue output, each fed by separate power supplies, while its proprietary SoundEngine technology also works to suppress digital jitter. An aesthetic match for Hegel's latest pre/power amplifier designs, the Viking's premium-grade sound has to be heard: articulate, three-dimensional and faithful to the source, it makes long listening sessions an absolute pleasure. Excellent build quality and supreme ease-of-use only heighten this CD spinner's appeal.

Viking Reference CD Player

Supported Discs:	12 cm Redbook CDs
Line Level Output:	1 unbalanced fixed (RCA) 1 balanced fixed (XLR)
Output Voltage Analog:	2,5V RMS
Digital Output:	1 BNC true 75 Ohm
Frequency Response:	0Hz-22 kHz
Distortion:	Less than 0.0015%
Finish:	Black
Dimensions/weight:	9,9 x 43 x 30,5 cm (HxWxD) 7,3 kg
Dimensions/weight US:	3,54" x 17" x 12" (HxWxD) 16,1 lbs

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