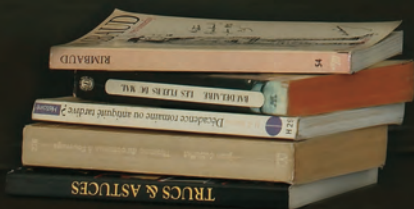


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SACD's DSD hi-res format is coming back, this time in a disc-less form that can be played straight from your PC. Andrew Harrison reports.

THE NEW SCALA V2

Focal has just upgraded its most popular Utopia III model. Martin Colloms gets to try it out

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Paul Messenger assesses the Voxativ Pi, the company's prettiest, smallest and least costly speaker to date

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Rafael Todeš and Martin Colloms try out the Valve Amplification Company's PHI 200, a high end US valve amplifier, in stereo and monoblock form

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Paul Messenger gets his hands on KEF's LS50. Inspired by the LS3/5a, this pretty little 'Son of Blade' is very sharply priced

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Martin Colloms assesses a batch of mains cables, from Isotek, Deltec, The Chord Company, Naim Audio, Mains Cables R Us and Transparent

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