

PRESS RELEASE

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METRONOME TECHNOLOGIE, GLOBAL LEADER IN HIGH-END DIGITAL SOURCES, INTRODUCES ITS FIRST SACD/CD PLAYER AND D/A CONVERTER: AQWO

Almost 15 months of intensive research and development went into creating the first METRONOME'S SACD/CD Player and D/A Converter-AQWO. Together with an internally integrated DAC, this top-loading CD Transport offers the highest and purest CD and SACD playback. Modern design with the unmistakable

touch of Métronome style makes AQWO stand out highlighting its elegance, visual purity and robust construction.

It is so easy to fall in love with the AQWO's big 21/9 screen that allows you to have fun while exploring the functionalities.



With AQWO, the first SACD/ CD Player and DAC, Métronome Technologie, a French high-end audio manufacturer, takes a further step forward on the path to becoming a global leader in the CD/SACD Playback and D/A Conversion.

Featuring a stunning contemporary and sleek design and an uncompromising built quality, AQWO is a Metronome's top-

range DAC and SACD/CD Player allowing you to avail of two devices in one with the same high requirements as on separate elements.

As a top-loading SACD/CD Transport, AQWO is based on a professional drive mechanism with proprietary improvements that reads your CDs and SACDs by bringing out every single detail from your discs and delivering fantastic audio performance.

The reading mechanism is centrally mounted to reduce jitter with a specific Delrin clamp and stainless still shaft for more precision and stability.

As a high-end converter, AQWO uses 2 internal DACs (AK4497) -1 per channel (32 Bit/384 KHz) decoding DSD in native to 512 and providing excellent precision and aerial sound reproduction.

Power supply with separate power regulation lines and individual high-quality toroidal power transformers provides an inter-stage EMI/RFA radiation protection decreasing vibrations and increasing fast power transitions.

What's more, AQWO has multiple digital inputs and outputs giving audio enthusiasts versatile opportunities of using it as a Transport with an external DAC or as a pure D/A Converter.

AQWO is available in silver and black finishes. Retail Price is 12 800.00 €. Shipping from end of June 2018



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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF AQWO

Pick-up Mechanism:

D&M SACD mechanism

D/A Conversion:

1 AK4497 chip per channel PCM + DSD 512

Digital Inputs:

1 USB type B

2 AES/EBU XLR / 2 S/P DIF RCA / 2 Optical Toslink

Digital Outputs:

AES/EBU, S/P DIF, Toslink, HDMI I²S

Touchscreen:

21/9 – 6.5”

Analog outputs:

Unbalanced – RCA connectors

Balanced – XLR connectors

Power supply:

3 toroidal transformers with 10 independent regulation lines

Voltage:

110-120/240 VAC - 50/60 Hz / 100 VAC - 50/60 Hz Japan

Other characteristics:

Consumption: 35 VA

Dimensions (LxHxP): 425 x 130 x 415 mm; Weight: 15 kg



About Metronome Technologie: Celebrating 30 years of innovation in sound reproduction.

Métronome is a French high-end audio manufacturer. Our aim is to offer audio enthusiasts a universe where the sound is king, where it is real. Designed and hand-made in France, our products will satisfy most discerning music lovers with incredible technical performances and quality of sound, approved by international reviewers.

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