

BEST VALUE DAC/HEADPHONE AMPLIFIER

iFi Audio

THIS COMPACT, DESKTOP DAC/

headphone amp has the feature set and musical talents to make its asking price seem like the sale of the century. Wrapped in high-quality aluminium casework, the ZEN DAC features a USB input (with 5V power) feeding a 384kHz/24-bit Burr-Brown converter that offers both DSD and MQA compatibility. Output options include standard RCAs plus a 2.2mm balanced connection to feed a preamp/integrated amp or straight into active speakers or power amp using the ZEN DAC's preamp mode. In addition, 6.35mm and balanced 4.4mm sockets service your headphones (with associated Power Match and TrueBass controls). Whichever you choose, the way this diminutive device unearths the detail, ambience and texture of music is remarkable.



PRODUCT DETAILS

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