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Ortofon A95

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With a super rigid, laser-welded titanium body, boron cantilever and finely honed diamond stylus of Replicant geometry, Ortofon's new flagship Moving Coil cartridge is a feat of micro-miniature engineering, we said.

The A95 has a vestigial body frame that cradles a miniature electrical generator at its furthest tip. From this emerges the fine boron cantilever that traces the LP groove. The generator uses a powerful but light Neodymium magnet and the signal coils are wound from gold-plated oxygen free copper. All this engineering produces a sound that is dry, fast, extremely detailed and almost concussive. As Noel Keywood commented, "The A95 is a highly-tuned mechanical statement. It is not lush, warm or cuddly, but rather a machine of insight and deep analysis".

"It is a cartridge that makes the LP sound better all-round than I have ever heard it. Almost frightening! It is sort of CD like in its qualities – only much, much better".

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