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Warwick APERIO | Reviewed in Issue 176



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Warwick Acoustics Model One electrostatic headphone system came almost from out of nowhere and surprised the audio world with its fine performance. Few would have expected the next product from the brand to raise the game exponentially, but the APERIO electrostatic headphone system quite simply redefines what was thought possible. Combining a high-performance streaming DAC, dedicated electrostatic headphone energiser, and electrostatic headphones that use HPEL (High-Precision Electrostatic Laminate); the latest and most advanced electrostatic transducer technology around, it’s hard not to be impressed by the on-paper performance of the APERIO.

Fortunately, the APERIO lives up to its on-paper specifications. In our test, the reviewer thought that “the system’s voicing comes as close to the ideal of neutrality as anything I have ever heard (including some exceedingly expensive speaker-based systems). Extension at high and low frequency extremes is exemplary,” He continued, “the APERIO is about more than sound quality, per se, but about uncovering the very human emotions and communicative intentions underlying the sound.” and concluded that, “The APERIO is the finest headphone system I have ever had in my home.”