

Aura note Premier

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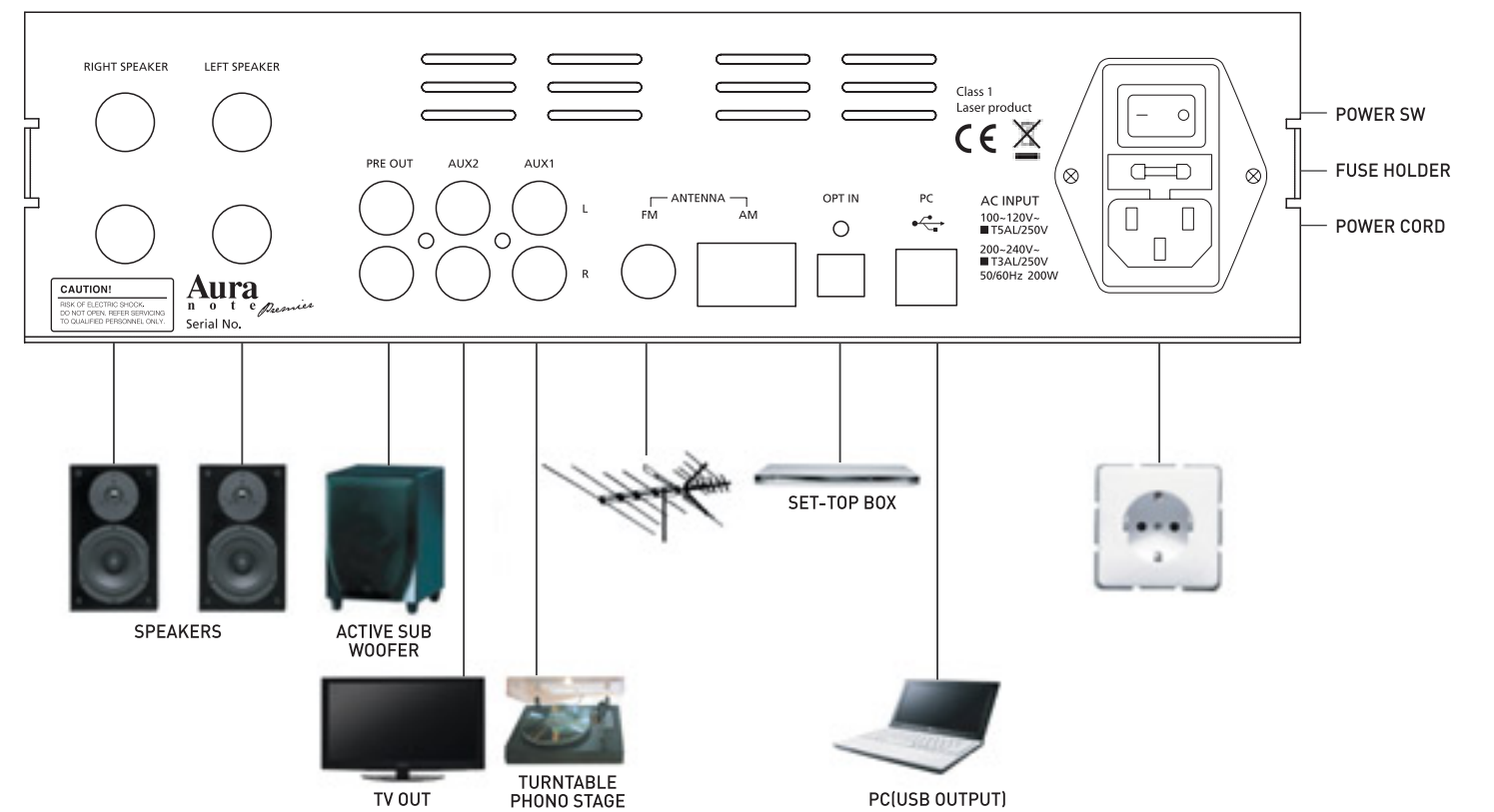
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"SEEKING BEAUTY IN LIVING LIFE"

Industrial design is inspired and informed by everyday life. Since every product is for life, a good starting point for great design is to explore the pleasure in living life to work, so to speak, in living space. Endless seeking for real beauty with an adventurous spirit creates valuable products. Noteworthy for its stylish but simple design and its human interface, Aura note Premier makes listening to music a constant pleasure. "SEEKING BEAUTY IN LIVING LIFE" This is the design philosophy Aura note Premier represents.

Kenneth Grange

Kenneth Grange(born London, England, 1929), British industrial designer

Grange's career has spanned half a century, and many of his designs became-and are still-familiar items in the household or on the street. These designs include the first UK parking meters for Venner, food mixers for Kenwood, razors for Wilkinson Sword, cameras for Kodak, typewriters for Imperial, clothes irons for Morphy Richards, cigarette lighters for Ronson, washing machines for Bendix, pens for Parker, and Bowers & Wilkins's 40 years-anniversary Signature Diamond Speakers in high-end Audio industry.



The design philosophy behind the note Premier is to follow the ideology of simple well engineered products where the function is clear to see and the controls are easy and direct in use. The use of glass - one of the worlds most common but beautiful products is to allow the clarity of purpose to be enjoyed and to appreciate the strength and value of this material.

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Aura note Premier is a joy to use

UK industrial designer Kenneth Grange has taken pains to make Aura note Premier as simple as possible, while giving it a timelessly cool modern look and feel.

The use of a disc stabilizer harkens back to analog turntable days.

It is a feature that renders the best sound from CDs.

Aura note Premier, a real high-end music center, its compact form belies many attributes and capacities, including top-loading CD player, FM/AM Tuner, 1 USB input for iPod & other MP3 connection, additional USB for PC use, 2 Auxiliary inputs for external equipments, 1 Pre-out for subwoofer application, and 1 Optical input for DVD or set-top box.



With expanded input and output options, Aura note Premier is a significant improvement over the original Aura note. Even so, loudspeakers and speaker cables are all that's needed to create a satisfying music system with Aura note Premier. Discrete and elegant, Aura note Premier is small enough to work anywhere in your home or office, yet it is capable of huge sound comparable to audio components much larger and far more expensive. You will experience all the qualities you've come to expect from high-end audio products: wide, deep soundstage, tremendous dynamics, and delicate details and nuance. Aura note Premier's single-ended MOSFET output stage is truly state-of-the-art.

Many people today use their personal computers as their primary music source-search engine, library, and player in one. Aura note Premier is your gateway to making computer music richer and more rewarding than it can ever be using earphones or computer speakers. Connected to your PC via USB, Aura note Premier reveals sonic treasures that would otherwise remain hidden-truly an audio system for the 21st Century!



(From the left) Aura polo II , polo I Speakers



Front panel, simply displayed with essential function buttons. The black color of the heat dissipation sink at the bottom gives a visual accent. The alphanumeric display defaults to time clock function.



For listening to music with Aura note Premier, all you need is a matching pair of good speakers and connecting cables. Aura note Premier is designed for user-friendly operation, with mini-USB input for PC connection. The Auxiliary input expands possibilities for your music life.

Aura note Premier's palm-size remote control offers versatility, with convenient functions not available on the unit's front panel.





Sliding the top glass cover reveals a top-loading CD mechanism. Putting on a stabilizer is reminiscent of old turntable days, but it's necessary for best quality CD playback.



Aura note Premier comes with another USB input on the back panel, for connecting your PC or Notebook computer, to play back PC-related music or movie files with real high-end quality sound.



The top-loading CD mechanism is specially designed to support the best quality CD playback. If you have USB type memory devices, MP3 players, or iPod, you can easily copy MP3/WMA/OGG files into them via your PC. Just plug the USB cable or iPod docking cable (included in the package) into Aura note Premier for playback. Passing through a state-of-the-art digital signal path, even simple 128 kbps files can be played back with sound quality very close to "red book" CD or even better.



HI-FI WORLD

VERDICT

Excellent one-box music system with stunning styling, fine build and genuinely capable hi-fi sound.

■ HI-FI WORLD (UK magazine)

- VERDICT: 5 Globes
- REVIEWER: David Allcock
- EXCERPTS: Sound quality, powerful delivery, compact and versatile



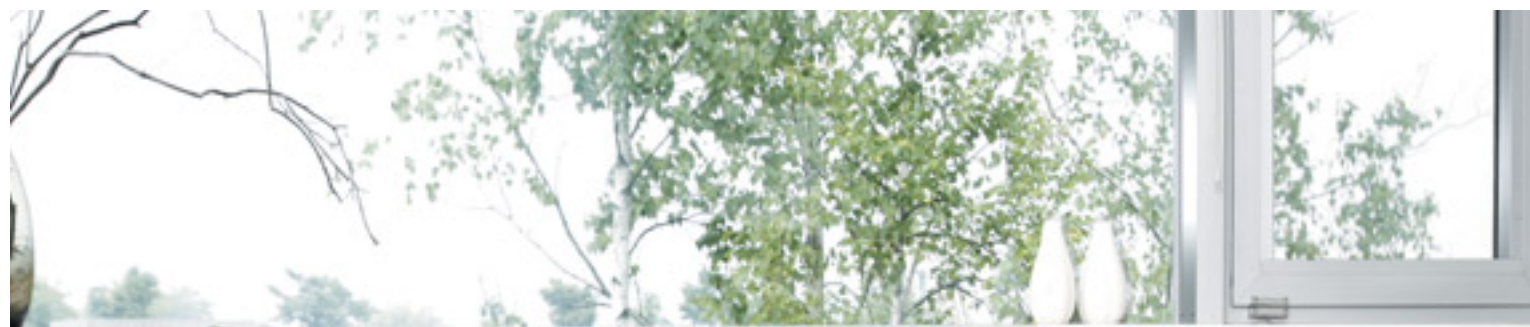
■ 6moons.com (Online magazine)

- REVIEWER: Srajan Ebaen
- EXCERPTS: The April Music Aura note is a credenza machine and thus ideally suited for a pair of superior monitors that will sit next to it, speaker cables hidden behind credenza and wall. It's the perfect studio, bedroom or living room solution.



■ the absolute sound (USA magazine)

- REVIEWER: Neil Gader
- EXCERPTS: ..Unique to the Aura note are dual USB inputs(the Arcam has only one)..the side-panel USB permits copying files (at 128kbps) to a USB micro-drive directly from the CD drive---Playback from my MacBook via the back-panel mini-USB was simple. I could play all my iTunes files with the click of a mouse---At double the output the Aura note has more oomph in the bottom end and is more persuasive on big pieces, reproducing a broader soundstage and more of the dynamic swings of the full orchestra during Carmina Burana---



With a graceful mood derived from British design, Aura note Premier offers a compelling, well-balanced combination of information, utility, and pleasure. Connecting it to any high-performance compact speakers will bring you immediate joy in listening to music. Aura note Premier's versatile musicality and amazing ability to generate truly dimensional acoustic space will bring life to every musical genre.

SPEAKER : Aura polo





Sound Quality

Aura note Premier has all the musical character typically obtained with equipment costing several times more. Dynamics, detail, nuance, and wide staging are there for you, to enjoy long periods of happy, easy listening. You will fall in love with Aura note Premier the instant you turn it on. The knowledge that Aura note Premier is something special will become clear with the very first sound!

Technical Data

■ PREAMPLIFIER & POWER AMPLIFIER

INPUT : AUX(RCA) x 2, USB-A x 1(for iPod, MP3 Player, or USB Memory(MP3, WMA, OGG files)), USB-B x 1(for PC), Optical x 1

OUTPUT : 1 Pair of Speaker, Headphone, Preamplifier Output

VOLUME : CIRRUS LOGIC CS3310

FREQUENCY RESPONSE : 20 Hz - 25 kHz(-0.5 dB)

OUTPUT : 50W + 50W

POWER AMP : HITACHI J162/K1058 MOSFET SINGLE-ENDED PUSH-PULL

■ CD/DAC

TOP-LOADING CD MECHANISM

MEDIA : CD / MP3 CD / USB Memory / iPod

D/A CONVERSION : CIRRUS LOGIC CS4398

DIGITAL FILTER : PROPRIETARY 3rd ORDER FILTER

DIGITAL BUFFER : 32 MB SRAM

■ TUNER

BAND : FM (87.5 MHz - 108.0 MHz) / AM (522 - 1602 kHz)

PRESET: 20 STATIONS

■ USB

USB B : TI PCM2704 USB CODEC

USB A

PLAYBACK FORMAT : MP3 / WMA / OGG(UP TO 320 kbps)

RECORDING FORMAT : MP3 128 kbps (FIXED)

SAMPLE RATE : 32 - 48 kHz / 16 bit

■ DIMENSIONS

SIZE : W278 x H84 x D278 mm (W10.94 x H3.3 x D10.94 inch)

WEIGHT : 7kg (15.4lb. Net)

POWER CONSUMPTION : 11W (STANDBY), 30W (NOMINAL), 200W (MAXIMUM)

*1 Rights reserved (DRM) files are not guaranteed for playback.

*2 Available on Window OS / Mac OS

*3 Maximum input level is 2.8 Vrms.