

HP's Super Component List

EMM Labs DAC-6 Multichannel Decoder (for DSD encoded discs – SACD) Price \$8,900 See issue 141

Without this device, you simply aren't going to know how very good DSD can be, and how free it is of the distortions that remain inherent in 44/16 PCM digital. This decoder, the work of Ed Meitner, bears a verisimilitude to analog that has flabbergasted those who have heard it here in Sea Cliff. As it has flabbergasted this reviewer. There is now a high-end future for music-only surround sound.

I don't doubt that Meitner will improve upon this design. Just as I don't doubt either he or someone else will be coming forth with a separate SACD transport worthy of the decoder. For now, the Philips 1000 or 963 will have to do (if modified by Meitner). But wait; Meitner himself will be marketing an SACD transport in the quite near future. And so, no doubt, will many another, since the Meitner DAC has already achieved legendary status in the professional recording world. Issue # 142 June / July 2003 page 111