



New Product Information

808.3 Signature Reference CD Player



As part of the Reference 800 Series the 808.3 is the highest performance CD Player manufactured by Meridian.

At the heart of Meridian's ultimate music system, 808.3 offers CD playback from an internal ROM based drive which allows for data recovery and error correction many times better than that employed in standard CD systems.

808.3 also offers an array of high-performance analog and digital inputs, including a new SpeakerLink input, as well as analog, digital and SpeakerLink outputs.

These features combine with source switching and volume control enabling 808.3 to work as a high-performance pre-amplifier for other sources in the same system.

In addition to its standard inputs, 808.3 includes an ID40 Sooloos Card, allowing it to be connected to a Meridian Sooloos Digital Media System. Once connected the ID40 cards appears as a zone within the system and renders audio for playback through any of the 808.3's outputs.

Like the 808.2 before it, 808.3 employs Meridian's proprietary DSP based 'apodising' up-sampling system which helps make CDs played on the 808.3 sound like high resolution recordings.

808.3 is offered in High Gloss Black, as well as Silver, Graphite and the full range of Meridian Select Color options.

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:

808.2 was Meridian's highest performing CD Player ever. 808.3 shares all of its predecessor's qualities and improves on its pedigree.

Distils all of Meridian's 25+ years experience in making high-performance CD Players including ROM drive technology, error correction, FFIO buffering, DSP upsampling, 'apodising' filters, and SpeakerLink connectivity.

Includes input connectivity for other audio sources, all of which benefit from the same audio enhancing DSP processing as the internal CD source. This makes 808.3 a perfect system controller for music lovers of all sorts.

SpeakerLink input makes integration with Meridian Sooloos Digital Media Systems even easier than before.

808.3's ID40 Sooloos Card offers the best possible audio performance from Meridian Sooloos Digital Media System.

Meridian Select paint finishes allow every 808.3 to be uniquely finished to each individual customer's personal style choice.

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KEY FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

An audiophile CD Player using Meridian technologies; ROM drive, triple FIFO buffering, DSP upsampling and apodising filters, which collectively deliver the best possible sound quality from CD – the music format with the richest catalog available. Combined, these features help make CDs sound like high-resolution recordings and can even fix errors in the original recording.

Meridian's SpeakerLink connection system delivers the highest quality digital signals to Meridian's DSP Loudspeakers on discrete, low-cost cables with simple connectors. SpeakerLink helps make a Meridian system easier to install and far less intrusive than other high-end audio systems. The advantage of the twin SpeakerLink output means left and right speakers can both be connected directly to the 808.3, further simplifying wiring structure and making cables even easier to hide.

Array of audio inputs, both analog and digital. These inputs allow the connection of additional audio sources which can be selected and processed using the same powerful audio enhancing DSP as the internal CD source.

This integrated pre-amplifier functionality means that systems built around 808.3 are simpler and easier to use than traditional hi fi systems with separate pre-amplifiers. It also offers an elegant way to connect and control almost any audio source you might want to connect to your DSP Loudspeakers.

ID40 Sooloos Card enables 808.3 to connect directly to a Meridian Sooloos network. When connected the 808.3 becomes an audio endpoint for the Sooloos network and renders audio streamed directly from the digital media system. Control commands sent through the 808.3 from the supplied MSR+ remote control handset can manage music held in the Sooloos's current Play Queue. 808.3's DSP based audio enhancement tools process audio streamed from the Meridian Sooloos digital media system making 808.3 and ID40 Sooloos Card the highest performance audio solution available to Meridian Sooloos customers.

New analog input card provides superior analog to digital conversion compared to previous models of 808i/808.2i. This improvement in conversion technology enables superior audio performance for all analog connected sources making 808.3 a better, more valuable pre-amplifier.

Launch Date: **January 2010 (CES)**

Shipping Date: **February 2010**

UK RRP: £ 10,000.00

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For a quarter of a century, Meridian has been making the world's finest audiophile CD players, and since the introduction of the first 808 in 2004, Bob Stuart and Allen Boothroyd, the company's founders, have hand signed each individual 808 in recognition of this important milestone and as testament to their pride in the company's ongoing achievements in the field of CD audio reproduction.

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Product Specifications

MECHANISM:

triple-beam laser, multi-speed, CD-ROM transport

FORMATS:

CD Audio, CD-R, CD-RW

STEREO INPUTS:

3 x Digital Coaxial, 2 x Optical,
6 x 2 Channel Analog,
1 x SpeakerLink

SOOLOOS SYSTEM CONNECTION:

Sooloos RJ45

STEREO OUTPUTS:

SpeakerLink, 1 x Digital Coax,
1 x Analog Balanced,
1 x Analog Single Ended

DIMENSIONS:

18.9in x 6.9 in x 16.2in (whd)

POWER: Universal Power Supply

COLOR:

Graphite, Silver, or Black lacquer,
plus the full range of Meridian
Select options