

# Audio

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## Ruark Prologue One



New from Ruark is the Prologue One loudspeaker, a slim floor-standing reflex-loaded design employing two 140mm felted fibre cone bass/midrange drivers, one above and one below an offset 28mm silk fabric dome tweeter. Visually a match for Ruark's Dialogue

One centre channel loudspeaker, the Prologue One similarly has full magnetic shielding. The cabinet is made of 18mm thick MDF and has a figure-of-eight brace to enhance rigidity. A second-order (12dB/octave) crossover is employed, centred on 2.8kHz. The frequency response is 45Hz-20kHz  $\pm 3$ dB in free space, sensitivity 89dB for one watt at one metre and the nominal impedance 8 ohms. The loudspeaker has a spiked plinth and is 900mm tall. It is finished in real wood veneers of natural cherry, rosewood or black ash and costs £799 per pair. Ruark Acoustics Limited, 59 Tailors Court, Temple Farm Industrial Estate, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 5TH Telephone 01702 601410 Fax 01702 601414.

## Denon Compact Disc

Denon has introduced a new budget-priced CD player.

**Costing £149.99, the DCD-425 has a centrally**



**mounted transport and is a visual match for the PMA-250SE and PMA-350SE integrated amplifiers. While the remote handset offers the full gamut of facilities, the fascia supports only the main functions. Advanced multi-level noise-shaping D/A converters are employed with eight-times oversampling digital filters. Twenty-track programming, auto-edit, auto-space and intro-scan features are provided. Hayden Laboratories Limited, Chiltern Hill, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 9UG.**

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## Quad 77 FM

Quad Electroacoustics has announced the availability of the long-awaited 77 FM tuner, which matches the 77 integrated amplifier (reviewed February 1995) and 77 CD player (reviewed November 1995). The tuner has 25 presets and separate inputs for aerial and cable. Various RDS functions are provided, including programme type and radio text, which are displayed on the 77 system remote console. The 77 FM has a Quad-designed discrete front-end circuit and its triple IF strip is said to have an extremely linear phase response. Distortion in the demodulated audio signal is also claimed to be very low. The 77 FM costs £699.95 and is available in two finishes to match either the original 77 Series Nextel or the newer "Carbon" alternative.

Also in full production now is the 707 power amplifier. Based on the excellent 606 (reviewed in Octo-

ber 1986), but with a revised power supply and incorporating Quad's 77 system-controlled bus-link, it is conservatively rated at 120 watts per channel into 8 ohms or 240 watts into 4 ohms. The 707 has two switched gain settings so that it can be used as half of a bi-amplified set-up in conjunction with the 77 stereo amplifier, the latter driving the tweeters of the stereo loudspeaker pair and the 707 the woofers. The 707 is priced at £799.95 and is also available in the two finishes, as described above.

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