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**Why We All Love**

# Turntables

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**PLUS How to Set One Up**

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**Debut Carbon - „ ... this is the one !“**

**TEST REPORTS**



# Pro-Ject

**DEBUT CARBON TURNTABLE**

**\$399** BY BRENT BUTTERWORTH

*Pro-Ject's low-cost Debut model gets a carbon-fiber upgrade.*



## VERDICT

A low-cost turntable with high-end features and fantastic sound quality.

## + PLUS

- Cartridge comes pre-installed for easy setup
- Has RCA output jacks for quick cable swaps

## - MINUS

- Bass lacks some oomph on rock tunes

## BOTTOM LINE

With its stock Ortofon 2M Red cartridge, Pro-Ject's Debut Carbon gave me a clean, vibrant sound quality that reminded me quite a bit of the \$1,999 Rega RP6/Exact cartridge combo I recently reviewed. That the Debut Carbon can approach the RP6's performance at 20 percent of its price is remarkable, to say the least. Its sound isn't perfect — rock fans might want more oomph in the bass — but if I were buying a budget table tomorrow, this is the one. **SV**



Pro-Ject Debut Carbon  
with 2M red  
Retail price  
**349,00 €**