

Juke Box E

„It's a stepping stone between the supermarket spinners and a 'proper' vinyl separates system.“



Pro-Ject's new Juke Box E is an 'active turntable' which sports a record player, phono stage, preamplifier and power amplifier. You simply add a pair of speakers to get a full vinyl-spinning system. The company recommends it's Speaker Box 5 but any smallish pair of sensitive speakers can be used. As a step up from the supermarket specials, Pro-Ject's Juke Box E makes a great deal of sense – **indeed it sounds spectacularly better**. Essentially, it has a smooth and warm sound that doesn't grate in any nasty way. Unlike the aforementioned ultra-cheap decks, it's possible to put on a record and enjoy it more for what it is, than what it could be.

Verdict

To properly assess the Juke Box E, you have to ask, what is it's purpose in life, its raison d'être? To think of it as a cheerful stepping stone to real hi-fi – then you'll have its measure.

If it persuades just a few vinyl newcomers to explore further, it will have done its job.



Sound Quality: 75%

