

Product Announcement

Ortofon Tonearms

A new reference class from the Danish masters.

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Henley Audio are thrilled to announce the UK availability of the new Ortofon AS-212R and AS-309R precision-crafted tonearms. Ortofon A/S, one of the world's leading pick-up cartridge manufacturers, first revealed the new tonearms at Munich High End in 2023, and now they are finally ready for sale in the UK and around the world.



True to the legacy of the company's classic AS-212 and AS-309 models, the new reference class tonearms present the highest echelon of high-end manufacturing. With over 130 redesigned components the Reference tonearms are crafted with unparalleled mechanical precision and advanced engineering. Skilled artisans meticulously hand assemble, adjust, and review every component of each tonearm, ensuring unmatched quality and performance. This attention to detail optimises every aspect of the tonearm, capturing the subtle nuances of your music in its truest possible form.

Available in the UK now, the new tonearms are a must-consider purchase for anyone looking to improve their vinyl playback experience.

Ortofon Reference Tonearm Features Include:

- ✓ Wide-ranging compatibility
- ✓ Accurate playback with Baerwald alignment
- ✓ Japanese custom made high-precision bearings
- ✓ Ortofon 6NX-TSW1010 tonearm cable included
- ✓ Subtle, elegant industrial design



AS-212R
9" Tonearm
£2,799.00 (SRP)



AS-309R
12" Tonearm
£2,899.00 (SRP)

Ortofon Reference Tonearms *in detail*

The Ortofon AS-212R and AS-309R tonearms are reference class devices. All aspects of the tonearms design and construction have been meticulously engineered to minimise unwanted vibration and distortion, ensuring a crisp, clear, and accurate sound.

Ortofon have been designing tonearms since 1953, and these latest models have been named in the same style as some of their legendary forbears. Taking their names from the distance between the tonearm pivot point and the record player spindle, the AS-212R (9") and AS-309R (12") can be adjusted in height to fit a wide range of turntable models.

Thanks to the high-quality SME-style universal connector, the tonearms are also capable of accommodating a wide-range of headshell-mounted cartridges, as well as Ortofon's own iconic SPU cartridge range. The high-quality of the connector and the ease of operation allows for music lovers to make cartridge changes to suit different musical styles or distinct parts of their record collection.

The Ortofon Reference Tonearms are statically balanced and feature an easy to adjust anti-skate dial. Finished with a 5-pin DIN tonearm socket for easy cable upgrades and flexibility in wider system connection, the tonearms are easy to add to an existing vinyl system.

Each AS-212R and AS-309R is supplied with a high-quality 6NX-TSW-1010 5P > RCA tonearm cable and includes two counterweight options, allowing you to set-up and partner with a wide variety of systems and cartridges straight out of the box. Finished to exacting standards and boasting an elegant minimalism in their design, Ortofon's Reference Tonearms are designed to elevate your vinyl listening to new levels.

Technical Data

	AS-212R	AS-309R
Supported Cartridge Weight:	18 – 26g (standard weight) / 26 – 38g (heavy weight) <i>Weights include the weight of the headshell</i>	
Mounting Distance:	214mm	311mm
Effective Length:	232mm	323.5mm
Effective Arm Mass:	7g	11g
Overhang:	18mm	12.5mm
Offset Angle:	23.75°	16.75°
Height Above Mounting Surface:	59 – 79mm <i>To top of the tonearm</i>	
Mounting Surface to Top of Platter:	20 – 48mm	
Arm Shaft Diameter:	18mm	
Recommended Arm Shaft Hole Diameter:	22mm	
Supplied Counterweights:	600g / 630g	680g / 730g
Counterweight Radial Clearance:	80mm / 89mm	85mm / 93mm

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About Ortofon

Ortofon is the world's oldest and most experienced manufacturer of hi-fi pick-up cartridges. From humble beginnings in 1918, Ortofon is a proud Danish company that has grown to become a micro-mechanical powerhouse. Their core principles of responsibly sourced high-end materials, meticulous design and production processes, pristine working conditions and superlative attention to detail are evident in every single product they make.

From the introductory moving magnet OM and 2M ranges, through the Quintet and Cadenza Moving Coil series, all the way up to the Exclusive high-end models like the stunning MC Diamond cartridge, Ortofon are devoted to offering true 'accuracy in sound'.



About Henley Audio

Henley Audio has been importing and distributing industry-leading hi-fi equipment to the UK and Ireland since 1997. With a passion for great sound and a firm focus on brand integrity, we work to deliver excellence in both product and service.

Formed as the result of a management buy-out of Ortofon UK, Henley Designs Ltd. (trading as Henley Audio) operates in-house sales, marketing, service, support, and warehouse teams in order to offer the full turn-key solution for suppliers. The brands we represent are not only highly regarded in their own right, but they also share a symbiotic relationship with other brands in our portfolio.

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