

## Döhmann Audio Helix One Mk3

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he Döhmann Audio Helix One Mk3 is a remarkable turntable that represents the pinnacle of vinyl replay. Designer Mark Döhmann has been producing world-class turntables since

2015. From its first iteration, the belt-drive Helix One has been built into a custom MinusK negative stiffness isolation base. The latest version features a new DC power supply and drive system, a new resonance control system, new composite armboards, a new record clamp and an improved platter.

Döhmann thinks any turntable must be a supremely accurate vibration-measuring machine. To this end, he even spoke to NASA regarding mechanical isolation in satellites. The Helix One Mk 3 is built to standards beyond the usual high-end obsessiveness, lowering internal resonance and external vibration as far as practically possible, and then lowering them some more! Future upgrades include vacuum record clamping. It's built to last lifetimes!

The Helix One Mk3 is designed to support multiple tonearms. In our test, Alan Sircom thought that "The language it speaks is absolute fidelity to the groove; if it were more faithful to that goal, you'd find it burning digits at the stake. The turntable has fewer points of omission or emphasis than most turntables, and this is all too clear to the listener when they play a record on their existing deck." He concluded that "It's a platform that deserves and demands the best arms and cartridges – preferably two of each – and the finest phono stages known to humanity. Still, you are rewarded with a level of sound quality previously only open to those in the studio control room when recording."

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