

Brinkmann Audio Taurus

Ultimate Direct Drive



More than a decade ago, Brinkmann inaugurated the Direct Drive Renaissance with the introduction of Oasis. The first thoughtfully modern direct drive turntable, Oasis partnered Helmut Brinkmann's bespoke, proprietary motor with a massive platter, „Soft“ speed control and the myriad engineering flourishes which define Brinkmann Audio's design ethos. Oasis combined the extreme pitch accuracy and durability of the best direct drive systems with levels of musicality and liquidity which had previously been the exclusive domain of belt drive. Our legendary Bardo soon followed and has been our best-selling turntable ever since.

Over the past few years, Brinkmann developed the versatile Spyder, effected evolutionary improvements to our epochal Balance and introduced Nyquist, widely considered the world's finest Digital-to-Analog Converter. The lessons learned creating these state-of-the-art components suggested ways in which we could advance our direct drive concept to a higher level of performance. Brinkmann proudly introduces Taurus: the finest direct drive turntable we know how to build.

Like Oasis and Bardo, Taurus features our bespoke, magnetic field motor, built to Brinkmann's proprietary design specifications. Our unique „Soft“ speed control and platter are likewise retained; however, that's where the similarities end. Built on a massive 40mm thick Duraluminum chassis inspired by Balance, Taurus delivers deeper, more visceral bass combined with the dynamic agility and forward drive which characterize all Brinkmann direct drive turntables. Taurus' chassis has been resonance-optimized to banish mechanical noise and enable the deep-black background for which Brinkmann turntables are renowned. In a further homage to our statement turntable, Taurus offers wireless speed selection via an engraved aluminum disc reminiscent of Balance's hard-wired control.

Balance wasn't the only inspiration for Taurus. The development of Spyder; specifically, the ability to easily add or remove tonearms, prompted Brinkmann to develop a proprietary „Collar System“ which enables our newest turntable to easily convert from a one-arm to a two-arm system and vice-versa. Virtually all tonearms from 9“ to 12“ length are accommodated. Like all Brinkmann turntables—both direct- and belt-drive—Taurus is equipped with our „Performance Power Supply“ (our „RöNt“ Vacuum Tube Supply is an optional upgrade) and Crystal glass mat, which both facilitates cleaning and improves audio performance.

Is Taurus the Baby Brother of the Balance or the Big Brother of the Bardo? You decide. Either way, Taurus defines the ultimate in direct drive turntable technology.

Technical Specifications

Tonearm bases:	Available for virtually all tonearms of 9“ to 12“ length. Brinkmann's Proprietary “Collar System” facilitates exchange and adjustment of tonearms.
Drive:	Platter driven directly by magnetic field motor with “Soft” proportional speed control
Power supply:	External “Performance” solid state power supply (Standard). RöNt vacuum tube power supply (Optional).
Bearing:	Lubricated precision, hydrodynamic journal bearing is quiet and maintenance-free
Platter:	Massive, 10 kg Alloy Platter with recess-mounted, Planar-polished Crystal glass mat facilitates cleaning and improves performance
Chassis:	40 mm Duraluminum with resonance-optimized geometry
Connectors:	RCA, XLR or feed-through keyway for tonearms with 5-pin DIN connectors
Dimensions:	420 x 320 x 100 mm (w x d x h)
Weight Total:	22 kg (Chassis 12 kg, Platter 10 kg); Power Supply 3.2 kg
Optional Accessories:	Granite Base, Custom HRS Isolation Base, RöNt Tube Power Supply

Photo © Michael Rasche, 2019

BRINKMANN
Real High Fidelity.

Brinkmann Audio GmbH
Im Himmelreich 13
88147 Achberg
Deutschland

Tel.: +49 (0)83 80 98 11 95
Fax: +49 (0)83 80 98 12 33
info@brinkmann-audio.com
www.brinkmann-audio.com