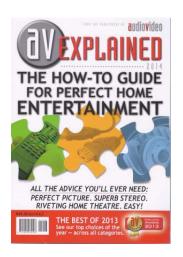
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■ ACCESSORIES CATEGORY WINNER: ADL ESPRIT DAC/HEADPHONE AMP

The ADL Esprit is a USB DAC and headphone amp, but the full scope of the device is far more extensive. It offers a latest-generation asynchronous USB input with a 96 kHz/24-bit capability – but the USB type B port can operate as either an input or an output.

Thus, the USB port not only receives digital data and converts it to analogue, but can also output digital data to a computer, having digitised incoming analogue signals. That capability means that the Esprit can be used to digitise analogue source material such as vinyl records.

The Esprit also offers more conventional DAC capabilities. It accepts

incoming digital signals of up to 192 kHz/24-bit resolution via coaxial or optical interfaces, and can upsample to either 96 kHz/24-bit or 192 kHz/24-bit.

As a talented head-



phone amp, the Esprit offers broad impedance compatibility of between 30 and 600 ohm, and a dynamic range exceeding 120 dB.

Sonically, the Esprit finds a satisfying balance between sonic and musical accuracy. It sounds neither too clean nor too saturated, and there is a sense of honesty and attention to contextual detail that makes for involving and enjoyable listening. Superb build quality is the cherry on top.

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