



Testresult: **Middle class**



“[...] For anyone that finds entry-level units too simple and high-end units too expensive, it is definitely worth giving the Magnat MTT 990 a look, as it is a really good turntable with a high-end ambition and a comparatively low price.”

“[...] The pre-assembled pickup on Magnat’s unit also allows you to really enjoy your favorite music with a great deal of satisfaction.”

A sound that will stand the test of time:

“[...] As far as its tonal coordination is concerned, the Magnat MTT 990 really benefits from the Audio Technica AT95E. While this pickup is reasonably priced, its good reputation is no accident. If you really want to find something to complain about, then it would probably be its sensitivity to impurities on a record. Grains of dust are always audible. Music, however, sounds so much better. This is because, conversely, the AT95E performs remarkably well on Magnat’s unit. Both complement each other perfectly. This combination reproduces music without ever being conspicuous. The MTT 990 delivers a wonderfully neutral sound that doesn’t give a preference to a particular frequency range. I am impressed by this degree of neutrality even after a short listening session. It is in no way boring or ponderous, but it makes me rather curious. If you listen carefully, the impulsive and simultaneous light-hearted nature of the sound quickly becomes clear. The different timbres of the instruments are reproduced extremely cleanly.”

“[...] What also appeals to me in equal measure is the flow of music. Magnat’s unit simply performs in a dedicated and tight manner. There’s some real power here and its agility is almost palpable. At the same time, a musical atmosphere is created that appears lively and fresh.”

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An unfair comparison:

“[...] But that’s really a minor grumble, because Magnat’s opponent in this case is the legendary Linn LP12, the cheapest variant of which is three times more expensive than the MTT 990. Nevertheless, the little black unit somehow manages to keep pace and deliver a performance that I could definitely get used to in the long run. So, after extensive listening, I can say that I consider the Magnat MTT 990 to be fully suitable for long-term use and can wholly recommend it in its price range. The MTT 990 opens up audio spheres that make you want to avoid the TV completely and just listen to music.”

Conclusion:

“[...] The first turntable to be produced by Magnat is a complete success. The MTT 990 offers everything that a discerning analog heart could desire, namely: A classic appearance, outstanding workmanship, a modern direct drive, an over-length pickup, interchangeable headshell and height adjustment, three speeds and simple operation. It allows any discerning enthusiast or ambitious up-and-comer to enjoy premium quality music from their vinyl collection without requiring much effort or prior knowledge. Even without the option of a quick pickup change, the Magnat unit would still be fully suitable for long-term use. The interchangeable headshell and the flexibility it provides makes it even more so. The equipment onboard the Magnat MTT 990 makes it one of the most affordable turntables around, meaning you don’t have to spend a long time worrying about what the retailer’s higher-end units could have to offer. Instead, you can use the time to just listen to some great music and be satisfied with your purchase. In this respect, the Magnat MTT 990 is a better bargain than many entry-level turntables half as expensive.”