

Dear Jacques,

Personally I have lived with many Wadia's over the years always had a soft spot for them, though for me in the last few years after they stopped using the TEAC drive mechanism they never regained their true musical nature, without question they are very fine players and offer a quality sound.

The Oracle has more natural and fluid quality than the Wadia. Which I felt on the last comparison I performed was a 781i and a MK III, the Wadia had a touch more detail and note spatiality in fairness, whereas the Oracle has a greater depth of sound, rendered textural layering better and had a real sense of putting the performers in front of you.

Wadia's are built like a Abrahams tank, purposeful and functional able to withstand a direct hit from a cruise missile!

The Oracle exquisitely crafted from billet aircraft specification aluminium, gaining many admiring and envious glances.

The new MK IV models does not lose Oracle's total musical insight, just improves upon it with aplomb with the added bonus of a digital input now.

You asked the question of which would be better the CD 2500 or the CD 2000 + dac combination, an easy answer is yes.

The pairing give greater depth of sound, improved spatial separation, greater dynamics and a superb sense of natural fluid music reproduction with a genuine rhythmic pace, no artificial enhancements!

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