

PecanPi Streamer

SPECS

DIMENSIONS:

195 x 120 x 100mm

DAC:

Dual flagship Burr-Brown PCM1794

SIGNAL-TO-NOISE (RCA):

130dB (A-weighted)

DYNAMIC RANGE (RCA):

125dB

TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION (RCA):

0.0003%

► Orchard Audio ► magpi.cc/streamer1 ► £480/\$550

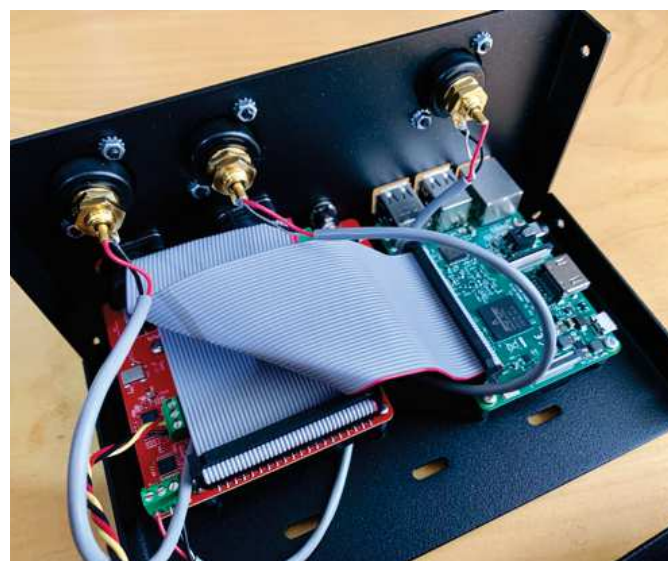
This black box contains some of the highest quality audio components available alongside a Raspberry Pi 3B, but is it worth it? **PJ Evans** engages his golden ears.

Raspberry Pi continues to make waves in the world of high-end audio. At the very top of the pile is Orchard Audio. This company cares not for flashing lights, gimmicks or even Bluetooth, but instead is dedicated to one thing and one thing only: producing the best sound possible. Orchard's unique proposition is the use of the highest quality components, right down to the resistors. So it was with great anticipation that we received the PecanPi Streamer v3.

Minimalist

This case is minimalism taken to a new level. Looking at the rear, we see the ports from a Raspberry Pi 3B, and not only the usual phono (RCA) sockets but XLR sockets too. This unassuming box is aimed right at the professional market as well as the audiophile.

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▲ A familiar Raspberry Pi 3B sits next to state-of-the-art audio components

Verdict

If you can stomach the price, Orchard Audio's humble black Pi-containing box could change the way you think about sound and music.

9/10



▲ A small black box with an audio monster inside

Driving the PecanPi is Volumio, a popular interface amongst audiophiles. It can accept a number of different services such as Spotify or SoundCloud. In our tests it spotted our local Plex DLNA server immediately and we were playing music without delay. Such is the dedication to pure sound that Bluetooth and wireless LAN are unavailable because the radio interference is unwanted. The PecanPi demands a wired Ethernet connection, and nothing else.

But what a sound. Even with fairly average speakers, *The Dark Side Of The Moon* encoded with FLAC gave amazing detail with a depth and warmth we'd never heard before. This will not be a disappointing product to those who care deeply about how their music sounds. 🎧