



Allnic Audio D-10000

HIGHLY COMMENDED
DIGITAL – DAC – COST NO OBJECT

Allnic Audio's D-10000 DAC takes a unique approach to achieving exceptional sound quality. Unlike conventional DACs, Allnic focuses on engineering the rest of the circuit rather than relying on the DAC itself. The D-10000 stands out with its use of output transformerless (OTL) and output capacitorless (OCL) technology, which eliminates coloration caused by transformers and capacitors in the signal path. The company also worked with Waversa Systems here to ensure optimal performance in converting PCM signals to DSD or upsampling PCM.

The D-10000 combines impressive engineering with classic design. This attention to detail extends to the use of pentode/triode and twin-triode tubes, contributing to the DAC's exceptional sound quality.

In terms of performance, the DAC portrays a big and bold sound that is rich and full-bodied, reminiscent of open-reel tapes or vinyl records. It offers a level of detail and information that digital formats often lack, while maintaining a natural and enjoyable sound. The DAC's output impedance is well-matched to preamplifier stages, resulting in a tonally pleasing and engaging listening experience. In his review, Alan Sircom said, "In listening to the D-10000, the signature dynamic freedom and grain-free high-frequency performance of low-or-no capacitor output stages shines through."

Overall, the D-10000 proves that a well-designed output stage can significantly impact sound quality, making Allnic's flagship DAC one of the best in the world.

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