



McCORMACK NEWS

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New line of McCormack components shown at CES2009

McCormack Shows New Line at CES2009

Each year, CES is a welcome opportunity for us to visit with our many friends from around the world and to showcase our latest products. This year's CES was especially significant for McCormack Audio as we introduced an all new line of products – the second generation of product since we took over the brand in 1998. The new line will initially consist of a remote-controlled preamplifier (LD-2) a 250 watt/channel stereo power amplifier (DNA-250) and the power-house DNA-750 mono-blocks. These should be followed shortly after by the DP-2 compact disc player.

The LD-2 offers a considerable refinement of the circuit approach of the RLD-1, while retaining that unit's features and facilities. The heart of the upgrade is the replacement of the Crystal Semiconductor volume control used in

the RLD-1 with a new, high-performance volume control from Burr-Brown. Power supplies have been redesigned to accommodate the new volume control, and significantly upgraded in the process. Upgraded I/O connectors add the finishing touch to the improved LD-2. Listen for improved dimensionality and focus of images, increased discernment of subtle dynamic variations, and a more liquid, almost tube-like sound quality. MSRP for the LD-2 will be \$2495 for the line stage, and \$2995 with the optional phono card installed. Expect deliveries to begin by mid-March.

While retaining the defining Distributed Node Architecture that contributes to the lightning fast dynamics for which McCormack amplifiers are known, the DNA-250 and DNA-750 amplifiers integrate circuit elements from conrad-johnson's 30 year history with solid-state designs. The resulting amplifiers



McCormack Audio LD-2 preamplifier and DNA -250 power amplifier

typify McCormack's value oriented approach, delivering near state-of-the-art performance at a fraction of the cost – just \$3995 MSRP for the 250 watt stereo DNA-250, and \$9500 for a pair of the awesome DNA-750 mono-blocks (a kilowatt into 4 Ohms). Production is expected to begin immediately on the DNA-250, with the DNA-750 to follow early in February.

The DP-2 compact disc player is designed to extract the maximum information from "Redbook" CDs while maintaining the musicality for which McCormack products are known. The DP-2 features 24 bit / 192 kHz sampling rate DACs coupled to an audiophile grade analog audio output stage. Discrete regulated power supplies provide a rock-solid DC supply for the digital to analog converter circuit. Suggested retail price for the DP-2 is \$3495 with delivery expected in April.

These new products embody our ongoing commitment to the McCormack promise of "Beyond Your Expectations, Within Your Reach".

A new price sheet is included with the mailed copy of this newsletter.