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THE
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THE GRYPHON TABU INTEGRATED AMPLIFIER

- *True Dual Mono configuration
- *Fully discrete construction
- *Zero negative feedback
- *Full remote controlled operation
- *Motor-driven analog ALPS volume control
- *Custom C core transformers
- *Military spec. double-sided circuit boards
- *Balanced inputs with PCB-mounted gold-plated Swiss Neutric XLR sockets
- *Single-ended inputs with PCB-mounted gold-plated WBT phono sockets
- *Extensive mechanical decoupling
- *Minimal internal wiring
- *Ultra-short signal path
- *Frequency-independent damping factor
- *Optional phono stage module
- *Non-invasive protection system
- *Meets EU CE specifications
- *Separate power supply for all non audio circuits
- *Designed and built in Denmark

BREAKING THE RULES

There seems to be a long-standing tacit agreement among manufacturers of audio amplifiers as to exactly at which price and quality level the integrated amplifier must cease to exist and give way to separate pre-amplifier and power amplifier components.

At Gryphon, our engineers decided to break these unwritten rules and see what would happen when we applied our skills to pushing back the performance envelope in a true high end integrated amplifier.

The Gryphon Tabu is the end result of these efforts, making audiophile performance available at a new level of affordable cost and minimal complexity. The Gryphon Tabu clearly demonstrates the viability of the integrated amplifier as a high end concept. Because the Gryphon Tabu is a properly designed unit from the ground up, savings from building on a single chassis do not have significant negative impact on performance and the advantages of shortening the signal path substantially by eliminating a number of sig-

nal junctions such as sockets, plugs, soldering points as well as an expensive exposed interconnect are indisputable. Naturally, the electrical and sonic compatibility of the preamp stage and power output section are assured. This is definitely not a foregone conclusion when attempting to mix and match components from different manufacturers, or even from the same manufacturer.

A GENUINE GRYPHON AUDIO DESIGN

High end manufacturers, daunted by the challenge of achieving high performance at reduced cost, yet desirous of gaining a share of the lower high end market, sometimes give up and simply buy finished designs from outside engineers more experienced in the area of cost-effective production. Naturally, this means that the sonic performance normally associated with the brand name is entirely absent from their entry level products.

The Gryphon Tabu, however, is designed by the very same team of award-winning engineers responsible for the conceptualization, exterior design, audio circuit design and final voicing of every single Gryphon product since the very beginning.

HIGHER STANDARDS

Those familiar with the acclaimed musicality and advanced design philosophy of Gryphon Audio Designs will instantly recognize the sound, look and feel of the Gryphon Tabu. Careful attention has been paid to component selection and interaction, circuit design, PCB layout, grounding, assembly and quality control in every phase of the design process.

The Gryphon Tabu is essentially two independent mono devices for reduced crosstalk and interchannel interaction. The short signal path employs extra thick copper traces and an absolute minimum of wiring. Balanced inputs fully exploit signal transmission in the balanced mode for improved immunity to interference.

The mechanical design of the cabinet and assembly methods are all

carefully calculated to provide an ideal, non-resonant environment for vibration-sensitive components, through mechanical grounding and decoupling of the transformers.

For your peace of mind, the Gryphon Tabu employs a comprehensive non-invasive protection system which protects your amplifier and loudspeakers with no adverse effect on sonic performance.

MUSICALITY AND PRACTICALITY

The full-function remote control included with the Gryphon Tabu brings a new level of convenience and functionality to high end audio. Flexible, modular design allows the option of purchasing the Tabu in a line-only version or with an optional audiophile-grade phono stage. The phono stage module may also be added at a later date.

The Gryphon Tabu is an elegant combination of outstanding musical performance, ease of use and distinctive cosmetic design. See your authorized Gryphon dealer for additional information and for the opportunity to experience the Gryphon Tabu firsthand.

SPECIFICATIONS:

2x100 Watts into 8 Ohms (RMS)
2x200 Watts into 4 Ohms _
2x300 Watts into 2 Ohms _
Gain: 38.2 dB
Sensitivity: 350 mV
Input Impedance: 10 k (S. ended)
(2 x 10 K. Balanced)
Frequency response : DC - 250 kHz
THD: 0.07% (100 W)
Output impedance: 0.07 Ohms
Max. voltage: 50 V peak
Max. current: 20A peak
Power consumption: 110 W. idle
Max. power consumption: 1.1 kW
Dimensions: Cm. H.16 W.48 D.49
Shipping Weight: 30 Kg.

Dealer/Distributor: