



Cambridge Audio Azur 640C v2 CD Player

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Making high-priced, high end products might present a challenge, but it pales into insignificance against the mountain that budget designers stand out have to climb. Which is why a really entry-level design is such an impressive achievement: **and they don't come much better or cheaper than the Azur 640 v2.**

The rejuvenated Cambridge Audio have developed quite a reputation for producing budget electronics, but this CD player is impressive even for them. Neatly styled and superbly built,

it's the epitome of purposeful minimalism. **Pick it up and its heavier and more solid than you expect. Plug it in and the directness and sheer enthusiasm of its sound will shock you, for this is a true budget champ, designed to squeeze the best out of similarly priced ancillaries, a goal it achieves to perfection.**

Plug it into a high-zoot,

high-resolution system and it starts to show its rougher edges, but back

where it belongs it covers its tracks superbly, sounding muscular and purposeful, sure-footed and solid. This is where proper hi-fi replay begins and you know what they say; the beginning is a very good place to start. ▶▶+



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