Solstice Special Edition Aro and Equinox





Solstice Special Edition is the first turntable in Naim Audio's almost 50-year history. Lovers of the organic authenticity of vinyl can now enjoy it with the musical purity and passion only a Naim system can deliver. Limited to just 500 units, this Special Edition includes the Solstice turntable, a next-generation version of the iconic Naim Aro tonearm, an Equinox MC cartridge, Solstice Series Phono Stage, Power Supply and bespoke accessories set.

The new Aro tonearm retains the original's design principles and excellence, but is enhanced by using improved materials – including tungsten and carbon-fibre - and adding an all-new, nocompromise bias, arm height and azimuth adjustments.

Aro has always set the benchmark for delivering incredibly natural, organic and lifelike musical performances. Its design allows the cartridge to extract enormous amounts of information from your records, but with an incredible sense of flow and correctness to the resulting sound.

The updated Aro for Solstice Special Edition refines the design – and performance – further still. It retains the familiar three-point fixing – maximising the integrity of the critical interface with the Equinox cartridge – but also has two-point, slotted fixings for alternative cartridges. There's even finally a lift-lower device!

Engineered with Swiss-watch precision, the Equinox cartridge features a Moving Coil (MC) inner assembly sat in a solid aluminium housing machined from a single billet. To maximise stability and energy transfer, the stylus, cantilever and motor components are securely clamped to the cartridge body, which itself is attached to the headshell with a three-point fixing.

Equinox has a microline stylus shape - closer to the original cutting lathe head to enable the retrieval of accurate high-frequency information - and a boron cantilever, a stiff-but-light design that faithfully transfers the stylus movements to the moving coils.

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Parameter	Equinox MC Cartridge Moving Coil cartridge
Model Code	EQUINOX
Audio output	Individual 4 pin
Frequency Response	20Hz - 40kHz
Output voltage	0.4mV
Cartridge impedance	11 Ω
Recommended tracking force	2.2g - 2.4g
Recommended MC input resistance value	100Ω
Recommended MC input capacitance	1000pF (= 1nF)
Recommended MC Gain setting	High
Weight	8.0g