

VINYL SECTION



# Carbon Class

**Pro-Ject's new budget turntable package is an ideal way to get into the joys of vinyl replay, thinks Noel Keywood.**

**PROJECT RPM 1 CARBON**



**EXCELLENT** - extremely capable

**VERDICT**

A good budget turntable package, with a clean, fast sound that is forward and gripping.

**FOR**

- fast, clean sound
- full set of accessories
- adjustable
- upgradeable

**AGAINST**

- some wow
- awkward to hand cue
- inaccessible on/off switch
- bright sound balance

Pro-Ject Audio Systems  
[www.project-audio.com](http://www.project-audio.com)

**CONCLUSION**

The RPM1 Carbon is a good budget package. Coming with a full set of accessories, a competent budget cartridge with a forward, modern sound – not the warmth of yore – it brings the wonders of the LP to new users. Fully adjustable, it will easily cope with cartridge upgrades and is tweak-able too, so the best can be had from such upgrades. At a low price, this is a fine way for beginners to spin LP.

It teases out the best qualities of vinyl which, for a budget turntable, I felt was impressive.

... it comes over as fast and well-defined, making the opening drum sequence on Phil Collins 'I Don't Care Anymore' (200g vinyl) sound impressively tight as it rolled across the soundstage.