



Press Release

THORENS® TD 203: The new reference for the entry level

THORENS® is making its new range of turntables available for the entry level. The TD 203 is a high-quality yet affordable out-of-the box solution: unpack the turntable, connect it up and experience the joy of vinyl records.

Giebenach, October 2014. It takes time to set up a turntable to perfection. A lot of time. And experience. Now, the legendary Swiss manufacturer THORENS® is about to change the game with the TD 203, an entry-level turntable that comes fully assembled and works straight out of the box. In addition to the exceptional fit and finish that THORENS® is known for, a clever packaging system means that it takes no more than five minutes from opening the box to playing the first, excellent-sounding piece of music from a vinyl record.

The TD 203 has the sound quality of the award-winning, highly acclaimed TD 309, TD 209 and TD 206 models written in its DNA. And, like its siblings, it was developed in Germany. The motor is decoupled from the plinth by means of rubber elements, and the bearing is made from bronze – seemingly small details that ensure longevity and years of listening pleasure. The belt tension can be easily re-adjusted if required, the pick-up cartridge changed in a matter of minutes, and the platter speed fine-tuned by simply turning a screw.

It couldn't be easier to install the TD 203: place the turntable on a rack and level its sub-chassis, loop the belt around the sub-platter, place the platter on the sub-platter, set the correct tracking force and get ready to re-discover your record collection.

While the TD 203 is factory-set to provide exceptional out-of-the-box performance, it leaves aficionados room to fine-tune and adjust the performance to their personal preferences. The tonearm, for example, offers facilities to adjust the height (vertical tracking angle) and the cartridge's perpendicularity to the record's surface (azimuth).

Along with the TD 203, THORENS® will be launching the TP 82 tonearm. The TP 82 is a uni-pivot design – a first in this price class. The TP 82's bearing is a carbide tip resting within an intricate arrangement of five very small bearing balls. This configuration allows the arm to move freely and without friction in both the vertical and the horizontal planes while providing an extremely high degree of stability. This, again, also ensures longevity.

The turntable/tonearm combination comes pre-installed with the THORENS® TPU 257 cartridge, a high-quality moving-magnet pick-up suitable for all MM phono inputs. The entry-level THORENS® MM 002 phono stage is available as an option.

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The scope of delivery includes a cartridge alignment protractor and a stylus gauge (used to set the correct tracking force) as well as a specially designed 4-mm strong transparent Perspex dust cover.

The THORENS® TD 203 will be available from specialist retailers from October 2014 in high-gloss red, black or white at an entry-level price of 699 euros.



THORENS® TD 203 Technical Specifications

Mode of operation: Manual

Drive system: Belt drive (flat belt around sub-Platter)

Motor: Servo-controlled DC motor

Speeds: 33-1/3, 45 rpm

Speed change: Electronic

Platter: 12" / 0,8 kg (high-damping polymer material)

Power supply: External
Plug-in power supply, 12V DC

Dimensions: 400 x 92,6 x 320 mm
(W x H x D; without dust cover)

Weight: 3,53 kg (without dust cover)

Tonearm: Thorens® TP 82

Effective length: 232.8 mm (9.1")

Overhang: 17.8 mm (variable)

Offset angle: 23.6° (fixed)

Effective mass: Approx. 11 g

Pick-Up cartridge: Thorens® TPU 257
(MM)

Finishes: MDF; red, black or white high-gloss lacquer

Scope of delivery: Plug-in power supply
RCA phono cable, cartridge alignment protractor, stylus gauge, dust cover