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Stereophile (USA) ADL GT40
Recommended Component October 2011



Alpha Design Labs by Furutech GT-40: \$525 \$\$\$

The versatile GT40 USB DAC is housed in a hand-some aluminum-alloy extrusion and offers a volume control, headphone amplifier, switch-selectable MM/MC phono preamplifier, and convenient analog-to-digital converter as well as digital-to-analog converter. Through its USB input, the GT40 matched the clarity of the HRT Music Streamers, but sounded bigger, more physical, and more open overall, with better definition of individual notes and more natural decays. Its phono stage was similarly big and open, but leaned toward the bright side, said AD. "The Alpha Design Labs-Furutech GT40 is one of those things no one saw coming from any direction: a hell of a good thing," he concluded. (Vol.34 No.9 WWW)