A modern classic
Pro-Ject is always good for a surprise. The most current example is their new turntable called „The Classic“ with unusual formal language for the manufacturer from Austria. What does their, in the style of the old days, turntable tell us?

With the new „The Classic“ Pro-Ject’s founder Heinz Lichtenegger provides an unusual picture of his idea of a turntable. And of him: that of the contemplative sentimentalist. Everyone knows the Vien­nese as always ex­hilarated, sometimes even electrified jack-of-all-tales of the many audiophile streets, who is always at least two steps ahead on the market. Is Lichtenegger getting sentimental on the 25th anniversary of Pro-Ject? The Classic is, compared to the other, cheaper turntables, which always focused on the necessities, very quietly designed. A stylish breakpoint for the eye; in the very best sense - a timeless classic.

Meet of the charter types
No compromises, not even at the cartridge, a very typical weak spot of complete-turntable-offerings. Many manufacturers save here to keep the costs down, not Pro-Ject. The Austrians can even be described as the shining counterpart, since they only premount high quality pickups from the Danish specialist Ortofon. Same goes for The Classic, which comes with an MM 2M Silver cartridge - a custom made system for Pro-Ject, with silver wires and elliptically polished diamond, which already helped the RPM3 Carbon (reviewed in STEREO 8/15, 735€) to top results.

Complete with MM cartridge Ortofon 2M silver for 999€ (three veneers) 46x13x35 cm (WxHxD, without lid)
Website: www.project-audio.com
In the certainly not insufficient model roundel of the chaper Pro-Ject turntables, The Classic sets new accents - optically as well as sonically. The very well made table, with which the manufacturer wants to celebrate is 25th anniversary, plays to the gallery with its quiet, homogeneous and more from the depths constructed space. A very mature appearance!

Fittings
Dustcover, Power Supply, Overhang mask, Stylus Gauge, Single-Puck, Phono Cable, Manual

STEREO-TEST
SOUND-NIVEAU
61%
PREIS/LEISTUNG
EXCELLENT