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Hegel Röst

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Pretty much a one-box solution to providing great quality sound, the Hegel Röst is a good-looking and easy-to-use integrated amp with amazing on-board DAC. Combine the Röst with a pair of decent speakers and iPad or iPhone and you have immediate access to your music library. The result is a silky-smooth presentation revealing inner detail not often found at this price-point.

Offering all the inputs and outputs one needs in this digital era, the Röst is a simple solution to domestic listening and can be used as a pre-amp/DAC to feed more powerful amplifiers. Designed by the incredible Bent Holter and his team in Oslo, construction is in the Far East to reduce costs but success relies on critical component matching in Norway. The result from the all-transistor circuitry is sublime and thanks, in no small part, to the designer's desire for an incredibly high damping-factor: an attribute that went out of fashion with many brands, but one which ensures the electronics have a real 'grip' on the speakers and thus great control over the resulting sound.

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