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## **Rotel Launches 15 Series Hi-Fi** **Two-channel components join home theatre stars**

Rotel's highly-regarded 15 Series moves from home theatre to hi-fi with a new CD player, integrated amplifier, two pre-amps and two power amplifiers. Brand new technology, passionate attention to detail and a stylish new look make Rotel's flagship line-up more appealing than ever.



Rotel is proud to announce its much-anticipated new range of 15 Series two-channel components. A comprehensive collection of hi-fi products to complement the 15 Series Home Theatre products launched to great acclaim late last year.

Generations of hi-fi enthusiasts have chosen Rotel; people who demand pure quality, and those that demand quality, but on a budget. The attention to detail of the highly-respected Japanese company's famous circuit design, component selection and countless hours of tweaking that form the bedrock of its Balanced Design Concept are again present in the new 15 Series.

At the heart of any hi-fi series is the source component, and Rotel has put its decades of Compact Disc player design and production into the RCD-1520. Take the lid off this great looking CD spinner and a pair of knowledgeable eyes will immediately notice that surface-mount components are kept to a minimum, and are only utilised when it's the only way of using a key component is in this manner. The reasoning is simple: countless hours go into tweaking the components inside all Rotel products, and this substitution of one component for another to achieve the best possible sound just isn't feasible with surface mount components.

The guiding principles that have brought Rotel so much success over the years remain in place; the segmented power supply with a large toroidal transformer is a testament to that. Some things do change though, and the RCD-1520 is the first Rotel disc player to utilise Wolfson



RA-1520



RCD-1520



RC-1550



RB-1552



RC-1580



RB-1582

DACs. It is also the first slot-loading Rotel player, and its stylish good looks are both modern, yet timelessly classic.

The same can be said of the RA-1520 integrated amplifier, which delivers 60 Watts per channel. It's a thing of beauty, both outside and in. This is thanks to Rotel's invaluable experience working with circuit design, and its team of highly-experienced engineers – many who have been designing Rotel products for over 25-years – are among the best in the business. It also features a moving magnet phono stage, allowing customers to get the best out of their vinyl as well as CD.

The development of the RA-1520 very much informed the design of the RC-1550 pre-amplifier, albeit in an even more sophisticated format. Customers who demand the highest quality performance at a reasonable asking price will certainly appreciate this product. The 100 Watt per channel RB-1552 power-amplifier is the ideal partner for this RC-1550, and in harness they are an awesome double act.

Sitting above them in the range is the RB-1582 power amp and RC-1580 pre-amplifier. The RB-1582 produces the same musical yet muscular sound as the RB-1552, but is able to deliver 200 Watts of power per channel, which is ideal for people with more demanding loudspeakers.

However the RC-1580 is a different beast entirely from its more affordable pre-amp sibling, and is a no-hold-barred piece of hi-fi, perfect for the most demanding of audiophiles. Meticulous circuit design and hand-picked component parts such as an oversized toroidal transformer and special BHC capacitors ensure audio purity, and guarantee a first rate hi-fi experience.

In a world where two-channel hi-fi is a resurgent force, Rotel's many decades of experience have yet again paid dividends. The 15 Series boasts amazing performance, exceptional value, and comes with some of the best looking industrial design seen in hi-fi.

#### Availability

The new Rotel 15 Series Hi-Fi components are available from May, and priced as follows:

RA-1520 Stereo Integrated Amplifier	£695
RCD-1520 CD Player	£695
RC-1550 Stereo Preamplifier	£495
RB-1552 Stereo Power Amplifier	£695
RC-1580 Stereo Preamplifier	£995
RB-1582 Stereo Power Amplifier	£1095