

2016 Publisher's Choice

Pass Labs HPA-1 Headphone Amplifier

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The toughest part of this headphone amplifier was whether just to write it up as the world's best \$10,000 preamp for \$3,500 or a \$3,500 headphone amplifier with an impressive preamp thrown in as a value-added proposition. Much like the Coincident Statement reviewed in this issue, the HPA-1 is so good that if you only need a pair of RCA inputs and a single output, this is all the linestage you need unless you're spending five figures.

If you don't need a preamp, you'll still be in headphone heaven with the HPA-1. This one's got everything; mega dynamics, super tonality and the ability to drive any set of cans you plug in with ease. And of course, legendary Pass build quality.



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