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**BRIEFING:**

**WHY THE NEW dCS ROSSINI DOES NOT SUPPORT SACD**

The disc transport in the new dCS Rossini Player does not support the Super Audio Compact Disc format, although it does play the standard CD layer of hybrid SACDs in 16/44.1 PCM Red Book quality.

Ever since the advent of SACD over fifteen years ago, dCS has been proud to offer SACD-compatible Transports and Players capable of the highest possible audio quality. Painstaking care has been paid to ensure that this high resolution music format can be enjoyed to the full via dCS equipment. This requires the fitment of the finest SACD mechanisms in the world.

However, the recent move away from optical disc towards computer audio systems coupled with a decision by Sony to declare end of life on the supply of a key component in SACD playback, the DSD decoding IC, has meant there are no SACD transport mechanisms available to dCS that meet our continuity of supply, reliability and performance requirements. For this reason, dCS regrets to announce that it will no longer be supporting the SACD format in the new Rossini Player.

The company wishes to reassure customers that it *will* continue to offer superlative quality CD transports able to perform to the highest standard. These will of course play the CD layer of hybrid SACD discs, but will *not* give high resolution SACD playback. Of course, should a suitable mechanism become available to dCS we may reconsider this decision.

The new Rossini Player is able to play SACD-quality Direct Stream Digital files from computer or network sources, and offers DSD upsampling in our DACs and Players. Users can also play SACDs on dCS Vivaldi, Scarlatti or Paganini Transports, transmitting the data through Dual AES to a Rossini Player or DAC. The Vivaldi Transport is still a current model.

dCS DACs feature upgradable firmware which means that forthcoming higher speed DSD formats can and will be supported in due course. dCS is totally committed to supporting DSD in future.

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