

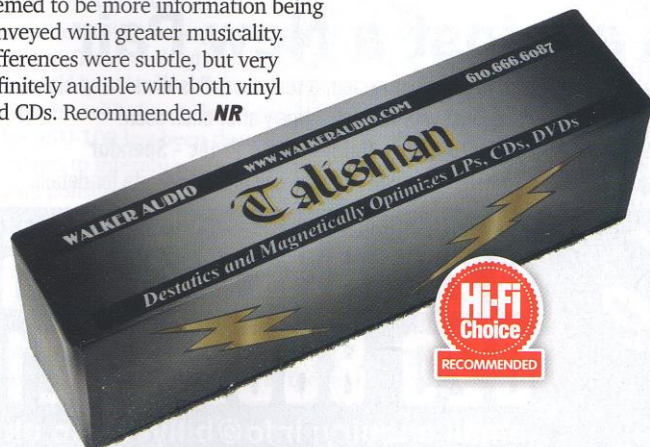
## Walker Audio Talisman Magnetic Anti-Static Optimiser

**M**agnetic fields and static electricity can greatly affect audio and video playback equipment and source material. The Talisman Magnetic Anti-Static Optimiser from Walker Audio is designed to temporarily dissipate magnetic fields and static electricity on the disc. It is claimed that this will allow the phono cartridge or laser reader to transmit a purer and more accurate signal. It can be used to treat LPs, CDs, SACDs, DVDs, HD-DVDs and Blu-ray discs, as well as treating audio and video cables while they are *in situ*!

The Talisman Optimiser is a purely passive device which requires no batteries or power cords and never needs recharging. Detailed instructions are included with the product. Basically, a CD or LP is treated by touching the edge of the disc with one hand while holding the Optimiser in the other hand and sweeping it over the surface of the disc at about three quarters of an inch above the surface, taking care not to allow the Optimiser to touch the surface. This should be done before playing the LP or before inserting the CD into your player.

### In use

Whatever it does and however it does it, I did find that it certainly works in practice! There were fairly consistent and reproducible improvements when the Optimiser was used. In particular, there was greater clarity through the midrange, especially with the string section of an orchestra. With CDs, there was a noticeable improvement in low-level musical detail resulting from a lower noise floor. After treatment, there seemed to be more information being conveyed with greater musicality. Differences were subtle, but very definitely audible with both vinyl and CDs. Recommended. **NR**



### DETAILS

**PRICE:** £200

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## Audio Origami Booster Bearing Oil



**T**he use of good quality oil in the central bearing of a turntable is essential to ensure smooth operation and quiet running. In use, the oil becomes contaminated with dirt which, combined with natural evaporation, will degrade the performance of your turntable.

Audio Origami has recently released this very high quality new bearing oil that has added PTFE particles, which are considered to have the lowest coefficient of static and dynamic friction of any solid. The oil itself is a synthetic oil that works with standard and inverted type bearings. It also contains additives that provide additional protection in both the high and low stress areas of your bearing.

The oil is supplied in two 1.8ml containers which should last you for many years, given that only ten to twenty drops of oil are required to fill most high-tolerance bearings. Before adding the new oil, it is important to first remove the old oil and any dirt. To this end, each kit includes two extra-long wooden cleaning pads and some lint-free cloths for cleaning out the old oil as well as any dirt from the bearing, prior to refilling with the new. Once clean, the new oil is inserted into the bearing using one of the two calibrated plastic droppers supplied for the purpose. The bearing needs to be completely full of oil when the spindle is inserted. Suitably installed, I found that this oil makes a good turntable better, with a subtly smoother and more musical sound. It's not a huge upgrade, but well worth it at the price, especially if your current bearing oil is as old as fossils! **NR**



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