



Unidisk SC Reviews



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The Perfect Vision Magazine, USA, January 2007. Unidisk SC, DVD Player of the Year 2006.

"From a company with over three decades in the high-end audio industry, the Linn Unidisk SC is a one-of-a-kind product that forces reviewers to ask why other manufacturers aren't making products like this. In our March/April issue we reported Linn's image quality was among the very best, with excellent colour, low motion and deinterlacing artefacts, good complex-motion processing and very good 3:2 pulldown. It's no-fault-found video rating was complemented by the only 10-point audio score in our survey. Characterised by a deep silent background, exceptionally clear detail, and a lushly three-dimensional soundstage, its audio performance exceeded some formidable competition, including the Lexicon RT-20, the Krell Showcase, the Denon DVD-5910 and the Sony DVP-NS9100ES. Superior A/V performance would have earned the Unidisk top honours in any case, but this modest-looking component is much more than a great universal disc player. The Linn Unidisk also functions as a high-quality digital-to-analogue converter, surround sound processor, hub in a Linn-centric networked entertainment system, and remote-controllable multi-channel preamp. Actually five different units rolled into one - at the price of a single component - the versatile Linn is ideal as the heart-and-brain of a deceptively simple-looking but world-class home entertainment system."

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The Perfect Vision, USA, March/April 2006 , March 2006

"The Unidisk SC hides a dazzling amount of performance in a lightweight, modest looking grey chassis. Capable of playing virtually any variety of 5-inch optical disc, the SC delivers great color, with low motion and deinterlacing artifacts, good complex-motion processing, and very good 3:2 pulldown. The Linn's audio performance was in a class by itself—simultaneously lush and detailed, with a deep, silent background and reach-out-and-touch-it soundstage. Its audible superiority is clear whether using it at relatively low background levels or rocking the house at full blast. The Unidisk SC just sounds natural. Whether SACD, DVD-A, or CD, music from this player has a rare, overarching sense of ease. It's a notch above what otherwise superb players can deliver. Add the fact that it can do quadruple duty as a universal disc player, as a hub in a Linn-centric networked entertainment system, as a high-quality digital decoder, and as a remote-controlled preamp, and its \$5k price tag begins to make a lot of sense. With the availability of the Unidisk SC, many high-end home-entertainment systems could be in danger of imminent streamlining."

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AUDIOVISION 02/06, Germany, January 2006

"The UNIDISK SCs video performance is worthy of reference status...Playing music or soundtracks it can easily compete with physically and financially far heavier systems - another impressive demonstration of Linn's artistry of sound... Verdict: For neat installations in high end quality the UNIDISK SC is hard to beat. Comparable stand-alone AV preamplifiers and DVD-players will be markedly more expensive. 91 out of 100 points. VERY GOOD."

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High Fidelity Magazine, Denmark, September / October 2005, November 2005

"Sound-wise the Unidisk SC is distinctively neutral...nothing draws to one side or the other. On the contrary you have a unit that has that special quality only very good units have; the feeling that everything about it seems just right. The Linn Unidisk SC has been a very positive acquaintance – both in terms of audio and video reproduction. The unit itself recedes into the background and does nothing but its job, but the way it does it is more than satisfying. If you're looking for an excellent all-in-one player and control-unit and is considering to spend a substantial amount of money on it, you should definitely consider the Linn Unidisk SC. It's simply an extraordinary unit that can be recommended without any reservations at all."

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What HiFi? Sound & Vision, UK, November 2005

Basically brilliant, Linn..the Unidisk SC/Chakra combo makes multichannel simple. Two boxes do everything...this Linn combo is a fine real-world solution for those who want a quality multi-channel performance combined with easy operation..we haven't come across another piece of high-end multichannel kit that blends into its environment so easily, is so simple to use, or does such a wide range of duties with such style. Music? well, this is a Linn system, so it would be a shock if it didn't deliver on this count...each disc is delivered precisely as it ought to be. This Unidisk SC/Chakra pairing deserves much respect. Sonic fireworks are guaranteed.

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Stereophile, USA - June 2005

" Pick a disc, any disc - It'll play it...the Linn Unidisk SC is 1) a preamplifier, 2) a surround-sound processor-controller, 3) a CD player, 4) an SACD player, and 5) a DVD player. The Linn does the things that I need done brilliantly well, and in ways that mean the most to me: Its regular CD performance places it among the best I've ever heard, and its SACD performance is the best I've had in my home, bar none. It does all that and plays movies with an apparently high degree of success, all for the price of Sony's first SACD-only player. The Unidisk SC is a fun product, a good product, and a product some people can afford without robbing a bank. I'm impressed, and tempted as hell."

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Lyd & Bilde Norway, - May 2005 "

The Unidisk SC is a fantastic player and processor with very good signal processing. Very good value for money."

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DVD & Hjemmekino Norway, - May 2005 "

Linn took a serious challenge in development when they designed the Unidisk universal disc player. Now they have gone a step further and included more useful functions in the universal disc platform. It is now easy for people who have no desire for system separates to have a serious system for music and film. With the Unidisk SC it is simpler and easier to build a multi-channel system which is equally as good for critical music entertainment as for home cinema. This is a product that many of us have desired for a long time."

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Gramophone Magazine, UK , March 2005

"It offers direct communication with the music: in the usual Linn tradition of 'playing tunes', this is one of those machines that'll have you humming or singing along with the music rather than being aware how 'hi-fi' the presentation is...the Linn delivering an enthralling sense of being at a real performance...the SC is a combined universal player and surround processor, with onboard Dolby Digital/DTS 5.1 decoding and control. It can thus be used straight into a multichannel power amplifier..Add in striking picture quality, with fine resolution, subtle and refined colours and excellent handling of contrast, and you have a very good all-round player..."

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Home Cinema, UK, February 2005

"It's a Linn product which should tell you all you need to know. Hand built in the factory in Scotland, this is a piece of equipment to inspire pride of ownership, from the way it looks and feels to the fact that it'll go on forever. Given the unique nature of the Unidisk SC, it's not surprising that it has no direct rivals. The nearest you'd get would be a very good universal player and a standalone AV processor, which together would easily come to the same kind of money as the Linn's £2,995 price tag. If you're looking for serious home cinema without all the fuss, as well as a stunning music source, this is an excellent buy. Just add amplifier and speakers, or an active package, and you're in business - and it's all done without any quality compromises."

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Audiorevolution.com, USA, Top 100 AV Products of 2004, December 2004

"In the ultimate source category, the Linn Unidisk has to be considered on the very short list of players that do it all and is engineered to tolerances that are what you would expect from a Rolls Royce aircraft engine."

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FFWD (New Zealand), September 2004

What this brilliant all-round performance means is that if movies matter as much to you as music — and you can afford the asking price — then the Unidisk SC is a no-brainer. Equally, if you've got the readies, and are looking to upgrade your existing source component for a future-proofed, one-stop disc playing shop that also does away with the need for a separate pre-amp, then the Unidisk SC is a must-audition. A simpler life then? I reckon.

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Audio (Germany) - July 2004

LINN SENSATION...The UNIDISK SC is the smartest universal player. Outstanding sound and image quality. In view of the fact that it outclasses similarly priced multi-player/AV preamp combinations, its price looks almost like a bargain. Reference Class

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Stereoplay (Germany) - July 2004

Linn has re-invented multi-channel playback. Playing SACDs and DVD-As, the UNIDISK SC sounds sensational. Sound with CDs is overwhelmingly detailed, image quality top-notch. Equally priced separate components of comparable quality have yet to be born. Value for money: outstanding...

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VIDEO (Germany), July 2004

"... A revolutionary system... Watching "Pirates of the Carribean", you could literally count the bullets in the air...Fantastic precision...If you're looking for the ultimate in dynamics rather than superficial roaring, go for it...This fully active power-amp/loudspeaker combination delivers perfect sound...The UNIDISK SC is one of the smartest if not THE best product innovation since the launch of the DVD...When it comes to image detail, the balancing of colour saturation, maximum resolution and crisp sharpness, Linn simply has no peer...Having heard and seen this system, I keep wondering why legions of developers should be messing around with copy-protecting digital interfaces and passive crossovers. Picture quality: extraordinary. Sound quality: extraordinary. Value for money: very good..."

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Hi-Fi Choice, UK , September 2004

"It can be used both as a dedicated source component or it can replace both disc player and processor...simply hook the Unidisk SC directly to a five channel power amp and you have a complete system, with the flexibility to add eight other digital and analogue audio sources. It performs consistently well as a CD player, a DVD-Audio player, A DVD-Video player and an SACD player. The Unidisk SC behaves flawlessly, treating every disc with equal aplomb, and treating each external source component as a seamless extension of the Silver Disc Engine. It's an extremely direct, clean and detailed sound....studio like control over every part of the sound...it is a ground-breaker. Don't use it just as a source component...instead, rebuild your system around the Unidisk SC with it taking centre stage as a source and control device combined. Maybe it is as significant as the Linn acolytes believe." * Editor's Choice*

