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This preamp has been getting quite a bit of buzz out in the field, so we were very excited to get one in for review in the stock configuration, with a small wall mounted power supply (\$1650) as well as the upgraded external power supply which raises the price tag to \$2600. I am always very enthusiastic about this kind of arrangement, because you can work around a sound you enjoy and then when your budget allows, buy the bigger power supply to increase resolution and refinement.

If you are a lover of giant boxes, stop right here. But if you are more entrenched in the form following function mentality, the JLTi will be right up your alley.

I have to come clean with you. I enjoyed the JLTi so much more with the external supply, I am basing most of the review on this configuration. Granted, it is a great value and excellent performer with the stock supply, I liked it so much more with the additional power on tap, I didn't want to go back!

With the power supply off to the side, I was able to get the pre-amp directly beneath my P9 and directly above my Aurum CDP Linestage/CD player, only depending on a half-meter section of Cardas Golden Reference interconnects. It's always a great idea to make the path from the tonearm to the preamp as short as possible.

Setup And Operation

The JLTi came with a manual that had concise instructions, was thoughtfully put together AND had some useful pictures. Considering some of the dreadful manuals that I have read, this is a great step in the right direction. I wish we could see a little more of this in the industry.

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