



Above Audiolab 7000CDT in silver finish

7000CDT CD transport

Sporting a range of upgrades over the critically acclaimed 6000CDT, Audiolab's new 7000 Series CD transport is the perfect CD-playing companion to Audiolab's 7000A integrated amplifier.

Cambridgeshire, England – CD remains an important part of the high-performance audio scene, with many music fans possessing still-treasured CD collections built up over many years. Sales of new CDs have been rising too – not to the scale of the vinyl revival but noteworthy, nonetheless. For some, the tangible, tactile sense of ownership that physical media provides still holds great value in the age of digital streaming.

Unlike some high-performance audio brands, **Audiolab** has never deserted CD users, as evidenced by the excellent CD-playing components that reside within the entry-level 6000 Series and flagship 9000 Series. These are CD transports, as opposed to CD players, which means they do not contain an integral DAC (Digital-to-Analogue Converter) – instead, they are designed to be connected to an external DAC of the user's choice. The integrated stereo amps in **Audiolab's** range all include their own high-quality DAC circuits, which makes **Audiolab's** CD transports their ideal CD-spinning partners.

This spring sees the launch of the third CD transport in **Audiolab's** current range. As with the other components that make up the company's new **7000 Series**, the **7000CDT** takes the blueprint provided by its highly regarded 6000 Series equivalent and upgrades it in key areas to make a CD transport that sits between the 6000CDT and 9000CDT in **Audiolab's** product hierarchy.

Two of the upgrades are obvious when the **7000CDT** is examined from the front. First, the centrally positioned, stadium-shaped display is a little larger than that of the 6000CDT, replacing the latter's monochrome text display with the same colour GUI found throughout the new **7000 Series**. Second, the 6000A's slot-loading mechanism has been replaced by a high-quality tray-loading mechanism, housed in its own electromagnetically shielded enclosure and incorporating a high-precision optical system and low-friction loading tray.



Left With its 4.3in IPS LCD screen, the 9000CDT matches the 9000A integrated amp visually as well as sonically

Under the hood, enhancements have been made to the power supply and output circuitry, including a higher quality toroidal transformer. Great care has been taken over the **7000CDT**'s construction and circuit layout, to combat the sonically deleterious effect of vibrations generated externally and by the mechanism's high-spin-velocity motor, and to protect the most sensitive elements from electrical noise.

The **7000CDT**'s master clock is controlled by a temperature-compensated crystal oscillator, enabling the digital output from its coaxial and optical sockets to exhibit vanishingly low levels of jitter (digital distortion). In addition, the coaxial output is fed from a differential line driver to ensure a flawless digital signal reaches the accompanying DAC. Naturally, the **7000A**'s state-of-the-art DAC section is a superb sonic match; the **7000CDT** can also be partnered with any other high-quality DAC selected by its owner.

As well as spinning CDs, the **7000CDT** features a USB Type A input, enabling playback from USB storage devices – this is a feature that the **7000CDT** shares with the flagship **9000CDT** but is not offered by the entry-level **6000CDT**. FAT12, FAT16 and FAT32 formatted devices are supported, and WAV, WMA, AAC and MP3 files can be played, with file navigation via the front panel controls and remote handset.






Left The 7000CDT is the perfect CD-playing partner for Audiolab's 7000A integrated amp with its state-of-the-art onboard DAC

The **7000CDT**'s sturdy aluminium casework and 2.8in display echo those of its range mates, the 7000A integrated amp and 7000N Play Wi-Fi/Ethernet streamer. The display shows track information from CDs and USB-connected storage devices, complete with colour graphics, and provides access to functions such auto-standby settings and 12V trigger activation for system control. As with the other **7000** Series components, animations can be turned off and brightness adjusted, and the display can be set to activate only when a function is accessed and switch off after a defined period, as the user prefers.

The **Audiolab 7000CDT** is the ideal disc-spinning companion for every music lover for whom CD remains crucial part of their musical diet – available from March in a choice of silver or black, at an RRP of £549. The **7000** Series is completed by the 7000A integrated stereo amplifier and 7000N Play network audio streamer, which launch concurrently with the **7000CDT**.

Audiolab CDT Series Comparison

Series	6000CDT	7000CDT	9000CDT
Image			
Product Dimensions	445 x 300 x 65.5 mm	444 x 322 x 78 mm	444 x 322 x 89 mm
Net Weight	7.2kg	5.5kg	5.7kg
Mechanism	Slot load CD Mechanism	New smooth load high-end CD mechanism	New smooth load high-end CD mechanism
Servo	-	Electromagnetically shielded transport enclosure	Electromagnetically shielded transport enclosure
Disc Compatibility	CD / CD-R / CD-RW	CD / CD-R / CD-RW	CD / CD-R / CD-RW
USB Device Compatibility	-	USB HDD / Flash drive compatible	USB HDD / Flash drive compatible
Format Compatibility	-	FAT12, FAT16 and FAT32	FAT12, FAT16 and FAT32
File Compatibility	-	.WAV / .MP3 / .AAC / .WMA	.WAV / .MP3 / .AAC / .WMA
Sample Rate	-	44.1kHz - 48kHz	44.1kHz - 48kHz
Power Saving	-	Auto-standby (with on/off)	Auto-standby (with on/off)
Transformer	-	New custom specified transformer	New custom specified Noratel Toroidal transformer
Power Supply	-	Isolated power supply	Isolated power supply
12v Trigger	-	12V trigger in / out	12V trigger in / out
Output	Digital only S/PDIF Coaxial / Optical output	Digital only S/PDIF Coaxial / Optical output	Digital only S/PDIF Coaxial / Optical output
Display / Screen	VA LCD Display	Full colour 2.8" IPS LCD screen	Full colour 4.3" IPS LCD screen
General User Interface	-	Adjustable screen brightness	Adjustable screen brightness
	-	Multi-language GUI	Multi-language GUI

Note: Updated features highlightte with dark color.