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### **iFi Audio Micro iDAC2**

The word 'Micro' is partly misleading, as the only things 'micro' about this product are its size and its price. Its aspirations and performance are anything but! Replacing the popular iDAC, the iDAC2 is a major refit for the brand, right down to changing the DAC chip itself, from ESS to Burr Brown's True Native architecture, allowing full DSD256 and 24-bit, 384kHz PCM performance. The iDAC also includes a 350mV Class A amplifier section free from coupling capacitors in the output stage, and a scaled down version of parent company AMR's Zero Jitter circuit.

When testing the iFi iDAC2, Eric Neff was blown away by how so much performance can come from so small a box "The recreation of the recording environment is preserved, allowing the artist's delivery the completeness it deserves.". He also found the iDAC2 had "a highly engaging presentation across a variety of headphone styles." He also felt "It has the power to drive most headphones without issue, and the Burr-Brown chip implementation allows for the delivery of the audio file natively without conversion degradation." In short, it's a little marvel!

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