



★ BEST NETWORK PLAYER

CAMBRIDGE CXN

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The CXN is versatile, user friendly, good looking and possessed of a punchy, dynamic sound. It has a full-colour screen to display album artwork, radio station logos and various menus. It also has a digital pre-amp facility, Spotify Connect compatibility, Apple AirPlay, Internet radio, UPnP, asynchronous USB, Coax and Toslink digital inputs as well as DSD64 support.

Streaming music from a NAS drive showed just how strong the Cambridge's performance is. Bass lines were tight and well-defined, detail was plentiful, while rhythmically the unit had a grip on tempo. This got the best from high-resolution tracks, but lower bit-rate Spotify still sounded fluid and natural.

To add to its features Cambridge Audio's Connect app (Android and iOS) allows control of the unit from a smartphone or tablet device.

If you are looking for a streamer to slot into an existing hi-fi system, the CXN has it all at a cost of just €1099.

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