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VOLUMIO PRIMO V2: THE EVOLUTION OF PRIMO

Florence, Italy. May 19, 2022. In its first release the Primo - winner of EISA award in the best media player category in 2018 - was a streamer with a built-in DAC notable for its astounding quality/price ratio. It could have been considered a real bargain, as it was conceived by Michelangelo Guarise, the mastermind of the Florentine company, who has always focused on high quality reproduction at budget prices.

It was time to upgrade that product giving it a new form factor, as well as improving it from a hardware standpoint. It's still called Primo, but V2, has on board the latest version of Volumio operating system (v3), now even more performing and equipped with the Manifest interface, that allows simple and intuitive management of musical contents, as well as offering greater fluidity and stability.

Inside the Primo V2 there's a ESS9038Q2M DAC in differential configuration connected in I2S to the digital input section. Analogue audio outputs are available in both balanced and single-ended format, and there's a digital SPDIF coaxial output, one HDMI port for an external monitor and two USB ports. The chassis, shared with other Volumio electronics, has been designed by Design Narratives and is made of antimagnetic aluminum; in the middle of the front panel there is a status LED and a power button.

Volumio Primo V2 has all the most up-to-date features in terms of inputs and playback capabilities from any source: Bluetooth 5.0 receiver, WiFi and Ethernet connectivity. It supports any digital format: DSD, WAV, FLAC, Alac, Aac, Vorbis, Cue, Mp3 and many others; beside that it's a UPNP Renderer.

The HDMI out can be used to take advantage of the OSD menu of Volumio, now in version 3, and to display any content in a clear and intuitive way thanks to its graphical interface called "Manifest". Ease of use is among the main features of Volumio 3, together with audio performance that is now even higher, and optimized within Primo V2 thanks to the I2S BUS.

The possibilities are endless from CD playing and ripping (using an USB external CD player/burner to be connected separately), to the TuneIn tuner for Web Radio, and UPNP/DLNA and CIFS/SMB and NFS support. Connectivity with Spotify, Tidal, Qobuz, Airplay is also guaranteed, and plug-ins are available for Youtube, Squeezelite, Radio Paradise, Podcasts, Pandora, Fusion DSP, Roon Bridge, Soundcloud, Mixcloud and many others in development. Last but not least, the Multi-Room capability with other Volumio stations, in order to create an integrated environment within your home.

In short, a truly complete and high performing product, for those who already have an audio system and want to complete it with a high-level DAC-Streamer, which can bring any enthusiast to the world of streamers without compromising.

SPECIFICATIONS

Audio playback: Bit-Perfect up to 192 kHz 24 bit, DSD128 via DoP.

Video output: HDMI 2.1/HDCP 2.2 up to 4K 60fps

Audio Output Level RCA/XLR: 2V RMS

USB: 1x USB 3.0, 1x USB 2.0.

LAN: Gigabit 10/100/1000Mb.

Wireless: Wi-Fi 802.11a/b/g/n/ac, 2X2 MIMO with RSDB.

Bluetooth: 5.0 APT-X, APT-X LL.

Supported formats: DSD, WAV, FLAC, Alac, Aac, Vorbis, Cue, Mp3 and many others.

UPNP/DLNA: Renderer with Open Home support.

Services: Airplay via Shairport Sync, Spotify & Spotify Connect, TIDAL & TIDAL Connect, QOBUZ

Available plugins: Youtube, Squeezelite, Radio Paradise, Podcasts, Pandora, Fusion DSP, Roon Bridge, Soundcloud, Mixcloud.

CPU: Amlogic S905D3, Quad Core 1.9 GHz.

RAM: 2 GB DDR4.

Internal storage: 16 GB EMMC.

Power supply: 5V DC, 3A

Availability: September 2022

Price: 799€