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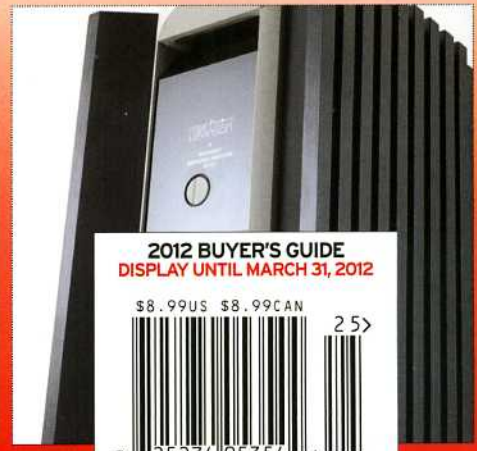
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# The 30 Greatest Bargains in HIGH-END AUDIO

(And Where to Find Them in This Issue)



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- page 120 **Parasound Halo JC 3 phono stage** (\$2350)
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- page 80 **Quad 2905 loudspeaker** (\$12,500)
- page 102 **Spectral DMA-360 power amplifiers** \$20,000 per pair)
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