



CH Precision

L1 preamplifier with X1 power supply

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CH Precision is a Swiss company that sticks to its guns. Every product (bar one) is able to be fully modified to bring it up to the latest specifications, and modularity is key. So when the standard L1 line preamplifier begins to look like it could do with a bit of a lift, there are lots and lots of options. We tried using one L1 preamplifier on its own, adding the matching power supply, adding two L1 preamplifiers, running two L1 preamps from a single X1 power supply and the full two L1, two X1 power supply combination.

In our test, Alan Sircom felt that there was a strict hierarchy to observe, saying in particular that the three-box system was, “more finessing the icing on the cake, where the full four-box stack just adds more cake, gives the recipe to a better baker, and puts thicker icing all over. If you try the three-box, you’ll likely stay with two, but if you hear the four-box, there’s no going back.” In its fullest guise. He concluded by saying, “In the process of moving from one-box to four, CH Precision’s L1 preamplifier moves from a dual-mono stereo preamp to a full four-chassis pure monaural preamp where nothing (even down to the cables) is shared. In the process, it moves from being among the best preamps money can buy to being one of the best preamps ever made, and with no products left behind along the way.” +

