

Micromega MyDAC ₹29,000 (plus tax)

Digital audio has this slightly silly characteristic of being inaudible to the human ear. Which is why a Digital to Analogue Converter is needed to turn that digital signal into one that you can perceive. Micromega offers you one such option to bypass the low-quality built-in DAC on your PC or portable device.

The MyDAC doesn't feel quite as expensive as the price suggests because of the plastic build, but it's still solid and durable. Controls are fairly straightforward as well, with a single switch to pick the input source, with optical, coaxial and USB as options. Output only routes through analog (RCA) cables, which may seem limited, but it's really all you need.

We started out with 16-bit/44.1kHz FLAC files from a PC routed through USB, and we were very impressed with

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the results. Suddenly, your music will sound more focused and imaging tightens up while the depth of the soundstage opens up. The Micromega does a tremendous job with cleaning up the audio, giving you a very three-dimensional feel. Low-level detail is well preserved, eliminating the need to crank up the volume.

If you're looking for a surefire way of improving audio performance from your PC, look no further. We'll be using this as reference equipment ourselves.

Rating

FOR Simplicity, superb work with signal conversion, practically jitter-free

AGAINST Plasticky build, no cables included in the box

VERDICT It might not look and feel like much, but appearances can be deceptive. At this price, this device is a proper bargain

TECH SPECS

USB Mode Asynchronous, Class 1.0/2.0 DAC up to 24-bit/192kHz Inputs USB, Optical, Coaxial Power Supply 85-265V Clocks 2 (1 each for 44.1 and 48 multiples)

NEED TO KNOW

CONSIDER IF

You use a computer to play a lot of your music and have high-end headphones/speakers

YOU'LL NEED

Cables for whatever mode of input and output you choose to use. The box has none

MAKE SURE

You switch it off when you're done to give it some cooldown time

AVOID

Turning the volume up too high, things start to get jumbled and messy at loud levels

HIGHLIGHT

The simplicity of this device is unparalleled. Plug it in, turn it on, and the magic starts