

Vector III Turntable

The Funk Firm logo, featuring a stylized 'F' icon followed by the text 'funk firm' in a lowercase, sans-serif font.



Ongoing development and refinement has resulted in Vector 3. Its radical appearance immediately captures the attention. Leaving aside all else that serves no purpose other than merely to fill space, Funk Vector's shape is organic and minimal, encompassing all that is necessary in a turntable. Attention to detail extends even to the dual speed control knob. Tactile to hold, it complements the flowing lines of the plinth.

Housed within Vector 3's slim form are all that you need to have a truly superbly performing front end:

- Funk "Vector" the very name gives away the first feature: Funk's famous three pulley Vector Drive system.
- For Vector 3, the motor and power supply are now derived from K-Drive.
- Achromat has won HiFi Choice's Gold award for a disc support. It this is now used here in Achroplat II with a new smooth silky finish and greater inertia to match the new drive.
- To support Achroplat is a fine jewelled bearing. Found in all the highest end turntables, the optically polished surface provides truly smooth bearing which will comfortably outlive the life of our turntable (and you!).
- To complement Vector 3, the standard recommended arm comes from our range of highly modified Rega 301 arms - VR or for the ultimate arm, FXR II (pat pend). You can start with VR and when funds permit, upgrade to FXR II. For those who wish to mount different arms, arm plates are available.
- Isolation and a dustcover will be available later in the year in the form of Kinetic Kradle.

Features

Vector drive: (Vector: to redirect thrust) Simply, this is "State of the Art" for any turntable.

Bearings need a gap between the spindle and the sleeve to be free to rotate. This gap is much bigger than the size of a groove. As the motor pulls at the platter, belt tension tilts it towards the motor. The tilted platter rotates away from the motor, while the belt continues to pull towards the motor. This conflict of pulling causes bearing judder, low frequency resolution is degraded and rumble and wear increase.

Vector Drive uses a triple pulley arrangement about the platter. The bearing is no longer pulled hard in just one direction, the drive is balanced and linearised. This produces less work for the motor the current delivery is smoother - a more even turning of the platter. When you listen to a Funk Vector 3, there is a delightful sense of "rightness" and ease to the music as compared to a deck without Vector Drive. Funk Vector 3 is clearly a superbly engineered Giant Killer of a design.

Achroplat II (pat pend): Improving on acrylic, it is the perfect Achromatic (non-resonant) support. Now mk II, its inertia is optimised to the new motor and servo. Inverted Sapphire Bearing. Very hard, very highly polished. Seen in the highest performance decks. DC Motor drive. It is optimally matched to the platter's inertia for smooth, consistent drive.

Funk Vector 3 is available in metallic brown, black and white.

Price \$1,680 (NO ARM)

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