

100TSCAN

03. BEST NEW SINGLE CD PLAYER

NUMARK CDX

VERDICT>>

The CDX is the first CD player to accurately reproduce both the sound and feel of a standard deck. Its effects are varied and usable while all features work for both CD and MP3 music files. A world's first in vinyl emulation.

OTHER NOMINATIONS>>

Technics SL-DZ1200
Denon DN-S5000
Pioneer CDJ-1000 Mk2



04. BEST DJ CARTRIDGE

SHURE WHITELABEL

VERDICT>>

The Shure Whitelabel differed from the competition in this category in that it didn't put out as much volume, yet consistently it sounded best. Its ability to track the groove for both cueing and fierce scratching also proved it to be the most versatile cart.

OTHER NOMINATIONS>>

Ortofon Electro
Stanton Trackmaster
Numark CS-1
Shure M447



05. BEST DJ HEADPHONES

SENNHEISER HD-25

VERDICT>>

These headphones have long been a firm favourite with many DJs including a few on the panel. Gaining most recognition for their impeccable sound, they are also lightweight and easily maintained. They suffer from easily detachable pads, but still get the majority vote.

OTHER NOMINATIONS>>

Stanton DJ Pro 3000
Pioneer HDJ-1000
Technics RP DJ1200
Sony MDR700



06. BEST DJ MIXER UNDER £800

PIONEER DJM-600

VERDICT>>

This was a difficult category to choose and the decision is definitely a representation of real-world popularity. The DJM-600 is one of the most commonly specified mixers on DJ riders. Its creation brought workable effects to DJs' fingertips for the first time.

OTHER NOMINATIONS>>

Pioneer DJM-900
Denon DN-X1500
Stanton SA-12
Allen & Heath Xone:62



07. BEST DJ MIXER OVER £800

ALLEN & HEATH XONE:92

VERDICT>>

This mixer has won the appreciation of all top-ranking DJs who have had the privilege to use one. It also breaks the barrier between syncing studio gear with turntables using MIDI clock, and not only sounds amazing but is innovative and well thought-out in design too.

OTHER NOMINATIONS>>

Allen & Heath Xone:92
Numark PPD-9000
Ecler Nuos
Vestax PMC-CX



08. BEST SCRATCH MIXER

PIONEER DJM-909

VERDICT>>

The decision was split 50/50 with the PMC-007 and DJM-909 this year and the final call was left to Woody. Familiar with Vestax's 007, Woody was not convinced the 909's features could beat it, but after some extra time using it, the balance was tipped. The first mixer with two independent effects, just a shame there isn't a three/four-channel version.

OTHER NOMINATIONS>>

Stanton SA-5
Numark PPD-01
Ecler Hak 360
Vestax PMC-007 Pro



09. BEST PA MANUFACTURER

FUNKTION ONE

VERDICT>>

This was almost a unanimous decision, based on experiences that could almost be described as religious. The Funktion One Dance Stack hasn't been out for long but has already been installed in some of the most respected clubs the country over. The sheer clarity and richness of bass won the panel's heart.

OTHER NOMINATIONS>>

Mackie
Turbosound
Martin Audio



10. BEST LIGHTING/VISUAL PRODUCT

EDIROL V-4

VERDICT>>

With plans to expand this category further next year, it was a tough decision between some drastically different products. But for offering the greatest value and empowering VJs to create professional performances, the V-4 has remained the most popular visual tool.

OTHER NOMINATIONS>>

Abstract DJ Extreme
Pioneer DJV-X1
Hippotizer DMX Club
Mac 2000 Performance



WINNERS DECIDED BY OUR READERS

11. BEST DUAL CD PLAYER Denon DN-D4000 12. BEST MP3 DJ PRODUCT Stanton Final Scratch 1.5 13. BEST DJ MIXER UNDER £300 Stanton SMX-501 14. BEST DJ MIXER UNDER £200 Numark DXM-06 15. BEST DJ MIXER UNDER £100 Kam Scratch Pro 100 16. BEST DJ EFFECTS PROCESSOR Korg Kaoss Pad 2 17. BEST NEW SAMPLER/WORKSTATION Akai MPC1000 18. BEST STUDIO SOFTWARE Cubase SX2 19. BEST DJ/PRODUCER COURSE Point Blank 20. BEST RETAILER OF THE YEAR JB's Music