



Benz Micro

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Benz Micro Switzerland announces the re-introduction of our Wood S and Ebony series of cartridges, available in multiple output levels.

As a result of the growing efficiency at the Benz factory, the Wood S models have been re-introduced with pricing similar to what was offered in 2013. These current Wood S models use the MR or Micro Ridge stylus and are available in Low .4mV (Wood SL), Medium .9mV (Wood SM) and High Output 2.5mV (Wood SH) versions. These models are the 4th generation of cross-coil generator based cartridges originally introduced in the early 1990s as the LO.4, MO.9 and H2O. In 2000, the Series 2 versions were released as L2, M2 and H2 models. The 3rd generation, the updated S Class versions were introduced 8 years later featuring further refinements and the Gyger S stylus.

The Wood SL is best suited for high gain phono stages with resistive loading greater than 120 ohms. The Wood SM is ideal for tube phono stages providing up to 56dB of gain and is typically loaded by 47k ohms although 1kohm is also acceptable. The Wood SH can be used with MM type phono stages and a 47k ohms input impedance. The 3 output levels are electrically identical to the low, medium and high versions of both Glider and ACE models, making these re-introduced Wood models the ideal upgrade path. With the re-introduction of the Wood S series, the introduction of the Zebra Wood cartridge has been postponed.

We have also re-introduced very limited production of our Ebony body, cross-coil models including the Ebony H and Ebony TR, both featuring Micro Ridge or MR styli. The ultimate high output moving coil, the Ebony H shares the same Ebony body as our LP S MR, and is used with MM type phono stages and a 47kohm input impedance. The Ebony TR is designed for use with a Step Up Transformer (SUT), featuring a .1mV output and a coil impedance of less than 5 ohms.

Please contact your country's Benz distributor for upgrade information or email us directly at our factory.