



# ★ BEST VALVE AMPLIFIER

## Icon Audio Stereo 845 PP

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Icon Audio produced a world first with the Stereo 845 PP, a pure triode stereo integrated amplifier using mighty 845 valves. Pushing out 40 Watts per channel, the amp is a push-pull design using four matched 845s, a pair of 6SN7 first-stage valves, two 6SL7 output drivers and a GZ34 driver-stage rectifier.

Designer David Shaw's aim was to provide a warm, luxurious valve sound allied to real bass power. Suffice to say he succeeded - in spades. The 845 tubes give the Icon Audio a seamless, fluid and eminently musical sound, as well as seismic low end kick.

"The 845 is able to ascend from near silence to thundering instrumental crescendos with apparent ease and gave a lovely flow and feel to the music as well" we said. "There's no evidence of the flabby bass and blunted edges of some other integrated tube amplifiers". Subjectively, 845PP is a sonic power house.

Whether you prefer jazz, rock or classical, the Icon Audio sounds vivid, alive and thoroughly realistic.

