

# the absolute sound

## Conclusion

The Carot One Ernestolone was one of the coolest "desktop" solutions I have ever encountered. A tube preamp, a 24/96 onboard USB DAC, a headphone amp, RCA inputs, a mirror jack input, and speaker connections.

Tough to beat at \$699. I loved the way the unit

looked and felt. I loved the tube. I loved the plug and play aspect. Best of all, I loved the sound -- the Ernestolone really surprised me with how it drove the KEF LS50's.

Add speakers, a digital or analog source, and cables to the Ernestolone, and you can have a wonderful \$1500 *complete* audio solution. These are certainly interesting times. **Highly recommended.** As a matter of fact, I want one for myself!



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