

A New Way to Experience Nagra at Home

Audio Technology Switzerland SA Introduces the Nagra Compact Player

Romanel, Switzerland, 25 February 2026 – There are certain names in audio that carry more than technical meaning. They carry emotion, heritage and the promise of musical truth. For decades, Nagra has been one of those names – synonymous with Swiss precision and a uniquely natural, lifelike sound.

With the introduction of the Nagra Compact Player, Audio Technology Switzerland SA opens a new chapter: bringing the essence of Nagra performance into more homes than ever before.

Small in size yet profound in expression, the Compact Player was created with a simple ambition: to make authentic high-end musical reproduction more attainable, without compromising the values that define the brand.

Music, Made Personal Again

The Nagra Compact Player is a complete high-end digital source, integrating an advanced streaming architecture with a carefully optimised DAC stage. Designed around a state-of-the-art D/A converter combined with Nagra's unique clock implementation and meticulous power regulation, it reflects the same engineering discipline that defines every Nagra component.

Yet beyond topology and architecture lies what truly matters: musical coherence.

Listeners will immediately recognise the Nagra signature: a presentation that is fluid and unforced, harmonically complete, and spatially precise. The soundstage unfolds with convincing dimensionality and air, bass extends deep while remaining controlled and articulate, and dynamic contrasts emerge naturally without strain. Microdetail is rendered without over-emphasis; resolution serves musical flow rather than analytical effect.

The result is a tonal realism that feels remarkably close to live performance: stable imaging, natural decay and an organic continuity that allows instruments and voices to exist in a believable space.

Designed for Modern Living

High-end audio no longer lives in isolation. Today's systems are integrated into refined living spaces, where aesthetics, discretion and functionality must coexist with uncompromising performance.

The Compact Player embodies this evolution. Its chassis, precisely CNC-machined from a solid aluminium billet, provides the mechanical rigidity and vibration resistance essential for low-noise digital performance. At the same time, its compact footprint ensures seamless integration into contemporary interiors and space-conscious installations.

It is, as always with Nagra, “as large as necessary and no larger” – a disciplined expression of engineering restraint.

Streaming services including Qobuz, Tidal, Spotify and AirPlay 2 are directly accessible, alongside local libraries via UPnP/DLNA or USB storage. Controlled through an intuitive mobile interface.

A Gateway to the Nagra Universe

For decades, Nagra has represented a benchmark in audio – admired for its mechanical precision, sonic integrity and unmistakable character.

The Compact Player redefines access to that legacy. It is neither an entry-level compromise nor a simplified expression. Designed, engineered and built in Switzerland, it upholds the same dedication to sonic truth that defines the brand’s most prestigious references.

Its significance lies in its role: it becomes a genuine gateway into the Nagra ecosystem. As the centrepiece of a carefully curated system, the heart of a minimalist installation connected directly to a power amplifier or active loudspeakers, or as a digital source for a refined secondary system, the Compact Player allows a broader audience to experience authentic Nagra performance in daily life.

It introduces Nagra into more homes: thoughtfully, credibly and without dilution of identity.

Built to Grow with You

True to Nagra’s philosophy of long-term ownership, the Compact Player is conceived as a platform for evolution. Optional upgrades including a dedicated high-performance power supply and advanced vibration control solutions allow its performance envelope to expand over time.

These enhancements are not cosmetic refinements; they further reduce noise, stabilise operation and enhance micro-dynamic expression and spatial precision.

The Compact Player is therefore not simply a digital source, but the foundation of a system designed to mature and deepen with its owner’s expectations. A long-term musical commitment rather than a temporary acquisition.

About Audio Technology Switzerland

Founded in 1951 by Stefan Kudelski, NAGRA has designed some of the most influential equipment in the audio industry. From the Oscar® Award winning NAGRA professional tape recorders to the multi-award winning NAGRA HD electronics, the company has constantly striven for the utmost excellence in electronics design and manufacturing. In 2012, Audio Technology Switzerland S.A., formerly Nagra Audio division, was created. Still largely owned by the Kudelski family, Audio Technology Switzerland designs, manufactures and markets NAGRA professional, high-end audio and security products. It perpetuates the tradition of sophistication and originality that has established the prestige of the NAGRA brand all around the world for over 70 years.