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**FUTURE-PROOF UNIVERSAL PLAYER**

**Denon  
DVD-3910 £900**

**VERDICT**

The Denon DVD-3910 is the first DVD player that we've come across which features every analogue and digital connection used today. The icing is that it performs superbly in all areas, from DVD-Audio and SACD to conventional DVD-Video playback

THE DEVELOPMENT OF home cinema equipment has more in common with the obsolete-in-a-year philosophy of computers than the gentle evolution process hi-fi goes through. It seems that every season brings another must-have feature on DVD players. In recent years we've had progressive-scan, DVD-Audio/SACD playback, and most recently a digital video output, in the form of either DVI-D or HDMI.

This rapid feature development isn't limited to just the video side either. Sound quality is boosted by FireWire, which can carry an uncompressed digital multichannel audio signal, unlike conventional digital

connections, such as coaxial or optical, that only have enough capacity for compressed audio such as Dolby Digital. The Denon also has provision for full six-channel audio via its HDMI

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output, although we've yet to test an amp that can cope with that signal.

Up until now no machine we've reviewed has covered all these bases.

Some will get you most of the way, but almost inevitably something is missing. Not any more. The arrival of Denon's DVD-3910 changes all that. Here, at last, is a disc player that does it all. It doesn't forget standard analogue video users either, offering progressive-scan component, RGB Scart and S-Video outputs too.

Aside from HDMI and FireWire, the high-quality digital audio outputs include Denon Link- the latter is the company's proprietary digital connection, now in its latest specification. However, a look at the crowded back panel, with its bank of six phono sockets for analogue audio, shows that the company hasn't ignored those of us not

The Denon is fully-featured and built beautifully. Pleasingly, its performance belong in the top league, too

riding on the first carriage of the train headed for the town of Cutting Edge.

The combination of this technology and Denon's high engineering standards is a sensibly priced machine that satisfies on all levels, and will continue to do so over time. Naturally, it performs superbly (that's why it's here), but we also want to take this opportunity to salute the Denon's sheer completeness. Want a one-stop solution to serve all your needs for now and the foreseeable future? This is it!

