



*A look at some of the most popular technology gifts this Christmas
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Day 9 – U-Turn Orbit Basic Turntable

Vinyl is making a comeback.



Turntables and vinyl records have seen a resurgence in the past few years. Along with streaming services and Apple iPods, music lovers are able to choose from a wide variety of listening devices to experience their favourite artists, songs, and albums.

Focusing our attention on the former, a number of turntables have been recently released on the market. One in particular is the U-Turn Orbit Basic which has gotten good reviews and comes at a good price.

The U-Turn Orbit Basic originated from a Kickstarter campaign in 2014 and consists of a simplified turntable which focuses on creating the best sound quality (33 and 45 RPM). This is done by placing the device's motor away from the base so the listener does not hear any unnecessary vibrations as well as providing a quality tone arm to interact with and play the record.

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The device comes ready to play out of the box. Users only need to turn it on and lower the tone arm to play a record. Each turntable comes with a pre-installed, adjusted cartridge, which works to convert vibrational energy from the record into analog sound. Additional accessories also include RCA cables, a dust cover to protect the records, and a felt mat.

One of the highlights of the U-Turn Orbit is its customization feature. Customers are able to request certain add-ons so the turntable plays music exactly how they want it. They can choose the colour, cartridge, and platter (the spinning surface that the record sits on) which enhances the user's listening experience.

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Due to the customization options, pricing for the U-Turn can vary depending on what the user chooses for their device. The Orbit Basic is currently priced at **\$179.00** (USD) while more sophisticated models such as the Orbit Special are **\$459.00** (USD).

Every turntable is made to order and thoroughly tested for sound quality and performance before being shipped to customers.

Considered a great and original idea for the music lover on your list, the U-Turn Orbit Basic reintroduces a way of listening to music which for a long time had fallen out of fashion but seems, like all great musicians, to be making a prominent comeback.

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