



A Word From Avery Fisher

This is the fourth completely revised edition of The Fisher Handbook.

The three previous editions have probably introduced more people to the basics of hi-fi and stereo than all other publications combined. And it was a thorough introduction.

But it came to our attention that a small, enthusiastic group of beginners had found an even more exhaustive source of information. They simply began to read every available magazine on high fidelity plus the hi-fi columns of the general magazines and newspapers—and kept at it for a year or two.

This we couldn't continue to observe without doing something about it. So we prepared this new Handbook.

We gathered together scores of copies of the audio and high fidelity magazines, read hundreds of articles and made a selection of those we believed would provide a comprehensive coverage of the *entire* subject.

Then we took one further step and condensed these articles to eliminate the more technical and detailed portions, while taking great care to preserve the essence of each. We were most pleased that each author concurred in our judgment.

The result is an entirely new Handbook that covers just about everything you should know and may ever want to know about high fidelity components.

We sincerely hope that you will have as much pleasure in reading this new Fisher Handbook as we had in creating it.

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