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FEATURE KEY:

Our brochure uses logos to summarize the rough cost of each cartridge.
See what each logo means here:

\$ Price point:
\$75 - \$200

\$ \$ Price point:
\$201 - \$700

\$ \$ \$ Price point:
\$701 - \$1700

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+ \$1701

ABOUT SUMIKO

For over 40 years, SUMIKO has provided the finest array of phono pick-up cartridges to discerning audio enthusiasts around the world, the entire collections of Sumiko phono cartridges are hand made in Japan to our exacting standards. Boasting a portfolio of products that touches all price points and technologies, there are many names in this catalogue that are indisputably synonymous with high-quality record playback.

Regardless of price, every SUMIKO cartridge is driven by a company-wide passion for achieving the best sound possible in the analogue format; so you can guarantee you'll experience musicality of sound and phenomenal cost-to-performance ratio with every model. SUMIKO cartridges truly reveal the magic within your treasured vinyl record collection.



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OYSTER SERIES EXPLAINED

SUMIKO Oyster cartridges are products borne out of many decades of cartridge design experience. Resulting from a fundamental stand-point that it is possible to achieve high performance sound at a reasonable price, the Oyster Series covers a wide range of products, from our entry-level Oyster moving magnet cartridge, up-to the iconic Blue Point moving coil models. Oyster is your ticket of entry for the "high-end" – a world of high technology, where companies go to great lengths to recreate music in your home.

Compared to most other brands, each model in the Oyster Series represents superior construction, a better investment in materials, and true high fidelity sound. Whether you're seeking an affordable moving magnet, moving coil or even a high-output moving coil, Oyster has something for you.



REFERENCE SERIES EXPLAINED

SUMIKO cartridges represent a proud heritage of musical excellence. Their luxurious presentation, excellent dynamics and extraction of the finest musical details has helped vinyl lovers around the world escape into their record collections in a way most other brands could only dream of achieving. The Reference Series is a purpose-designed suite of high-end moving coil cartridges that represent the very best SUMIKO has to offer. With a variety of options, ranging from precision-engineered “open architecture” designs up-to the flagship, truly esoteric wooden bodied cartridges. The Reference Series covers a variety of solutions to ensure any performance-driven audiophile can find a SUMIKO cartridge that's right for them.

Employing only the best, most appropriate technologies, and still made by hand in Japan, Reference Series cartridges offer an unrivalled musical experience.



ENTRY LEVEL MOVING MAGNET

An affordable price doesn't have to mean you sacrifice the level of performance for your investment, as is proven by the Entry-Level Moving Magnet Series of cartridges from SUMIKO.

After the introductory Oyster, with its bonded spherical stylus and rugged generator assembly, designed to stand-up to the rigorous demands of a keen vinyl newcomer; the step-up to the Black Pearl increases performance ability significantly thanks to its trickle-down technology from the superior Pearl. Rounding off the series, Pearl is a highly revered, long-standing cartridge with an elliptical stylus profile and all the expected properties of a high quality moving magnet at a great price.



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Oyster Series



OYSTER

The bonded spherical stylus and rugged generator assembly of the Oyster makes it perfect for those seeking a cost-effective moving magnet cartridge that can be used in a wide range of applications.

Output Voltage:	4.0mV
Freq. Response:	30Hz - 20kHz
Load Impedance:	47kΩ
Channel Separation:	25dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	Spherical
Cartridge Weight:	5.3g
Cartridge Price:	\$
Replacement stylus:	RS Oyster



BLACK PEARL

The Black Pearl shares the same cartridge body as the superior Pearl, but employs a spherical stylus on an improved cantilever. This unique combination gives a rich musical output, benefiting from greater channel separation and a wide frequency response.

Output Voltage:	4.0mV
Freq. Response:	18Hz - 27kHz
Load Impedance:	47kΩ
Channel Separation:	28dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	Spherical
Cartridge Weight:	6.0g
Cartridge Price:	\$
Replacement stylus:	RS Black Pearl



PEARL

The Pearl's smooth, natural sound reproduction breathes life into any recording with poise and transparency. Its affordable price also belies its colossal ability to pull a complete sonic picture from each record it touches.

Output Voltage:	4.0mV
Freq. Response:	12Hz - 30kHz
Load Impedance:	47kΩ
Channel Separation:	30dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	Elliptical
Cartridge Weight:	6.0g
Cartridge Price:	\$
Replacement stylus:	RS Pearl



PREMIUM MOVING MAGNET

The newest additions to SUMIKO's coveted line of moving magnet cartridges are premium solutions with matching aesthetics, drawing their names from different types of Oysters. The Rainier, Olympia, Moonstone and flagship Amethyst comfortably out-perform similar priced solutions.

The first three models in the range all utilise a common housing and generator assembly, for easy stylus upgrades as your listening system progresses. The top-of-the-line Amethyst benefits from its own unique cartridge body, allowing its Nude Line-Contact stylus to perform to the highest possible standard.





RAINIER

The Rainier expands on our legacy for smooth, natural sound reproduction. With a newly developed body and generator system that significantly reduces internal resonances, it's finished with an expertly shaped elliptical stylus.



OLYMPIA

The Olympia features a finely polished elliptical stylus mounted on a bespoke cantilever that uses a smaller generator magnet for a level of acoustic refinement and sense of space that defies belief.



MOONSTONE

The Moonstone employs a finely polished elliptical stylus on a bespoke cantilever with an even smaller magnet for a sonic performance that delivers the nuance of a moving coil with the punch of a moving magnet.



AMETHYST

The Amethyst is our most ambitious moving magnet cartridge to date. With its Nude Line-Contact stylus coupled to a 0.5mm diameter aluminium cantilever and its enhanced cartridge body, it's capable of extracting every minute detail from the record groove.

Output Voltage:	5mV
Freq. Response:	15Hz - 25kHz
Load Impedance:	47kΩ
Channel Separation:	25dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	Elliptical
Cartridge Weight:	6.5g
Cartridge Price:	\$
Replacement stylus:	RS Rainier RS Olympia RS Moonstone

Output Voltage:	4mV
Freq. Response:	12Hz - 30kHz
Load Impedance:	47kΩ
Channel Separation:	30dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	0.3 μM x 0.7 μM Elliptical
Cartridge Weight:	6.5g
Cartridge Price:	\$ \$
Replacement stylus:	RS Olympia RS Moonstone

Output Voltage:	3mV
Freq. Response:	12Hz - 33kHz
Load Impedance:	47KΩ
Channel Separation:	30dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	0.3 μM x 0.7 μM Elliptical
Cartridge Weight:	6.5g
Cartridge Price:	\$ \$
Replacement stylus:	RS Moonstone

Output Voltage:	2.5mV
Freq. Response:	12Hz - 35kHz
Load Impedance:	47kΩ
Channel Separation:	30dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	nude Line-Contact
Cartridge Weight:	6.5g
Cartridge Price:	\$ \$
Replacement stylus:	RS Amethyst

BLUE POINT

The Blue Point name is an icon of the SUMIKO range, and sets the standard for premium high output moving coil cartridges.

The latest generation of the hugely successful Blue Point Special sets the bar high for performance with its remarkably smooth tonal balance, richness and warmth, achieved thanks to its expertly engineered "open architecture" design. Drawing on the lasting success of the original Blue Point, the Blue Point No. 2 and Blue Point Special EVCO III set a new standard for low-priced moving coils, with their impeccable electrical and mechanical design, ensuring a performance that's sure to get your feet tapping.



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BLUE POINT NO.2

The Blue Point No. 2 sets the performance standard for the savvy audiophile on a budget. Offering all the refinement and ability of a true moving coil, but delivering the output level of a moving magnet cartridge for easy system-pairing.

Output Voltage:	2.5mV
Freq. Response:	15Hz - 35kHz
Load Impedance:	47kΩ
Channel Separation:	32dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	0.3 μM x 0.7 μM Elliptical
Cartridge Weight:	6.3g
Cartridge Price:	\$ \$



SPECIAL EVO III HIGH OUTPUT

The BPS EVO III "open generator" design mates a low-mass, chemically coated aluminium cantilever with a finely polished elliptical stylus for exceptional tracking ability and musical detail, as well as superior dynamics and a faster response time. It's a classic Sumiko MC High Output so it can be paired with almost any MM phono stage.

Output Voltage:	2.5mV
Freq. Response:	12Hz - 40kHz
Load Impedance:	47KΩ
Channel Separation:	32dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	0.3 μM x 0.7 μM Elliptical
Cartridge Weight:	8.3g
Cartridge Price:	\$ \$



SPECIAL EVO III LOW OUTPUT

All the great attributes of the original BPS EVO III are also available in a low-output version that offers superior dynamics and faster response time. The low-mass coils take some of the pressure off the cantilever suspension system to allow the assembly to squeeze out every last drop of performance from this esteemed cartridge.

Output Voltage:	0.5mV
Freq. Response:	12Hz - 40kHz
Load Impedance:	100Ω - 1kΩ
Channel Separation:	32dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	0.3 μM x 0.7 μM Elliptical
Cartridge Weight:	8.3g
Cartridge Price:	\$ \$



SONGBIRD LINE

The Songbird Line represents the penultimate step in SUMIKO's cartridge series, elevating overall performance and expectation firmly into the high-end arena.

From the Songbird, with its exceptional tracking ability and wide compatibility, through the long-standing Blackbird and its exceedingly low noise levels and wide dynamic range, up to our reference open architecture design, Starling, with its MicroRidge stylus on a Boron cantilever; each model in the range promises to sing as beautifully and naturally as its name suggests.





SONGBIRD HIGH OUTPUT

The sophisticated and smart Songbird design with its open architecture construction, new aluminium mounting body, low-mass elliptical stylus and aluminium coated cantilever results in a high-end cartridge that sings as sweetly as its name suggests.

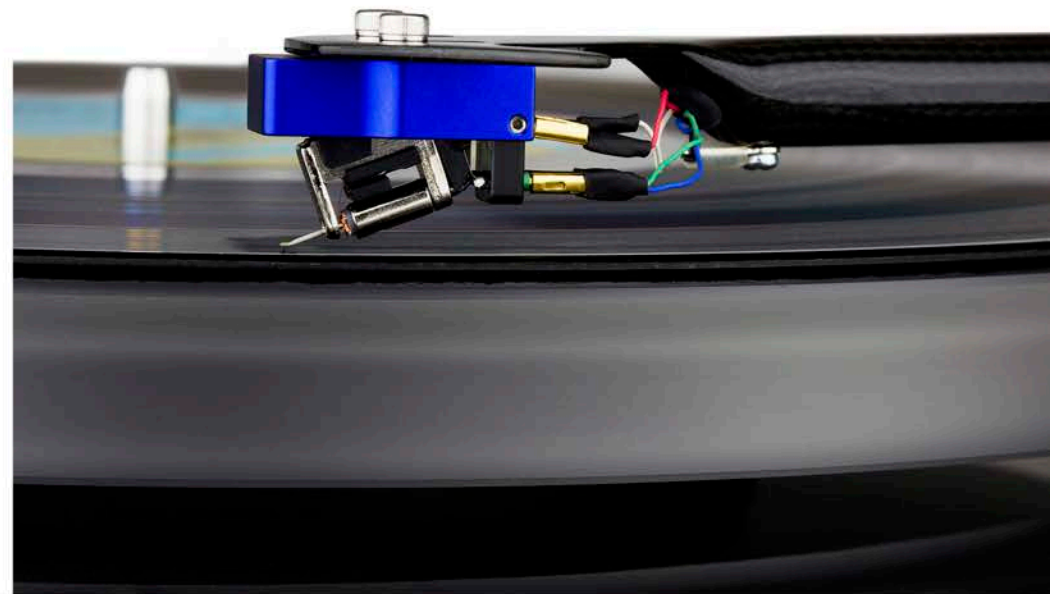
Output Voltage:	2.5mV
Freq. Response:	12Hz - 40kHz
Load Impedance:	67kΩ
Channel Separation:	32dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	0.3 μMx 0.7 μM Elliptical
Cartridge Weight:	8.5g
Cartridge Price:	\$ \$ \$



SONGBIRD LOW OUTPUT

The Songbird's great performance is further boosted by reducing the number of high-purity copper coils winding: this means reducing the cartridge's moving mass so that the stylus can trace even finer details on the record's surface. The result is a cartridge of unparalleled properties: huge stereo image, tremendous deep bass response and an ability to deliver small details that other cartridges simply smear over.

Output Voltage:	0.5mV
Freq. Response:	12Hz - 40kHz
Load Impedance:	100Ω - 1kΩ
Channel Separation:	32dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	0.3 μMx 0.7 μM Elliptical
Cartridge Weight:	8.5g
Cartridge Price:	\$ \$ \$



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BLACKBIRD HIGH OUTPUT

The classic Blackbird design has a level of performance and clarity that competes with cartridges twice its price: it's been designed for exceedingly low noise levels, exceptionally wide dynamic range, and the highest possible fidelity. In its high output version it can be paired with almost any MM phono stage: top class music presentation meets versatility.

Output Voltage:	2.5mV
Freq. Response:	10Hz - 45kHz
Load Impedance:	47Ω
Channel Separation:	35dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	0.3 μM x 0.7 μM Elliptical
Cartridge Weight:	8.5g
Cartridge Price:	\$ \$



BLACKBIRD LOW OUTPUT

By offering a low-output version of the Blackbird at 0.7 mV, we have taken advantage of a low-mass cantilever assembly to provide even faster response time and superior dynamics. With the right preamplification, the low-output Blackbird takes all of the performance features of the standard version and pushes them to the next level with the improved tracking that lightweight coils afford.

Output Voltage:	0.7mV
Freq. Response:	10Hz - 45kHz
Load Impedance:	100Ω - 1kΩ
Channel Separation:	35dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	Low-mass Elliptical
Cartridge Weight:	8.5g
Cartridge Price:	\$ \$



STARLING

No aspect of the Starling's design was left to chance. Our flagship open architecture cartridge renders the grandeur of an orchestra while still preserving air and space, also delivering responsive dynamics and deep silences.

Output Voltage:	0.5mV
Freq. Response:	10Hz - 50kHz
Load Impedance:	100Ω - 1kΩ
Channel Separation:	>35dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	Micro-Ridge
Cartridge Weight:	9.5g
Cartridge Price:	\$ \$ \$ \$



LUXURY LINE

Reserved for the best of the best, SUMIKO's Luxury Line of cartridges in the premium Reference Series offer a musical experience that has to be heard to be believed. Capable of the most startling realism, musical fluidity and detail extraction, the Pearwood Celebration II and the flagship Palo Santos Presentation are wooden cartridge designs drawing on a proud Japanese heritage of maximum fidelity, intended for only the most demanding Hi-Fi stereo systems. Expect to be amazed by what they can achieve.



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LUXURY LINE



PEARWOOD CELEBRATION II

Hand fitted with a luxurious body that harks back to some truly classic cartridge designs, the Pearwood Celebration II combines a unique machined alloy cradle that houses the generator system with a stylus and cantilever capable of extracting every inch of musical detail.

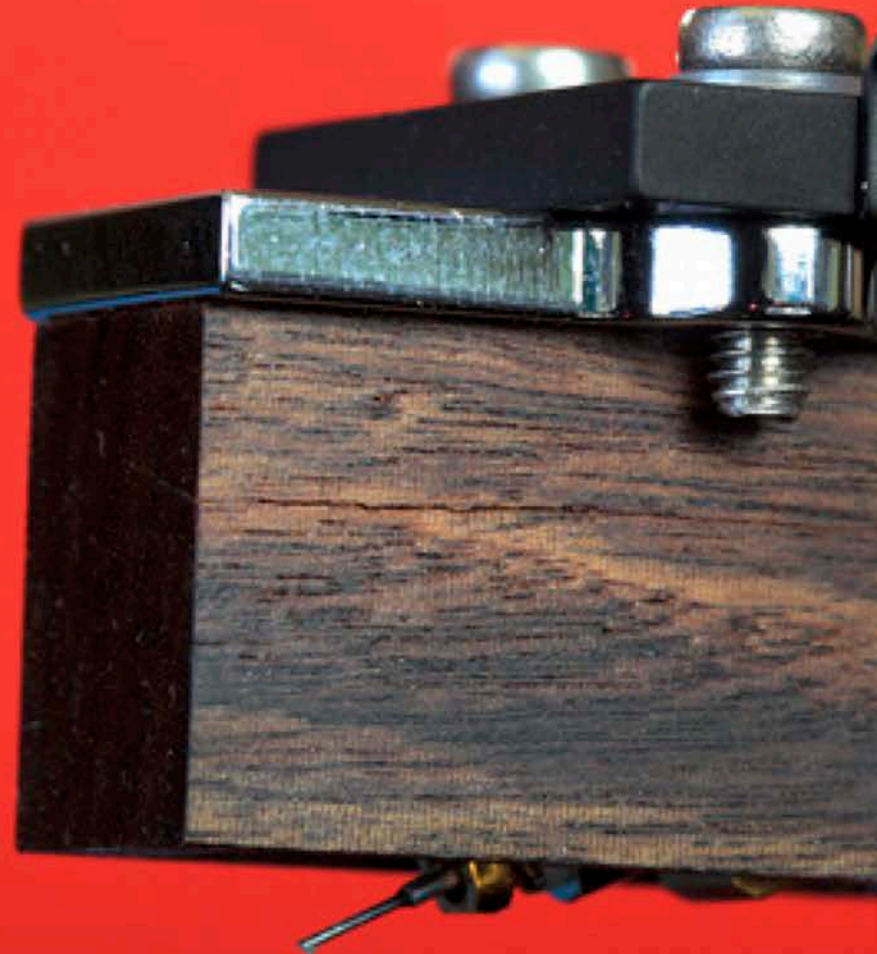
Output Voltage:	0.5mV
Freq. Response:	10Hz - 50kHz
Load Impedance:	100Ω - 1kΩ
Channel Separation:	>35dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	ultra low-mass Ogura Jewel Co. P9
Cartridge Weight:	7.0g
Cartridge Price:	\$\$\$ \$



PALO SANTOS PRESENTATION

The Palo Santos Presentation is a flagship in every sense. Through its luxurious Brazilian Rosewood body with meticulously engineered inner-workings, it exudes classic style and delivers a truly exceptional sonic performance that marks SUMIKO as a true player in the high-end arena.

Output Voltage:	0.5mV
Freq. Response:	10Hz - 50kHz
Load Impedance:	100 - 1kΩ
Channel Separation:	>35dB @ 1kHz
Stylus Type:	75 μM x 4 μM ultra low-mass Line-Contact
Cartridge Weight:	8.3g
Cartridge Price:	\$\$\$ \$





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