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CREEK AUDIO VOYAGE i20

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ere's a 120 Watt amplifier with smooth sound, a full complement of digital inputs, balanced analogue input and remote control, price £4495. Creek's Voyage i20 uses a top quality digital convertor chip from Asahi Kasei of Japan for superb results from Bluetooth, USB and S/PDIF digital inputs. There's even a phono stage.

Reviewer Noel Keywood said: "plenty of fine detail was mined from the vivid guitar of Nils Lofgren's Keith Don't Go, our ESL-X XStat panels loving what they were fed. The furiously strummed strings slashed out of the 'speakers, as they should, but the Creek sounded deliciously sweet; I believe AKM's Velvet Sound DAC contributed strongly here. I was also aware of a solid, cohesive sense to the sound that comes from a good digital amplifier with DAC tightly connected to the amplifier stages, without intervening cables and connectors that hamper an external DAC".

By combining smooth sound with all digital conveniences this amplifier easily gains our recommendation as the best all-round amplifier package of 2021.