

# American★ songwriter

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**PSD340**

**SUPERSCOPE PSD-340 MP3/CD Player & CD Recorder Price: \$999  
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#### Scene 1:

So you've hit a wall with the recording program that came installed on your new computer. Too many plug-ins, too much thinking. "Do I need to register, what, where, pop-up, what?" you ask.

Digital Audio Workstations seem like the answer but are never just under a grand after all is said and done, and they still require EQ and mixing. A right-brained individual can lose track. All you really want to do is throw down a guitar/vocal of the song you were humming in the car and have it sound better than the hand held tape deck you've been using for 25 years.

#### Scene 2:

A young guitarist sits in his grandparents' living room one summer, listlessly dreaming of better years and stages to come. The grandfather only has to offer the young melodic carnivore two selections: Bing Crosby's *White Christmas* and Buck Owens' *Live at Carnegie Hall*. Bing don't rock. Buck has a dude named Don who tears the lacquer off a Telecaster, but the youngling can't possibly imitate the triplet-fused chicken pickin' note storm of Don; he can hardly hold a G chord. Looks like it's gonna be a white Christmas all August long.

#### Solution:

If either of the above scenarios rings true or sound like future frustrations, then the Superscope PSD340 is the ticket. It allows the user to record performances, ideas, demos and rehearsals directly to CD. You can change key and tempo of any CD or MP3, play along and create customized accompaniment CDs on the spot. Designed for musicians and music educators, the PSD340 is an indispensable music practice and recording tool.

The Superscope PSD340 plays CD, CD-R, CD-RW, MP3 on disc and CD+G\* formats, letting you change the tempo of any music CD or MP3 file on disc in real time, -75% to +50%. Change key as much as an octave up or down in half steps. Also fine tune CD accompaniment to match your instrument. Select A-B practice loops or record a part of a song. You have remote control record, volume, L-R balance and all music manipulations. It also features a chromatic tuner with 440Hz tone and a metronome with accent beat. For singers, the PSD340 lets you reduce lead vocals from CDs to create singing accompaniments.

More...no way! Yes, there is more! The record function makes the tape deck days obsolete. Record directly to CD-R or CD-RW discs as easily as using a tape recorder—but with professional results. One-button recording and record-review makes it easy to record and immediately listen to the last recorded track. Mix live recording with CD accompaniment in real-time. Reverb and delay help match room ambience with CDs. The PSD340 also includes two fully independent drives for simultaneous playback and recording and spot duplication. Record just a few beats or measures of a song from a CD. Microphone input attenuator and automatic record level switch are included, as well as built-in 48V Phantom Power.



**Rating:** Angus Swing From A Wire



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