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<https://www.lowbeats.de/test-flaechenstrahler-quad-esl-2912x-potentes-mittel-fuer-gaensehaut/>

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Feb , 2025

What Hi-Fi?(UK)



QUAD ESL features top of the list in 'The 11 coolest things I've seen at the Bristol Hi-Fi Show 2025' feature, compiled by the Editor in Chief of What Hi-Fi, Alistair Stevenson: "If you say electrostatic speakers to any Hi-Fi fan, QUAD is one of the first names to come to mind which is why we were super excited to get our first look at the firm's new ESL 2912X speakers at the show."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axEGsgf9njY>



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Jul , 2025

Audio Visual Revolution



"...A modern integrated amplifier through and through... sleek footprint, serious power under the hood, and a widespread of digital and analog inputs...A compact all-rounder that's easy to place, easy to use, and most importantly, easy to listen to...Heritage re-imagined, not reenacted...Swapped the DAC for the ESS 9038 Q2M... clarity, dynamic range, and low noise floor...What QUAD 3 does is amplify, convert, and fine-tune — with clarity, authority, and confidence..."

<https://youtu.be/iGUylEQ8J7I>

Jul , 2025

AREA DVD



"The QUAD 3, designed in a compact, retro-style format, is available on the market at a recommended retail price of €1,490. The device is offered exclusively in the silver/black color variant we tested. The workmanship, both inside and out, is excellent."

<https://www.aredvd.de/tests/test-quad-3-ikonischer-retro-stereovollverstaerker-im-kompakten-format/2/>

Jul , 2025

HiFi Pig



"QUAD has done it again with another retro model that should not only get interest from those who began their audio journey with the original 22 but also those much younger wanting to start their journey. This is a really easy-to-use and versatile unit that gives an organic and fluid performance, whatever the source. At £1249, this is great value, even just for the looks. As a complete amplifier, it's a bargain."

<https://www.hifipig.com/quad-3-amplifier/>

Aug , 2025

HiFi News



"What can I say? QUAD's 3 changes the landscape for integrated amplifiers at this price point. It does everything you could want - for analogue and digital - and it acts like it has twice the power it possesses. It looks fabulous, the build quality is exceptional, and the outlay is exactly the same you'd have paid 60 years ago for a QUAD 22/II stereo set-up. QUAD doesn't practice inflation - this amplifier is deflation taken form!"



33 & 303



Aug , 2025

HIFIANDMUSICSOURCE



"QUAD have hit the bullseye for me. I'd have a 33 and two 303's in a heartbeat if I wasn't already happy with my setup, but any reader out there who is thinking of changing or upgrading should give the QUADs a listen."

<https://hifiandmusicsource.com/2025/08/quad-33-and-303-rejuvenated/>

Aug , 2025

The Absolute Sound



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Aug , 2025

hi-fi+



"...The new models exceed their vintage counterparts in tonal neutrality, noise, distortion, dynamic range, and practically every other measurable parameter...They more closely realise QUAD's famous claim, "the closest approach to original sound," than the originals ever did...This achievement was made possible by incorporating listening as an integral part of the design protocol, a method the original designer insisted was unnecessary...The team at QUAD thinks of the new models as direct evolutions of the originals...The original designer was the first to adopt new technology if it was a genuine advance, implying he would have approved of these new models..."

Apr , 2025

Gramophone

"As with other modern products from the QUAD stable, the 33/303 pairing manages to combine retro appeal with a sound that's bang up to date. The modernisation of the styling is as impressive as the reworking of the electronics, sensible pricing adds to the appeal, and of course there's the upgrade potential of that bridgeable power amplifier."

Gramophone Feb 2025

Mar , 2025

Diapason Hi-Fi D'Or



"The fact that the vintage 33/303 units manufactured in the 1960s and 1970s are still used today and that their sound is still highly admired testifies to the quality of their original design."

The new editions preserve and elevate these fundamental characteristics in all aspects. They capture the silky sound delivery of the originals that distinguished them from the transistor amplifiers of the time, while adding greater clarity, detail, bandwidth and dynamic impact. This pre/power combination is a real pleasure to listen to, track after track, symphony after symphony, completely captivating the listener whether the volume is low or high."

https://www.quad-hifi.co.uk/cdn/shop/files/CP_Quad_33-and-303_2503.pdf?v=1742181799



33 & 303



Mar , 2025

Darko Audio



The QUAD 33 and 303 sound solid and weighty, providing strong macrodynamic contrasts. There's plenty of heft when listening to Monolake's studio electronic music. We get a much more robust sound from the QUAD with the Wharfedale Super Linton than from another vintage remake.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVv6O7XxoZM>

Jan , 2025

Pre/Power Amplifiers



With bridged power amplifiers, the QUAD combo mercilessly all comparable combos up to 6000 euros that I know of. I have spontaneously decided to buy it (yes, I'm even thinking about buying a second set-up and storing it for any grandchildren who may appear later) and I'm already dreading the moment when I have to send the test objects to the publisher for photography.

https://www.quad-hifi.co.uk/cdn/shop/files/PDF_1-25_Quad_en.pdf?v=1737600495

Feb , 2025

Pearl Acoustics



"... it's got a lovely sound, it's a little sweetness in the mid-range, not overly colored, dynamic, a good sound stage..."

it does deserve to be there alongside companies like Luxman, MacIntosh and these really top quality brands.. And the beauty is, because QUAD have the production in China, the quality of the finish is like the iPhone quality... it's beautiful you couldn't criticise it at all. You get all of that for a very very realistic price!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2za43VfLBdQ>

Feb , 2025

The Future is Now!



"...when I went back to the 303 it was just so much more transparent. I could hear the Acoustics of the church that this session was recorded in, it just sounded more 'you are there' with the 303"

"...the build quality is extraordinary for this kind of money and the sound especially of then preamplifier was really, really fantastic"

"I was very very impressed with the 33 headphone amplifier. Output sounded fantastic, had enough gain and was very clear, just like got out of the way."

"These are highly transparent really clean sounding electronics, good tonal balance but it was really about Vivid 'like you are there' sound. Maybe you could say you know QUAD's known for their electrostatic speakers and these electronics have that kind of see-through transparency that I associate with electrostatic speaker."

<https://youtu.be/rckWBz9SmOg>



33 & 303



Dec , 2024

33 & 303
Hi-Fi News Outstanding Product



QUAD 33/303 (2024)

We are awash with integrated amps or pre/ power pairings under £2500, but the new QUAD 33/303 stands out from the rest.

Even deliberately ignoring my bias for retro, I was seduced by a listening experience as delightful as that of the original's, with resultant night-long sessions.

The 33/303 is a charmer, and Peter Walker would be proud. I am buying a set as my mid-priced reference. What more can I say?

https://quad-hifi.co.uk/cdn/shop/files/HFN_Jan_Quad_33_303_Reprint_55.pdf?v=1734059425

Dec , 2024

303 LIKE HIFI



Test: QUAD 33 & 303 and QUAD Revela 2 – preamplifier / power amplifier combo and floorstanding loudspeaker

The QUAD 303 is a Class AB power amplifier that combines its retro aesthetic with modern performance and stability. Thanks to the triples output stage, it delivers a clean, precise and musically warm reproduction that impresses at both low and high volumes. The controlled bass reproduction, clear mids and detailed highs create a balanced sound. With its robust construction and low heat generation, the QUAD 303 is highly reliable even during long periods of operation.

<https://www.likehifi.de/test/test-quad-33-303-und-quad-revela-2-vorverstaerker-endstufen-kombi-und-stand-lautsprecher/>

Dec , 2024

33 LIKE HIFI



Test: QUAD 33 & 303 and QUAD Revela 2 – preamplifier / power amplifier combo and floorstanding loudspeaker

The QUAD 33 proves to be an impressive preamplifier. It is pleasantly easy to use thanks to well thought-out details such as the illuminated control buttons and the intuitive tilt control. In terms of sound, the QUAD 33 impresses with its clarity, precision and a warm, musical note that will particularly appeal to vinyl lovers. Despite its analogue construction, the preamplifier remains absolutely noise-free and ensures detailed, finely tuned sound reproduction. Overall, the QUAD 33 combines nostalgic design with sophisticated audio quality.

<https://www.likehifi.de/test/test-quad-33-303-und-quad-revela-2-vorverstaerker-endstufen-kombi-und-stand-lautsprecher/>

Dec , 2024

33 & 303
Pursuit Perfect System (UK)



Best of 2024 - STAND OUT HIFI PRODUCT

I really enjoyed having this QUAD setup here in my home; it was a pleasure to live with. The QUAD 33 and 303, wins a Pursuit Perfect System Sandout Award for 2024, and I think it is very well deserved.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8I_deaVNTU



33 & 303



Nov , 2024

33 & 303 AREA DVD



With the new edition of the legendary QUAD components, consisting of the 33 stereo preamplifier and the 303 power amplifier, the British company has achieved a great success. The retro-oriented design provides unique selling points, and the technical structure of both devices is extremely clean... Acoustically, the QUAD 33 and QUAD 303 shine with an enormous degree of sonic culture and acoustic harmony.

<https://www.aredvd.de/tests/xxl-test-quad-33-vorverstaerker-und-quad-303-endstufe-kraft-und-kultur-im-kompakten-format/>

Nov , 2024

33 AUDIO TEST



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https://quad-hifi.co.uk/cdn/shop/files/Test-PDF_Quad_Revela2_303_33_AUDIO_TEST_0824.pdf?v=1731914834

Nov , 2024

33 & 303 Pursuit Perfect System (UK)



I just like having the QUAD 33 preamplifier in the system; it's easy to live with... Most people will likely use the QUAD 33 with the 303 power amplifier, creating a setup that's easy to live with – hardly any heat generated and very enjoyable sound... The real appeal lies in the overall package – its look, feel, and easygoing sound that works fantastically with the Super Linton speakers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOWTvbYLRpc>

Nov , 2024

33 & 303 A British Audiophile



The 33 preamp and 303 power amp deliver a warm, rich audio experience, maintaining the classic sound signature and output stage of their predecessors.... Overall, I highly recommend the QUAD 33 preamp and 303 power amp for their admirable blend of modernity and tradition.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VFoAF27r50>

Revela



Apr , 2025

REVELA 1 Stereophile Recommended Components



Designed by veteran British engineer Peter Comeau, the two-way, reflex-loaded Revela 1 uses an aluminum-foil ribbon tweeter and a 6.5" mid/bass driver, these mounted in a cross-braced, sandwich-construction enclosure. The speaker's price includes custom stands crafted from lacquered birch plywood uprights and a carbon steel baseplate. When he listened to the QUAD, KM's first thought "was of a wide arc of sun-filled, pure treble energy in which the music was illuminated from within. The next was that the ribbon tweeter blended seamlessly with its mid/bass driver, ensuring a balanced presentation." The Revela 1's performance "was a masterclass in upper-octave clarity and, with the right music, hair-raising momentum," he noted.

[Stereophile Recommended Components_April 2025](#)



Revela

Dec , 2024

REVELA 2 LIKE HIFI



Test. QUAD 33 & 303 and QUAD Revela 2 – preamplifier / power amplifier combo and floorstanding loudspeaker

The QUAD Revela 2 impresses with clear, detailed sound and excellent spatial representation. The True Ribbon tweeter offers exceptional delicacy and softness in the highs without appearing aggressive, while the precise bass and clear mids ensure a balanced sound. The elegant design with high-quality materials and surfaces makes the Revela 2 a highlight not only in terms of sound, but also visually. Overall, the QUAD Revela 2 offers a perfect mix of musical warmth, attention to detail and appealing aesthetics.

<https://www.likehifi.de/test/test-quad-33-303-und-quad-revela-2-vorverstaerker-endstufen-kombi-und-stand-lautsprecher/>

Nov , 2024

REVELA 2 AUDIO TEST



The QUAD Revela 2 has perfect dynamics. It reproduces the bass in a tight and controlled manner without ever sounding spongy or imprecise. The mids and highs are not overlaid and remain clearly present in the sound.

https://quad-hifi.co.uk/cdn/shop/files/Test-PDF_Quad_Revela2_303_33_AUDIO_TEST_0824.pdf?v=1731914834

Oct , 2024

Stereophile



No matter what I threw at it, recordings or ancillary gear, the Revela 1s made me forget my cares and get happy. Sparkling, pure highs meet rich, warm bass for a very satisfying sound. Forget harsh treble; the Revela 1's treble is smooth, see-through, and revealing, and allied to rich, flowing, surprisingly impactful bass.

<https://www.stereophile.com/content/quad-revela-1-loudspeaker>

Sep , 2024

SECRETS of Home Theater and High Fidelity



"...in a word these speakers are spectacular and if you like shiny big sounding speakers give this one a listen."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f23XfE1v57Q>

Jun , 2024

Hi-Fi News Outstanding Product



Following the dazzling Revela 1, the Revela 2 enhances every sonic parameter you could address. More to the point, given that it occupies a nearly identical footprint to the Revela 1 on its dedicated stands, there's only one reason to buy the latter over the Revela 2, and that's budget. Upon comparing this to a £10k reference, the Law of Diminishing Returns slapped me in the face – this speaker is incredible!

https://quad-hifi.co.uk/cdn/shop/files/HFN_Aug_24_Quad_Revela_2_Reprint.pdf

April, 2024

A British Audiophile



I see these speakers as the ultimate destination for many on their audio journey. They stand out as the best speakers I've encountered under £2,200, and the best within the sub-£3,000 range

<https://youtu.be/5TERfykz7eo>



Revela

Mar , 2024

Hi-Fi Choice



The QUAD proves that in hi-fi, as in life, you get what you pay for. The most expensive speaker here is also the best, albeit not in every respect. It sounds bigger and more open than the other group members, and this is doubtless helped by its larger cabinet and mid/bass driver and ribbon tweeter. Open and airy, it delivers a wealth of detail that really unlocks the recording

https://www.quad-hifi.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/HFC-513_GT-QUAD-HIGH-RES.pdf

Feb , 2024

Positive Feedback



At its affordable price, it's available to almost anyone who wants to get into high-end audio. I also love that it plays well with tube amplification. And, although I would not label the Revela 2 a budget loudspeaker, I would call it a bargain. If I had not known the price I would've guessed at least two times higher. The Revela 2 was a pleasure to have in my system.

<https://positive-feedback.com/reviews/hardware-reviews/quad-revela-2-loudspeaker/>

Jan , 2024

Hi-Fi News Outstanding Product



If there are any issues with QUAD's Revela 1, it's that it is too good. The past couple of years have shown the market is awash with amazing speakers at all price points, but the Revela 1 doesn't just excel at £1799: if I hadn't known the price, the sound and build would have had me guessing £5000. Grab a pair before QUAD figures out they're underpriced. Even with nine months to go, this is my product of 2024.

<https://www.quad-hifi.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/HFN-Mar-Quad-Revela-1.pdf>

Nov, 2023

AUDIO Stereoplay Can be loud and quiet



If the conditions are right, then the QUAD Revela 2 can be a dream speaker.

https://www.quad-hifi.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Quad-Revela-2-AudioStereoplay-2023-12_pdf.pdf

Aug, 2023

StereoNET QUAD Revela 1 and Revela 2 Loudspeakers Revealed



The Revela 1 and Revela 2 boast updated examples of QUAD's audio technologies seen initially in the British brand's first speaker system from 1949 and wrapped in contemporary chassis; the Corner Ribbon's DNA remains strong even after 74 years, it must be said.

<https://www.stereonet.com/uk/news/quad-revela-1-and-revela-2-loudspeakers-revealed>

Aug, 2023

HiFi Pig Magazine QUAD Revela 1 And QUAD Revela 2 Loudspeakers



The new QUAD Revela 1 and 2 will keep the brand's fans happy after a long seven year wait.

<https://www.hifipig.com/quad-revela-1-and-quad-revela-2-loudspeakers/>



Artera MONO



Jan , 2025

Pre/Power Amplifiers

pearl acoustics

"... the very famous tilt functionality is on the preamplifier... Sounded nicer than the musical Fidelity M8... It would last you forever... This is my hidden gem... I would snap these up whilst they're available at this price... 140 watts per channel into 8 ohms is more than enough..."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWFZEbcK_wk

June, 2023

i-fidelity.net

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In the Artera series, QUAD introduces a noble pre and monoblock power amplifier combination that embodies classic virtues and is also affordable.

The Arteras deliver well-rounded, lively, and engaging musical performance. This is classic high-end audio at a very affordable price. I cannot perceive any compromises in sound or features. For those who long for separate components, sustainable fulfillment awaits here. - Uwe Steiner

<https://www.i-fidelity.net/testberichte/high-end/quad-artera-pre/mono/test.html#bild>

Artera Solus Play



Jun, 2020

lite Das Lifestyle & Technik Magazin



"The all-in-one player proves to be a modern, complete and audiophile media center... the QUAD Artera Solus Play shines as an attractive, audiophile, multimedia all-in-one solution for the present and future of music media."

<https://www.lite-magazin.de/2020/06/quad-artera-solus-play-all-in-one-im-retro-modern-design/>

Artera Solus



April, 2024

hi-fi+



The Artera Salus retains the refinement that the brand's fans crave yet introduces clarity that adds more precision than they might be used to.

<https://www.quad-hifi.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/hi-fi-Global-Network.pdf>



Artera Solus

Jun, 2020

**Hi-Fi+ Magazine -
Editor's Choice 2020**



"The QUAD Artera Solus tracks changes in musical intent with precision, and yet does so with a sense of effortless dynamic range as a force behind the refinement... In sonice terms, style, and build quality, the QUAD Artera Solus punches above its weight, even if it's far too graceful a performer to ever throw a punch."

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DcDv3iYQ2qS1BhiG1KkD>

Feb, 2020

Audio Cinema Em Casa (Portugal)



"If it were possible to characterize the sound of Solus with some words, it would be said: beautiful, serene and melodious. A very difficult proposal to beat, in terms of quality/ price ratio and simplicity of use. A big second or holiday house equipment, or even a great introduction to the audiophile world."

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DdTYtTcQ2qS1Bhi698C>

Dec, 2018

**Hi-Fi News - Highly Commended
(2018's Best Hi-Fi Products)**



The Artera Solus is a tremendous one-box system and an absolute steal.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DaJwmC8Q2qS1Bhj9rokB>

Nov, 2018

**Gramophone Magazine -
Product of the Month**



This slick all-in-one system sees the company's traditional values brought up to date to impressive effect... The QUAD sounds like an assembly of high-quality separates, with not a hint of compromise in the name of its room-friendly packaging.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DZC58EUQ2qS1Bhi1rYkB>

Aug, 2018

Hi-Fi World - 5 Globes Award



This looks, performs and even sounds like an expensive product... just one that actually forgot to be expensive.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DbndjLYQ2qS1BhiNk2s>

Jun, 2018

Hi-Fi News - Highly Commended



One of the most desirable one-box systems we've yet heard.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DTK7RCUQ2qS1Bhjt_F8

May, 2018

**avforums -
Highly Recommended Award**



Lively and entertaining sound, very well made, useful connectivity.

<https://www.avforums.com/review/quad-artera-solus-review.14809>

Mar, 2018

Hi-Fi Choice - Editor's Choice



It not only looks and feels far more expensive than it is, it sounds it too.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DW7CpdIQ2qS1Bhi0_F8



Artera PRE



Jan , 2025

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWFZEBcK_wk

Nov, 2019

**Hi-Fi World -
5 Globes Outstanding
Amongst The Best**



Artera PRE is a deceptively simple preamplifier – inside it is both audiophile and complex in what it can do, having microprocessor control and purist relay switching to give an all-analogue preamplifier capable of coping with whatever is plugged in. Absence of digital input or Bluetooth may be a no-no to some, but both can be fed in from outside sources if need be. Sound quality was exquisite: pure analogue smoothness and depth, the phono stage being supremely quiet if a tad laid back. Overall though, a lovely allanalogue preamplifier in pure QUAD tradition.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DdaHw00Q2qS1BhjLxZwC>

Artera Play+



May, 2021

**What Hi-Fi?
- Best CD players 2021**



[Artera Play+] is a smart looking unit that's feels classy and superbly-made... Sound is detailed and energetic, yet presented in an unforced and refined manner... if versatility is required and you want to stream your services over Bluetooth as well - and why not - then you'll find nothing else around that comes close.

<https://www.whathifi.com/best-buys/hi-fi/best-cd-players>

Nov, 2019

What Hi-Fi? - 5 Stars



Not just a CD player, but a hub for your system too. If you're after a versatile and talented source component that can also act as your system's hub, the QUAD Artera Play+ is it...then get straight down to your QUAD dealer and buy this. You'll be pleased you did.

<https://www.whathifi.com/reviews/quad-artera-play>

Dec, 2018

**Hi-Fi World
- Year's Best CD Player**



Anyone looking to get the best out of their discs should take a listen to this exceptional player... Everything we played though it sounded clean, vibrant and simply lovely.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DbNY-lUQ2qS1Bhj4yloB>

Dec, 2018

**Hi-Fi World
- 5 Globes Outstanding
Amongst The Best**



A CD player and preamplifier – analogue and digital – with broad ability and superb sound quality. Impressive, especially at the price.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DSCnezQQ2qS1BhiwkYMB>



PA-One+



Sep, 2019

T3 Magazine



The QUAD PA-ONE+ has been selected for T3's annual Sound Deluxe Supplement that's bagged with the issue, featuring a special selection of upmarket audio gear.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DU49lHgQ2qS1Bhj41vQB>

Apr, 2019

Headphone Guru



HEADPHONE.GURU

...true to its heritage as the product of one of the first audiophile tube amplifier companies offering a sweet musical midrange and high end with beefy but tight lows and a huge soundstage regardless of the headphone it was played through. The DAC handled standard resolution tracks as well as it did high-resolution PCM and DSD painting vistas on the aural canvas though much of this is due to the amplifier as I received similar results with external DACs...on its own, the PA-ONE+ is the quintessential audiophile tube amp lifting the veil between the listener and the music creating an immersive and pleasurable experience.

<https://headphone.guru/quad-pa-one-triode-tube-dac-headphone-amplifier/>

Vena II



Mar, 2020

The Absolute Sound Magazine (USA)



A perfect combination! As individual components, I'd happily recommend both the Wharfedale Linton Heritage speakers with their optional stands and the QUAD Vena II integrated amplifier separately. However, it's when you put these two together that they really shine...highly recommended, alone or (especially) together.

<https://bit.ly/Linton-TheAbsoluteSound>

Jan, 2020

Hi-Fi World - Awards 2019



Best amplifier... it was the same with all inputs, making the Vena II a true all-in-one marvel tha is hard to beat.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DVnS8CwQ2qS1Bhi21KkD>

Jan, 2020

Hi-Fi Choice - Editor's Choice



Dynamic and detailed, QUAD's fine little amplifier now sounds bigger and better, while adding extra features, too

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DTyWQesQ2qS1Bhj7jM0C>

Dec, 2019

AVTech Media - Best Value Stereo Integrated Amplifier



In practice, it's a modestly powerful little amp boasting real-world speaker driver capabilities - it rocks out with excellent warmth and a big mature sound that's even more magnificent than its predecessor.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DXa8boEQ2qS1BhienacC>

Nov, 2019

Hi-Fi World - Year's Best Amplifier



All-in-one amplifiers don't come much more feature packed than QUAD's Vena II... it was same with all inputs, making the VenaII a true all-in-one marvel that is hard to beat.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DXxiTtUQ2qS1BhjS9aQC>

May, 2019

Hi-Fi World - 5 Globes Outstanding Amongst The Best



QUAD's new Vena II is a wonderfully easy to use all-in-one amplifier that offers superb sound quality: think easy going - and deeply insightful with digital from its ESS Sabre32 DAC. Offering a performance up with the best at a price of £649 it strikes me as the quintessence of high fidelity - a great sound at a great price. Utterly superb.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DSGlm_kQ2qS1BhjFi8EB

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Vena II



Mar, 2019

Hi-Fi Choice - 5 Stars Award



Dynamic and detailed, QUAD's fine little amplifier now sounds bigger and better, while adding extra features, too

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DX_vZEQ2qS1Bhin86kB

Mar, 2019

Hi-Fi Choice - Editor's Choice



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Vena II Play



Jan, 2021

Audio Cinema Em Casa (PT) - 2020 Year Best Streamer <2000€



Vena II Play seduces by detail and great musicality... assuming itself as a proposal that did not disappoint QUAD fans... Given the price of the equipment and its quality, it will be the top target for other challengers to achieve, even from the higher price level.

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!AiX7zWNUK2pgqsAf3N5mL1ksaZIBA?e=RiQbL8>

Apr, 2020

Hi-Fi News



...I was already impressed by what the Vena II Play offered for the money: everything... above all, it was sounding so spacious... it really is a dazzlingly accomplished answer to the modern needs of people who don't want traditional separates, and I can only marvel at its fool proof connectivity. Wow! Wireless that works!

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DYTQxCoQ2qS1BhiKvZED>

Apr, 2020

The Telegraph



The most luxurious gaming of your home

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DUpVLgwQ2qS1BhjB1akD>

Jan, 2020

AVForums - Best Buy Award



This is still an all in one; without needing any additional source equipment, it is capable of meeting a range of needs. What is also does is make its additional functionality appealing and accessible in a manner than some rivals can struggle with. Last but not least, it does it while sounding fantastic and managing to deliver QUAD's unique design aesthetic... the Vena II Play is almost certainly what you need. The QUAD is an excellent all-rounder and an unquestionable Best Buy.

<https://www.avforums.com/reviews/quad-vena-ii-play-streaming-amplifier-review.16996>

Dec, 2019

Hi-Fi Choice - Editor's Choice



The VENA II PLAY successfully blurs the boundary between integrated amps and all-in-one systems... QUAD's outstanding integrated baby has gone and got even better...

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DdiQyngQ2qS1BhionacC>

QUAD



PA-One

Mar, 2019

**WEKA Media Publishing GmbH
- Golden Ear 2019 (audio)**



Once a year, the "Golden Ear" prize is awarded by the professional magazines AUDIO and stereoplay. Readers vote on the best audio product in various categories.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DYfH4sUQ2qS1Bhj5gqQB>

Dec, 2018

AUDIO.de Magazine



In the test, the PA-ONE does not sound so extreme like a tube. It performs with the extreme brilliance in the highs, powerful mid-range and dry bass. Even at high level, it remains solid. A real powerhouse in perfection!

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DdewPKYQ2qS1BhjFk4MB>



ERA-1

Jun, 2019

**EAR IN Magazine -
Best Of EAR IN 2019**



The excellent impulse processing, for which magnetostats are known, also distinguishes the sound of the ERA-1. Resolution and dynamics seem almost limitless... with voices and small instrumentations this sounds almost even better, with large orchestras the further, perhaps a touch more neutral sound of the velour pads fits better. With its fantastic sound, the ERA-1 is a worthy addition to the proud QUAD tradition.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DbsRw8UQ2qS1BhiP784B>

Feb, 2019

**Hifi Pig Magazine
- Highly Recommended**



Sound is full and detailed with especially good bass and midrange depth and speed... For those who like the QUAD aural signature, these are ideal partners for their ears... exceptionally good value.

<https://hifipig.com/quad-era-1-headphones/#more-48548>

Feb, 2019

**BBC Focus
- Group Test Winner**



Scream quality the minute you look at them... There's no faulting their definition right across the sound spectrum... One very classy set of cans indeed.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DT37JgAQ2qS1BhiXJ4B>

Jan, 2019

**Fairaudio Magazine
- Favourite Award 2019**



The QUAD doesn't do things by halves, aside from the price.

www.fairaudio.de/test/quad-era-1-magnetostatischer-kopfhoerer/

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DYzT5owQ2qS1BhiErJUB>

Jan, 2019

**Inner Fidelity
- Product of The Year 2018**



My hat goes off to QUAD for producing such an incredibly comfortable, non-fatiguing, huge-sounding, tonal and timbrally pleasing set of headphones with outstanding resolution that not only breaks the sub-\$1,000 USD barrier, but are also the company's first foray into headphone design.

<https://www.innerfidelity.com/content/innerfidelity-product-year-2018>



ERA-1

Dec, 2018

AVTech Media - Best Headphone



Boasts the sort of transparency and fatigue-free performance that is reminiscent of QUAD's famous ESL-57 electrostatic speakers.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/Deek_4oQ2qS1BhilkooB

Dec, 2018

Hi-Fi News - Highly Commended (2018's Best Hi-Fi Products)



This is a superbly-conceived and nicely-finished product, undeniably a bargain. It's easy to drive, free of fatigue inducement.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DREJtocQ2qS1Bhimr4kB>

Dec, 2018

Stereo.de Magazine



Absolutely convincing sound, that is powerful and versatile... A really successful debut that we are looking forward to more!

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DUTYPGUQ2qS1BhiV2YMB>

Oct, 2018

HeadPhone Guru



HEADPHONE.GURU

... with exceptional speed, phase coherency and realistic tonal balance the QUAD ERA-1 definitely evokes the feel of QUAD ESLs...A hearty two thumbs up for this one, and a must hear for any Personal Audio enthusiast.

<https://headphone.guru/quad-era-1-planar-magnetic-headphones-a-classic-in-the-making/>

Oct, 2018

ESQUIRE Magazine *Esquire*

The brand's first-ever headphones lead a feature entitled 'Sound investment - the ultimate high-fidelity headphones'.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DRIqv9QQ2qS1BhjknU>

Sep, 2018

lite Das Lifestyle & Technik Magazin - 1+ Top Class



Right from the start I would categorize the ERA-1 as one of the best three headphones I have ever heard so far. In face of his favorable price of about 700,- €, it is maybe even the best

<https://www.lite-magazin.de/2018/09/quad-era-1-over-ear-kopfhoerer-mit-high-end-prinzip/>

Jul, 2018

Hi-Fi News - Highly Recommended



82 years after its founding and 61 years after the ESL-57, QUAD delivers its first headphone, the ERA-1 and it's a planar design... but not an electrostatic!

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DY2fKCKQ2qS1Bhigkms>

May, 2018

Greek HXOS Planar - group test

ERA-1, with ESL style.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DWRtVqwQ2qS1BhiJ_V8



Z Series

Sep, 2021

Pursuit Perfect System (UK)



You do get a lot here with the Z2, nice precise and detailed treble. Very good sound stage and overall presense of sound. Sonic dimensionality, nice tight and punchy - if you push it - bass, very nicely saturated vocal in the main...They definitely look lovely, and definitely have the WAF... (Wife Acceptance Factor)!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAAdQjoPSebo>



S Series

Aug, 2021

Tharbamar (USA)



Tharbamar

A throwback to the Best Speaker of 2020, Most Memorable Ones (based on the price and sound quality ratio): The number two spot is QUAD S2, which is probably the one of the most accurate sound reproduction of human voices and vocals, and also really good mid-range with very well extended high frequency and really good instrument separation... And that little 5-inch bass driver also have a significant amount of a lower frequency response, surprisingly good and very musical sounding speaker!

<https://youtu.be/oUzNtEVvNTs?t=156>

Jun, 2021

Stereo Times (USA)



Throughout the review... I could relax more; safe in their warmer, more elastic, and deeper sonic embrace. The QUAD S-2 is always on time, keeps its i's dotted and its T's crossed, and polishes its shoes often... The S-2 is among the closest approaches I've heard to the natural and complete tone of live instruments and also to what the recording engineers (probably) wanted you to hear.

<http://v2.stereotimes.com/post/quad-s2-monitor-loudspeakers/>

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