



# Nordost QBASE Reference (QB 10)

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**N**ordost's QBASE Reference (also known as 'QB 10') is not a power filter or a power conditioner in the conventional sense. Instead, think Nordost's QBASE Mk III AC Distribution Unit... on steroids. It's a passive, a star-earthed design power distribution system, wired with micro monofilament cables. It uses a dual PCB layout, with symmetrical live/neutral topology and separate grounding. So, you can place all low-level signals on an entirely separate and isolated distribution platform to the amplifiers. It also features the latest QPOINT resonance synchroniser technology at its core and a QSINE AC enhancer and QWAVE AC line harmoniser for each of the two 'sides' of the system.

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## Bring out the best

In our test, Alan Sircom said the QBASE Reference, “works harmoniously to bring out the best in any recording. This goes beyond the surface ‘lowering the noise floor’; it’s like reducing the risk of those ‘meh!’ sounding system days.” It’s a curious combination of making you relax into the music and wanting to listen more intently to those albums you know so well. That usually happens fleetingly in a system when all the Audio Gods are smiling on your equipment. Nordost’s Audio Gods clearly smile more frequently, because that sense of a perfectly aligned system happens a lot with the QBASE Reference in place.” He summed up, saying, “Nordost has always been about correctly establishing a system’s foundations, and the QBASE Reference is a cornerstone in that regard.”

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