



**QKORE**

**INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

## Congratulations on your new Nordost QKORE purchase.

The QKORE is a parallel grounding device, which provides a passive approach to obtaining an artificial, “clean” earth for hifi audio systems. This comprehensive grounding solution yields immediate, and dramatic results, including a noticeably lower noise floor and increased harmonic accuracy and musicality.



# QKORE1

- Furnished with one “QBASE Ground” binding post to ground your distribution block.
- Offers an effective ground on the primary side of the power supply.
- Provided with a 2M Banana to Banana QKORE Wire.



# QKORE3

- Furnished with three multi-use binding posts to ground your audio circuitry.
- Grounds system components on the secondary side of the power supply, where the audio circuit is.
- Provided with a 2M RCA to Banana QKORE Wire.



# QKORE6

- Furnished with three multi-use binding posts for audio circuitry, two binding posts for left and right monoblocks, and one “QBASE Ground” binding post to ground your distribution block.
- Offers an effective ground on the primary side of the power supply, for a distribution block, as well as on the secondary side of the power supply, for system components, including those with separate left and right chassis.
- Provided with a 2M Banana to Banana QKORE Wire and a 2M RCA to Banana QKORE Wire.

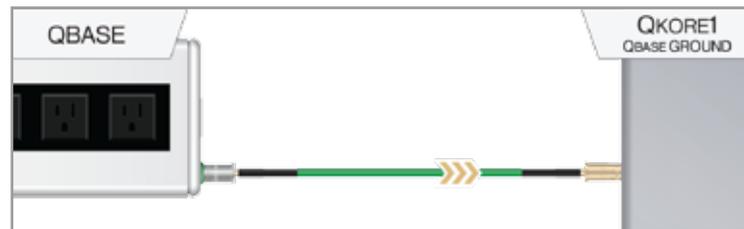


It is recommended to use one QKORE1 in conjunction with one QKORE3. However, if your system includes monoblocks, or you are searching for an all-in-one grounding solution, we advise using the QKORE6.

# CONNECTING THE QKORE

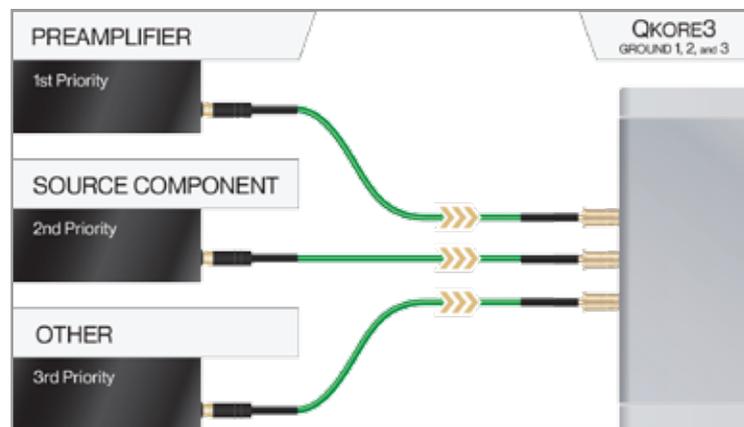
## QKORE1

The QKORE1 is intended to be connected to your QBASE unit, using the provided banana to banana QKORE Wire. The QKORE Wire should be inserted into the QBASE grounding post and the QKORE's dedicated QBASE Ground binding post.



## QKORE3

First, connect the QKORE3 unit with your preamplifier using the provided banana to RCA QKORE Wire. The QKORE Wire should be inserted into any spare input or output on your preamplifier and any binding post on your QKORE3. Results may vary between different available outlets, so users should experiment in order to determine which outlets work best for their system. Next, ground your source component, followed by any remaining components. Additional QKORE Wires are available for purchase.



**Note:** The QKORE3 is NOT intended for use with QBASE units. QBASE units should be grounded to the dedicated "QBASE Ground" binding post found on the QKORE1 and QKORE6.

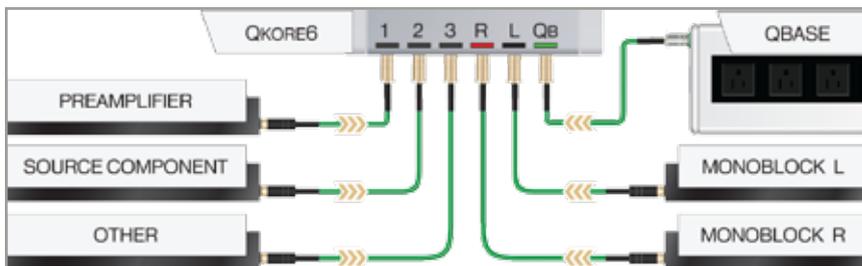
### ⚠ WARNING

Do NOT attempt to use the QKORE to replace the protective earth bond in your electrical grid system (household ground).

Do NOT connect banana/spade terminations to speaker outputs. This could result in a short circuit to your amplifier. Only connect banana/spade ends of your QKORE Wire to your QBASE or QKORE.

## QKORE6

First, connect the QKORE6 unit with your QBASE unit, using the provided banana to banana QKORE Wire. This QKORE Wire should be inserted into the QBASE grounding post and the dedicated QBASE Ground binding post. Next, connect the QKORE6 unit to your preamplifier using the provided banana to RCA QKORE Wire. This QKORE Wire should be inserted into any spare input or output on your preamplifier and any binding post on your QKORE6. Results may vary between different available outlets, so users should experiment in order to determine which outlets work best for their system. Once this is complete, connect the QKORE6 unit to your monoblocks. Once your QBASE, preamplifier, and monoblocks are connected to your QKORE6 unit, you may continue to ground your source component and any remaining components. Additional QKORE Wires are available for purchase.

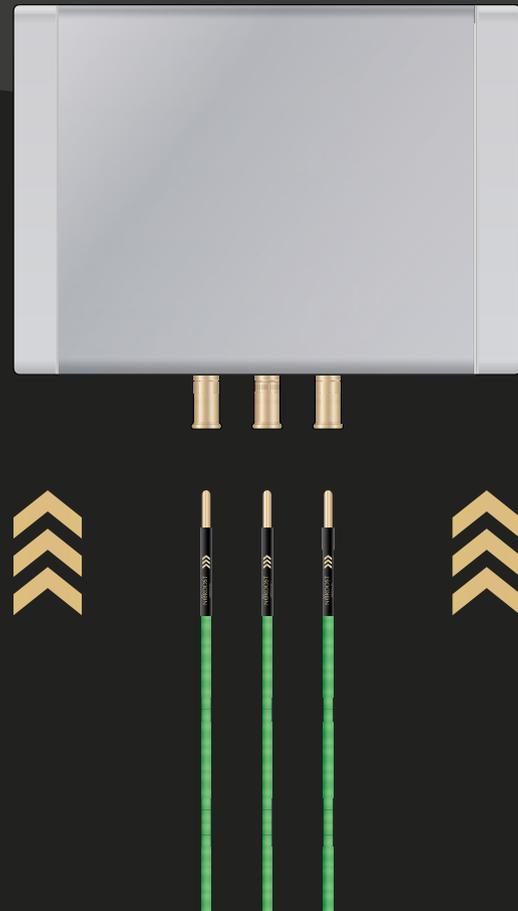


**NOTE:** While it is possible to connect two wires to each binding post, using both a spade and banana connector, the results will not be as effective as connecting them to two separate binding posts.

Once the connection between QKORE unit and component is complete, the audible effects are immediate!

## DIRECTION OF FLOW

Make sure that the arrows located on the QKORE Wire are pointed towards the QKORE unit.



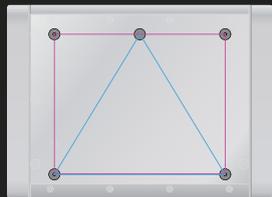
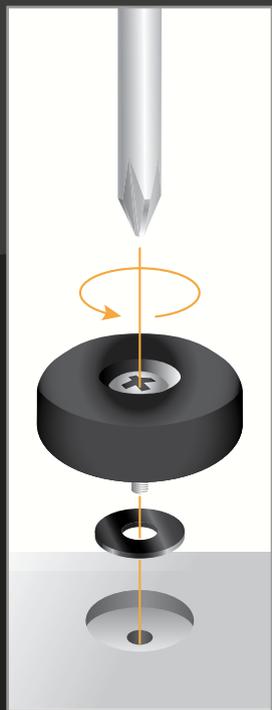
## SUPPORTING THE QKORE

Place QKORE Unit on audio rack. Best results are achieved when QKORE units are supported by Nordost Sort Kones.



To use Sort Kones with QKORE units — unscrew rubber, stabilizing feet and remove washers to reveal Sort Kone depressions.

Four Sort Kones can be arranged in the depressions beneath the stabilizing feet (tip-side up). A fifth depression is located at the front center of the QKORE unit, which allows for the use of just three Sort Kones in a triangular configuration, if necessary.



## THE QKORE WIRE

The QKORE Wire is a mechanically tuned cable that utilizes Nordost's patented Micro Mono-Filament technology, combined with extruded FEP insulation, and constructed with a 16 AWG, silver-plated OFC, solid core conductor. This purpose-built construction provides the path of least resistance to ground, for the stray, high-frequency, low-voltage potentials that can affect the performance of your sound system. The QKORE Wire can be terminated with the following connectors: banana, spade, RCA, male-XLR, female-XLR, and BNC (further termination options available).



When purchasing additional QKORE Wires to complete your grounding system, please note that Nordost recommends connecting banana terminations (not spades) to the QKORE unit binding post(s) whenever possible.

NÖRDOST

---

MAKING THE CONNECTION

Made in the USA 