

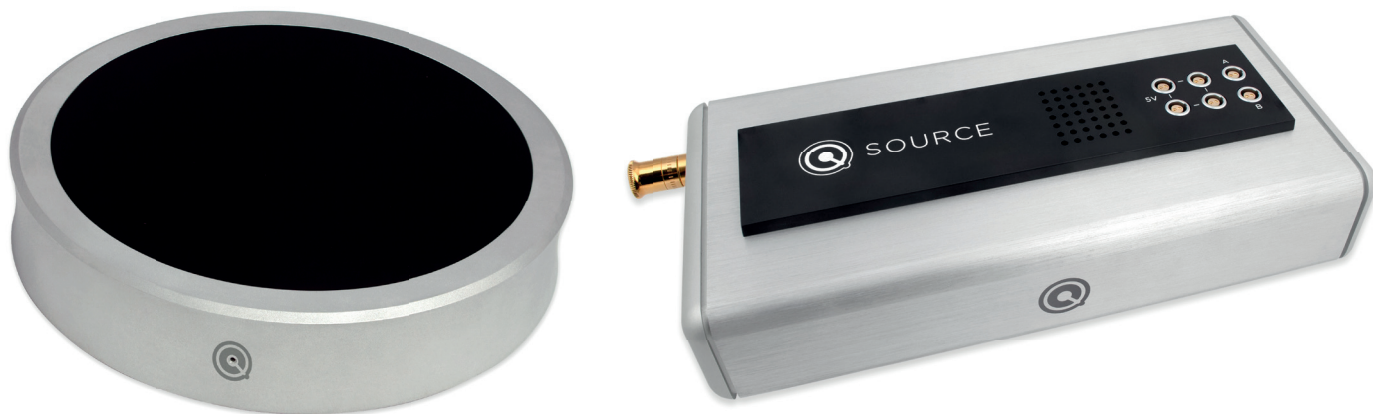


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Nordost QPoint harmonisers and QSource Linear Power Supply | Reviewed in Issue 176

Nordost's QPoint addresses the problem that every powered component has an electromagnetic resonance. You can't eliminate that resonance so QPoint acts to harmonise or synchronise that resonance, by placing a thin puck-shaped device in line with the most component-rich part of an audio device. QPoints emit what Nordost calls 'a subtle field' that brings the resonance of each element in line. There are two different field effects that you should experiment with to see which works best in your system. Additionally, QSource is an effective linear power supply for these QPoints, which can also be used to replace 'wall-wart' power supplies elsewhere in your audio system.

Both proved extremely effective. QPoints biggest, "change to the sound is its coherence; the music sounds more 'right' and musicians sound more like they are playing together", while QSource, "helped clarify the differences between the two settings on the QSource, making one pop into focus" and also "had a significant effect when using a wall-powered hard disk drive." Field effects never sounded so good!



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