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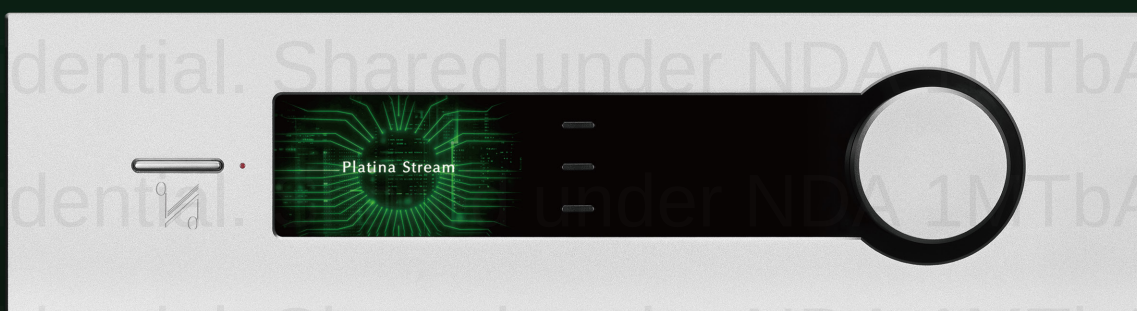
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The PLATINA series marks a leap forward in design, application and implementation for QUAD. This new flagship seamlessly blends QUAD heritage with a thoroughly modern digital core.

PLATINA STREAM

Matching the bold design and substantial form of the flagship series, the QUAD PLATINA STREAM distils generations of QUAD engineering into a network player designed for the modern listener. PLATINA STREAM combines the brand's renowned musical integrity with a clean, purposeful industrial aesthetic: a rigid metal chassis, side-mounted heat sinks, anti-resonance feet and an anodised fascia speak to QUAD's obsession with build quality. A single machined-aluminium knob and discreet function keys flank the crisp 4.3-inch IPS display, creating a digital streaming centre-piece that is both tactile and unmistakably QUAD.



Representing QUAD's foray into the high-end wireless music streaming domain, the PLATINA STREAM combines an authoritative hi-fi design philosophy with an ultra-stable, extremely versatile streaming platform. Whether hard-wired via Gigabit Ethernet or connected over dual-band Wi-Fi (2.4/5 GHz), the PLATINA STREAM ensures fast, reliable network performance for uninterrupted, bit-perfect playback. At the core of its intelligent streaming platform lies the intuitive QUAD PLATINA app, offering seamless access to leading music services including Spotify, Tidal, Qobuz, and TuneIn Radio, with high-resolution album artwork visualisation.

The App

Controlled by a dedicated QUAD PLATINA app, it has been purpose-built to match its functionality's pedigree, transforming any iOS or Android device into an elegant command centre for both local and cloud-based libraries. Refined typography, logical hierarchy, and fluid gesture control ensure the experience feels as considered as the hardware itself.

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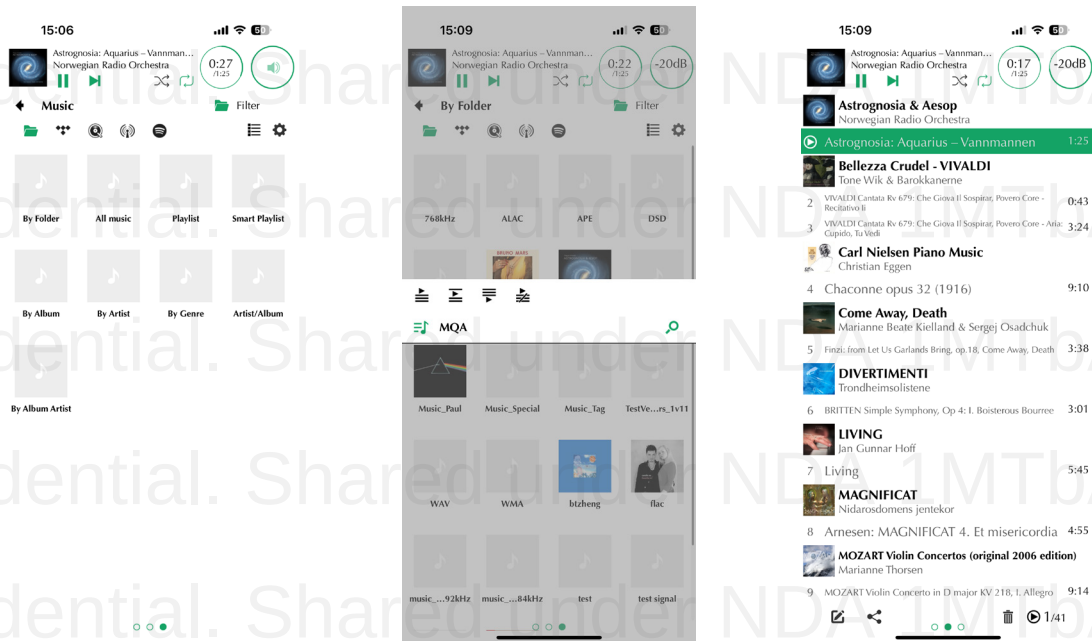
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A lightning-fast indexer works in the background to catalogue network shares, USB drives, and streaming services as a single, unified library. Simply type a song title, performer, composer, label, year, or even a genre, and the app returns precise results in real time, ranked by relevance.



With user-customisable functions and settings, the PLATINA app offers the ability to build an on-the-fly playlist and save it permanently with a single gesture. The user can create playlists or folders to keep expansive catalogues organised and even collate multi-disc box-sets, remasters, or themed compilations into a single location for uncluttered browsing. Long-press on any track, album, or artist, and a context menu appears: add to playlist, queue next, play now, replace queue, and more.

Unlike many third-party front-ends, the QUAD app maintains native highlighting of Qobuz Studio / Sublime+ and Tidal Masters tiers with icons to indicate the provenance of such files, so one glance confirms you are hearing the highest-resolution version available.

The Integration

For users who favour the interface of their preferred streaming service, PLATINA STREAM provides full compatibility with Qobuz Connect, Tidal Connect, Spotify Connect, Airplay 2 and UPnP music server systems or digital audio files stored on USB HDD devices—delivering both flexibility and fidelity without compromise.



AirPlay 2 ensures effortless multi-room synchronisation and control across Apple devices, allowing users to stream directly from iPhone, iPad or Mac with no loss of quality. It integrates flawlessly with Siri voice control and HomeKit environments, making it an ideal solution for Apple-centric households.

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Tidal Connect enables direct casting from the Tidal app in full resolution – preserving editorial content and curated playlists exactly as intended. Since playback is handled by the PLATINA STREAM itself, the user's mobile device simply acts as a controller, conserving battery life and freeing the signal path from unnecessary processing.



Spotify Connect offers the same benefit, handing off high-quality playback to the PLATINA STREAM while maintaining full playlist control within the familiar Spotify interface – on phone, tablet or desktop. It also enables seamless switching between multiple devices and speakers on the network, without interrupting the music.



Qobuz Connect enables direct casting of lossless and hi-res streams from the Qobuz desktop or mobile app, preserving editorial playlists and favourites in their original context.



Plex integration lets you summon personal libraries from a Plex Media Server – complete with rich metadata and secure remote access – placing your entire collection at your fingertips.



Together, these technologies enable listeners to enjoy the best of both worlds from a single audiophile-centric device: the superior fidelity and build quality expected of QUAD, combined with the convenience, control, and ecosystem integration of today's leading streaming platforms. Few music streaming components offer this level of functionality alongside such high performance. The QUAD PLATINA STREAM is also Roon Ready, appearing as a certified endpoint for multi-room or reference systems governed by Roon's celebrated interface.

Roon Ready devices are network players with Roon's own streaming technology built right in, connected over your ethernet or WiFi network. These devices make bit-perfect high-resolution audio simple because they require no configuration, they give you access to the best audio quality and they provide stable, reliable playback.

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The DAC

At its core lies the ESS Sabre ES9038PRO eight-channel DAC, driven by dual precision master clocks for vanishingly low jitter, class-leading linearity and support for PCM up to 768 kHz and native DSD512. A Quad Arm® Cortex-A53 multi-core processor running at 1.8 GHz per core provides the computational muscle for fast library handling, album-art caching and rock-solid playback control. This DAC matches the performance of the QUAD PLATINA INTEGRATED solution, for a seamless and precision-matched performance. However, by design the PLATINA STREAM offers wider functionality with its digital and analogue outputs – it will slot straight into any audio system by way of a pure digital or high fidelity analogue output option.

QUAD PLATINA STREAM extends its digital credentials with the ability to upsample lower-resolution PCM streams to either 352.8kHz or 384kHz, unlocking greater detail and smoothness from compressed or legacy recordings. A choice of five user-selectable DAC reconstruction filter settings, allows subtle yet effective tailoring of the sound character to suit both the source material and listener preference. This level of fine-tuning is particularly valuable when navigating the variable quality often encountered across digital formats and streaming platforms.



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The Connections

Thanks to its high-performance onboard digital-to-analogue stage, the stability and quality of the signal path are preserved with balanced XLR and RCA analogue output options. Coupled with the choice of optical and coaxial outputs, this maintains the flexibility for integration into wider audiophile systems.



The Functions

The 4.3-inch, 800 × 480 pixel IPS screen offers full menu navigation, multi-language support and real-time playback information. Choose between artwork-centred, data-rich or VU-meter displays—or dim the screen entirely for late-night sessions. A sculpted system handset mirrors the PLATINA design language and unifies command of every component in the range, while the front-panel encoder and included remote control provide precise, menu-driven control for swift parameter adjustment.

The Conclusion

The PLATINA STREAM is the culmination of thousands of man-hours devoted to concept, industrial design and painstaking engineering refinement. It distils nearly nine decades of QUAD innovation into a single component that redefines what a wireless music streamer can achieve.

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Every facet—from the substantial metal enclosure, machined heatsinks, gold-plated connectors and well-considered intuitive display, to the bespoke ESS Sabre implementation, current-feedback headphone stage and user-friendly app—reflects an unwavering commitment to musical truth and empowering the user.

The PLATINA STREAM is the most advanced, most accomplished wireless music streamer QUAD has ever produced—a definitive digital heart for reference-grade systems and an eloquent expression of audio engineering at its finest.



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Key Features:

Rock Solid Stability and Premium Streaming Platform Support

The PLATINA STREAM supports Tidal Connect, Qobuz Connect, Spotify Connect, AirPlay 2, Roon Ready, and Plex, UPnP music server systems and digital audio files stored on USB HDD devices - seamlessly integrating leading services in high resolution and ultra-stable performance.

Advanced DAC Architecture

The QUAD PLATINA STREAM employs the flagship ESS Sabre ES9038PRO DAC with dual precision master clocks, supporting PCM up to 768kHz and DSD512 for lifelike detail and vanishingly low jitter.

Comprehensive App Control

The bespoke QUAD PLATINA app offers direct access to streaming services, servers and HDD devices, with intelligent playlist creations, folder management and full-service streaming service integration.

Flexible Connectivity

Balanced XLR, RCA analogue outputs, optical and coaxial digital outputs and Gigabit Ethernet or dual-band Wi-Fi connection to your system and your network.

High-Performance Upsampling and Filters

Upsample PCM files to 352.8/384kHz and includes five selectable reconstruction filters to tailor sonic character.



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4.3" IPS Display

The full-colour menu-driven interface with VU meter modes, artwork views, and dimmable options for intuitive visual feedback and extensive performance function controls.

Exemplary Build and Craftsmanship

Housed in a steel-lined, resonance-controlled chassis with gold-plated connectors, machined controls, and anti-resonance feet—crafted for long-term reliability and sonic purity.



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Specifications

Model	Platina Stream
Design philosophy and core technology	ES9038Pro 32-bit DAC
Digital Music Streamer	4.3" (800x480px) Large Size full View IPS LCD REmove MQA references Wireless Streaming Technology Native Support for Spotify Connect, Tidal Connect, Qobuz Connect, TuneIn Radio Gapless Playback USB storage, flash drive, USB hard disk (Single-partition FAT32, exFAT and NTFS only) Dedicated Android & iOS Control App Ethernet 10/100/1000Base-T Ethernet, Auto-Negotiation
Inputs	1 x Network Streaming (Ethernet or Wi-Fi), 1 x PC USB, 1 x 12V Trigger
Outputs	1 x RCA (pair), 1 x XLR (pair), 1 x 12V Trigger
Supported file formats	DSD Lossless: DSF (DSD), DIFF (DSD), DoP (DSD) PCM Lossless: FLAC, Apple Lossless (ALAC), WAV, AIFF Compressed (lossy) Audio: MP3
Sampling Frequency	PCM: 44.1kHz-768kHz, 705.6kHz/768kHz Fixed-point (via Streaming Only) DSD: DSD64, DSD128, DSD256, DSD512 (Native)
Digital Section	
Digital output intensity	500 +/- 50mVpp
Output impedance	75 ohm
Frequency response	-0.01dB (20Hz-20kHz, ref.1kHz)
Max. Sampling Frequency	192kHz/24bit
Digital output	1 x Coaxial , 1 x Optical
D to A Converter	
Variable Output voltage	0 - 2.05Vrms
DAC	ES9038Pro
Frequency Response	+/-0.5dB (20Hz-20kHz, ref.1kHz)
Total Harmonic Distortion	<0.001% (1kHz @ 2.05Vrms)
Max. Sampling Frequency	768kHz/32bit
Signal-to-noise ratio (A-weighted)	>116dB (RCA), >120dB (XLR)
Output Impedance	120 ohm

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Model	Platina Stream
General	
Standby Power Consumption	<0.5W
Net weight	6.2kg
Gross weight	
Dimensions (mm)(W x H x D)	445 x 134.5 x 348
Carton size (mm)(W x H x D)	500 x 445 x 225
Finish	Black/Silver
"Power requirements (depending on region)"	220-240V ~ 50 / 60Hz 100-120V ~ 50 / 60Hz
Standard accessories	Power Cord, Remote Control, User Manual

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