



QRT™



QBASE - MARK II

AC DISTRIBUTION UNIT

The key element to achieving great sound is a solid foundation. This is precisely what Nordost's QRT products have been providing for the better part of a decade, a unique and uncompromised solution for the treatment of AC power. Now Nordost is able to improve upon the building blocks of its QRT line with the introduction of the revised QB8-Mark II and QB4-Mark II units.

As was proved with the success of the original QBASE, the heart of any high-quality AC supply is solid grounding. The QBASE units combine a simplistic principle and a sophisticated design to establish the perfect grounding method — star-earth topology. By creating a tiny lift in the earth impedance of all but one of the output sockets, star-earth topology allows the signal to connect directly to a clean ground terminal, providing the lowest possible AC supply impedance without any form of in-line filtering or active circuitry.

Both the QB8-Mark II and QB4-Mark II bring an organized, coherent framework to your music, allowing you to truly understand the intricacies and imaging in each performance. A QBASE-Mark II unit is the ideal first step in QRT's modular approach to quality AC supply. The QB8 and QB4-Mark II units are intended to be used in conjunction with one or more QX power purifiers, Qv2 AC Line Harmonizers and QK1 AC Enhancers. With QRT products in your system, you'll hear a lower noise floor, increased image depth, wider soundstage, improvements in the overtones and pacing of the music, and greater dynamic range.

The new QB8-Mark II and QB4-Mark II units, now available in US, EU and Australian versions, provide all of the elements and benefits of the original QBASE with several marked improvements:

- **Connectors:** The IEC input and the US (NEMA) and EU (Schuko) connectors have been upgraded to new, more durable connectors that maintain better connectivity after extended use.
- **Frame Plate:** There is now a customized “frame plate” housing for the connectors which improves upon the mechanical stability of the device as a whole.
- **PC Board:** The new QB8-Mark II and QB4-Mark II have enhanced PC boards that have been upgraded to include heavier traces, designed to accommodate higher currents.
- **Dedicated Fuse:** All QB8 and QB4-Mark IIs now have a dedicated fuse installed, providing overcurrent protection of the source circuit and preventing system damage caused by overheating.
- **Feet:** The redesign of the QBASE model has four fixed stabilizing feet that have greater contact surface and a wider stance to provide stability on hard surfaces.

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