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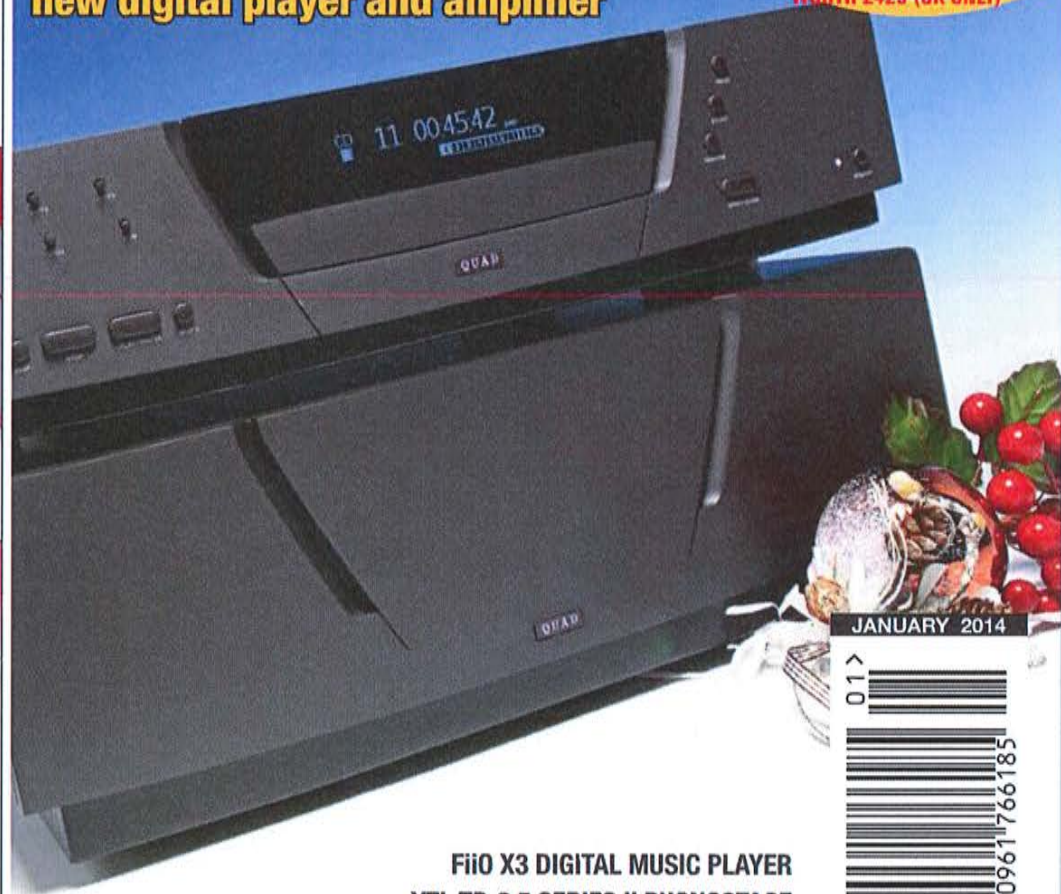
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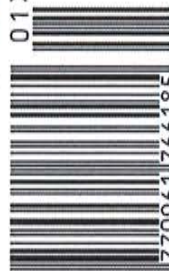


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 **BEST
LOUDSPEAKER**

Quadral
Platinum M50

Reviewed: August 2013

£3,150

www.quadralgb-ie.co.uk

Sitting at the top of German manufacturer Quadral's Platinum range, the M50 is a full three-way, five-driver floorstander. Quadral designed the M50 to be exceptionally clean and accurate.

And that's exactly how they sound – reproducing music with a confident, unforced ease and plenty of dynamic thrust.

"The textures and delicate sonic touches of Radiohead's 'Kid A' were finely etched and easy to follow" we said, while "the beginning of Bach's 'Passaglia in C Minor' spirals down with real power until its final organ note hits you with the required sub-sonic punch".

Quadral's ring dome tweeter extends lower than more conventional designs ensuring seamless integration with the mid-range drivers, while the twin bass cones produce good, clean bass.

As we concluded: "Some speakers impress with clean treble, low-end power, mid-range detail or out-of-the-box imaging. Only a special few manage to put it all together in one elegant, eminently enjoyable package. But that's exactly what the Platinum M50 does".