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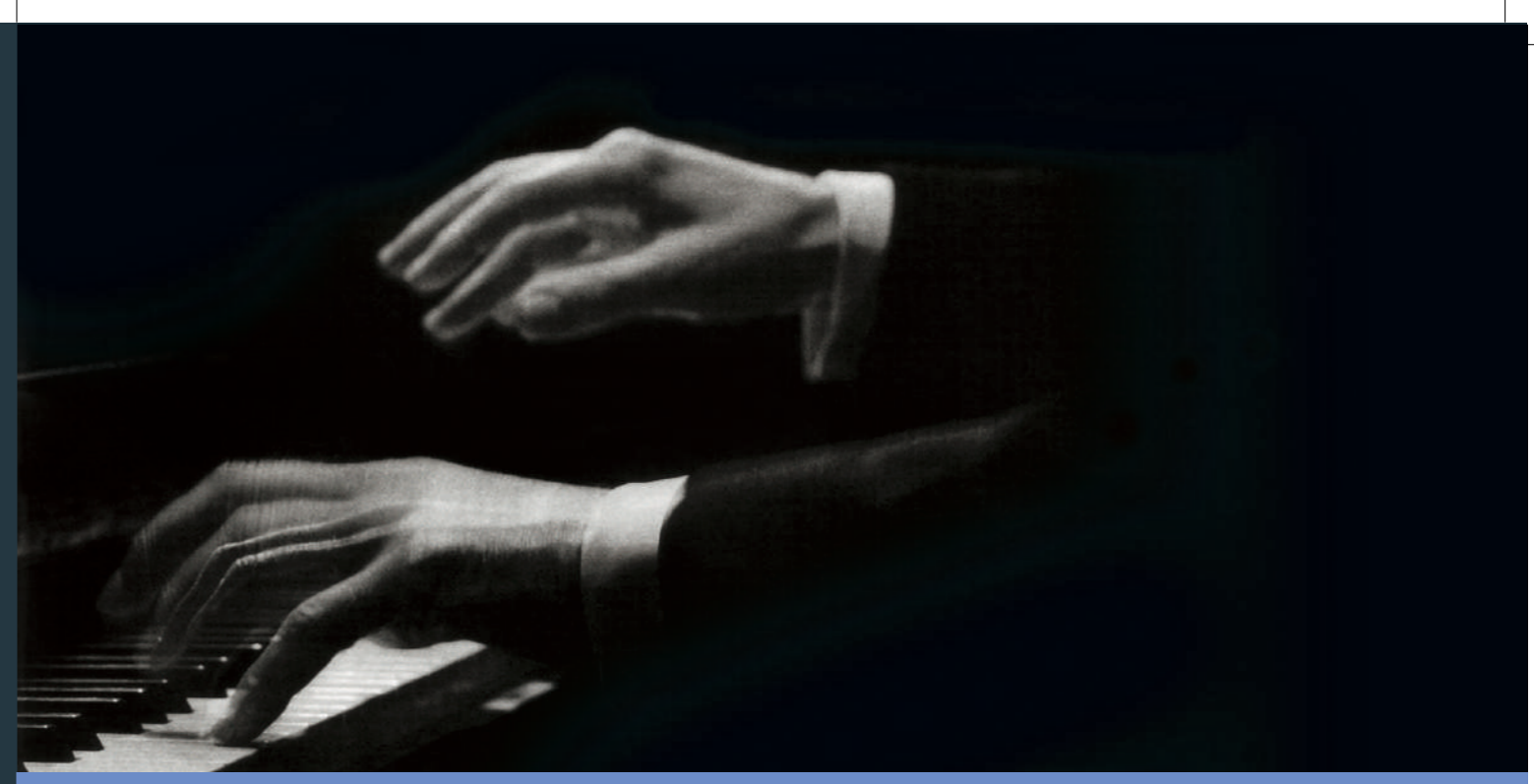


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▶▶▶ l'émotion vraie



► Yves-Bernard André



►►► **YBA** Driven by passion

Since 1981, thanks to the passion of one man, Yves-Bernard André, YBA has continued to develop as one of the world's truly iconic hi-fi brands.

Through his relentless search for sound perfection, his products provide uncompromising musical quality. So much so that he prefers to refer to them as his 'instruments'.

The technology in each and every one of the YBA 'instruments' draws you into the music with such emotion, that regardless of your music preferences, be it jazz, classical, chamber or popular, you cannot fail to experience that feeling of 'being there'.

Yves-Bernard André of course does not work alone. The team involved with the ongoing development and production are devoted to a no compromise policy where attention to detail is second to none.

This exceptional quality of service is key in our selection of international partners. Each has been chosen with great care and in the knowledge that they too are guided by the philosophies laid down by Yves-Bernard André.

This passion, combined with uncompromising quality, has established YBA as a High-Fidelity standard in excellence.

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▶▶▶ The Spirit of YBA

To accurately reproduce music takes not only a high level of expertise, but a love of music and an understanding of how it is produced. It involves a need to be able to stir those emotions which music arouses in us all.

And so in addition to a passion for music, discipline, precision and patience are key elements in the philosophy which lies behind YBA's products.

▶ Musical Quality

Sobriety and simplicity are key to the excellence of YBA.

Our aim is to have the listener forget the electronics and enjoy nothing but the music. Every product we make is treated in the same way, from the least expensive through to our high end.

Numerous prestigious awards have been given to YBA over the years and in all cases the products receive high praise for their musicality. It is such a simple thing, but something that takes exceptional talent to achieve.

▶ Longevity

Owning a YBA 'instrument' is a long-term investment, both from an emotional standpoint and often times financial. The quality of its manufacture is guaranteed to maintain its value through the years. The limited number that can be found on the second hand market, coupled with the value put on those products, undeniably attests to that quality.

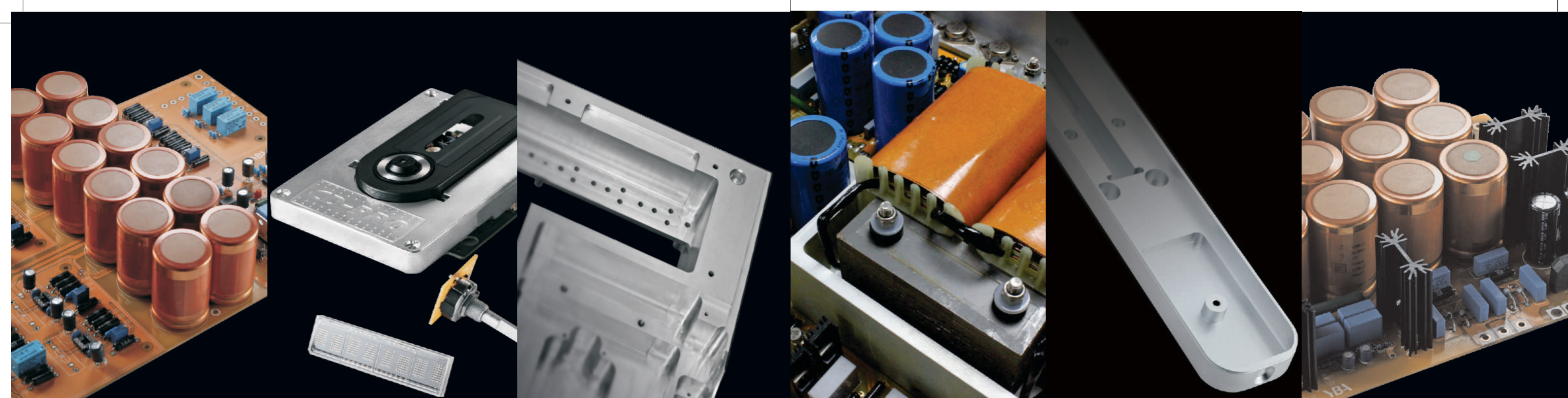
▶ Purity

The shorter the signal, the better the sound. To be able to reduce the number of components and consequently invest in the highest quality of those used, is one of the great strengths of YBA.

Importantly, specific attention is therefore given to even the smallest details. To further ensure the result, every product is personally listened to, before it is passed.

▶ Evolution

Another great strength of YBA lies in its planning for future products. It is hoped that once a YBA product has been purchased that it will remain with the user for many years. And so if any improvements are possible they are announced so an owner can choose to upgrade if desired.



▶▶▶ Exceptional Manufacturing

At the heart of the YBA design team is Yves-Bernard André. His ideas remain the core of the products and each person involved in key elements of manufacture works in accordance with his principles and philosophies. This is true throughout the manufacturing phase right through to final testing.

▶ Exclusive Design

Only by paying constant attention to the smallest details is it possible to design products of unparalleled excellence. The development team are masters in innovative solutions, all of which undergo stringent testing before being finally approved for production.

▶ Component Assembly

In many instances, especially with YBA higher end products, many of the electronic components require hand assembly. Expertise and sensitivity required for this work is of paramount importance and is therefore constantly and carefully monitored.

▶ Manufacturing Development

YBA constantly seeks input from its world-wide distribution partners regarding future products. This ensures that we will always be open to any market driven suggestions for new and innovative additions to the YBA range.

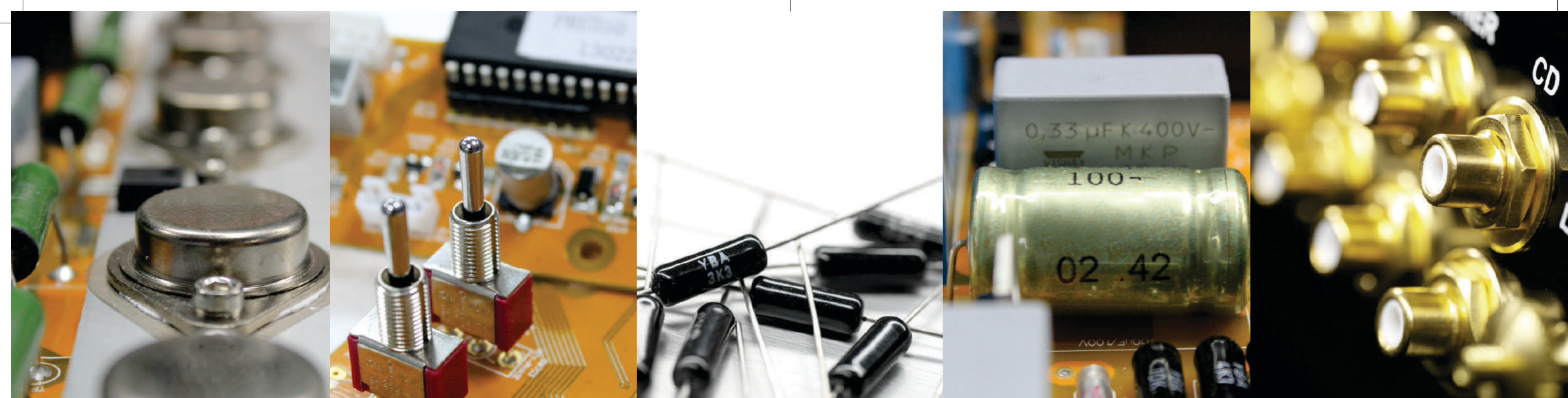
▶ Meticulous Checks

Way beyond our ISO 9001 certification, each electronic component is tested individually. Initially all electronic working practices are scrupulously checked in accordance with precise protocols. When production is complete, all products are run for a minimum of 48 hours.

This is followed by a further QC checking process to ensure 100% quality has been achieved.

▶ The Finishing Touches

The final stage is the listening test. This is when we can truly guarantee the design of the specific product. Yves-Bernard André himself listens to products and gives them final approval.



▶▶▶ Specific Characteristics

The technology used, coupled with the strict selection of each of the components contributes to the exceptional and indeed unique characteristics of our 'instruments'. YBA has protected many of its designs with several international patents and those designs remain exclusively within the company.

▶ Overall Structure

An exclusive functioning in Alpha® class, preserving all the musical advantages of Class A without its disadvantages.

The absence of passive components on the signal path.

An anti-vibrating, non-magnetic, anti-static design.

The use of an ultra rigid frame fixed to three feet.

An optimized structure in order to minimise the lengths of connections in order to limit interactions between components.

Oversized cooling surfaces and components in order to eliminate effects of ageing and distortion.

Diagrams with non-existent or very low counter-reaction in order to reproduce all the subtleties of the musical message.

CD players exclusively equipped with the Blue Diode®, an original and patented device to optimize reading.

▶ The Components

In order to create unique 'instruments' we select only the very best components on the market. When we cannot locate a convenient component, we unhesitatingly manufacture them ourselves or we have them manufactured according to our own requirements and standards.

Thus we use, among others:

Metal-coated YBA resistors (1W 1% 3 metals)

Polypropylene and copper specific YBA condensers

Pure copper long crystal YBA connection wires covered with Teflon

Double-C-shaped transformers created exclusively for YBA in order to limit the distortion when high power is requested

YBA output sockets and cinch connectors with patented internal connection

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▶▶▶ YBA Product Ranges

Whether you are a true audiophile searching for absolute music quality, or a music lover looking for exceptional equipment to bring a live concert experience into your home, YBA offers you several choices, each having its own characteristics and price options.

Currently there are five ranges which make up the YBA product portfolio.

Each is highly innovative, utilising the best today's technology can offer, yet never losing any of the YBA magic.

The products are beautiful to look at, extraordinary to listen to and owning any of these fine 'instruments' provides a sense of delight, safe in the knowledge you own one of the most sought after and iconic hi-fi brands with a history centred around the sheer joy of listening to music.

"Quality is a state of mind
It is a matter of passion and experience
Not a matter of standards...
Technology is not an end in itself
The pleasure found in listening must be our only guide"

Yves Bernard André



▶▶▶ Signature Range

For the most uncompromising audiophile, our SIGNATURE range of products stands alone. It is the pinnacle of research carried out for design, development and manufacturing.

Signature provides a rarely seen standard of excellence and is acknowledged for its uncompromising high fidelity reproduction. Each has a chassis which is assembled using two solid pieces of aluminium casing. The simplicity of appearance belies the superiority of performance.

The Signature range is made up of a power amplifier - which can be used in bridged mode, a pre-amplifier and a CD player.

The power amplifier has an appearance which is refreshingly understated with no control buttons to be seen and an oval level indicator taking us to times past. Capable of 600W into 8 Ohms in bridged mode, this amp is certainly not lacking power. Featuring XLR inputs in both stereo and mono together with RCA stereo input, the amp has 2 sets of outputs per channel.

The pre-amp caters for both analog (5 x RCA plus 1 balanced) and digital (USB, Optical, Coaxial) requirements. It features RCA and balanced outputs. This is a truly versatile preamplifier, with two YBA 'signature' control buttons on the front panel for mute and phase. The remaining two controls are for source selection and volume.

Signature CD is a simple to operate top loading player. Once the CD is in place, moving the door forward approximately 2 centimetres engages the start mechanism. Discs can be played with the door open or closed.

All relevant information is displayed on the front panel display and with its two discretely positioned control buttons on the left side of the front panel, it retains the attractive uncluttered lines of the Signature range of products.

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Signature AMP



Signature PRE



Signature CD





▶▶▶ Passion Range

If you are seeking to bring all the emotion of a live concert right into your living room, you will be delighted with the PASSION range. It has a dynamism and liveliness which must be heard to be believed.

As a music lover eager to live music to the full, you will appreciate the gorgeous subtleties, the very consistency of the music quality as well as the absolute transparency on which YBA's reputation has been built.

Apart from these qualities of reproduction essential for total enjoyment, the emotion shines through....the clarity of the sound scene, the gentle passage of the variations in voice intonation, the fullness and depth of the instruments. All put together so that you truly enjoy your passion for music.

Designed to control the most demanding of speakers and with ample power Passion will bring you incomparable pleasure.

The range contains 5 'instruments', the 650 power amplifier, 550 pre-amp/DAC, IA350 integrated amplifier, 450 CD transport and the latest addition, the CD430 CD player.

▶▶▶ Passion Range

The superbly engineered power amplifier boasts a simple yet elegant design. With nothing to detract from the front panel display, full control is managed from the remote handset. The display itself can be dimmed to suit personal tastes through three levels of brightness to off. The amplifier can be bridged - providing a hefty 600W into 8 Ohms. In stereo mode it outputs 200W into 8 Ohms. With RCA, balanced stereo and balanced mono inputs, plus two pairs of speaker outputs it is the perfect match for the Passion PRE.

The Passion PRE is packed full of features. The rear panel highlights the standard analog input and output features you would expect in a high class pre-amplifier with both RCA and balanced connections. In addition the pre-amp provides 7 digital inputs, along with Ethernet connection. AirPlay is also available. The front panel phase switch generates a 180° phase shift between the input and output signals.

Staying with the uncluttered style synonymous with YBA the front panel of the IA350 integrated has just an input and volume selector. The source selector toggles between 6 different inputs - both analog and digital. Outputting 150W into 8 Ohms it is pleasantly powerful. The Passion IA350 also has a pre-out bypass feature.

The CD Transport is designed ideally to be used with either the PRE550 which has two CS4398 Cirrus Logic DACs or the IA350 which has one. The rear panel provides 5 digital output options. The front panel switches include a control which allows you to increase the sampling rate. As with the Signature CD Player, this is a top loading device and operates in the same way.

The CD430 was introduced to the range at the end of 2013. Modelled on the CDT450 transport, it has a Cirrus Logic DAC on board. It maintains the same switching array on the front panel as the CDT450 but the rear panel presents an entirely different range of options. With a choice of RCA or Balanced analog outputs, the CD430 also has a Coaxial output which has its own dedicated on/off switch for use as required. In addition a USB input has been added giving it great versatility. A driver download is necessary if the USB input is being used with your PC.

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Passion AMP650



Passion PRE550



Passion IA350



Passion CDT450



Passion CD430



This latest range of products from YBA is simply beautiful. With a black acrylic full length panel housing the display, the overall cabinet styling is similar to the Passion series. The same exceptional heat-sinking has been used on the new power amplifier and looks stunning in its black brushed aluminium finish.

With the entertainment market embracing Bluetooth, YBA made the innovative decision to produce a dedicated Bluetooth range Genesis.

With a power amplifier, pre amplifier, and now a CD player, Genesis is utilising the most advanced Bluetooth technology available. There is such a large array of devices used these days for music storage, and virtually all of them incorporating a Bluetooth streaming option, Genesis has been developed to give you the best results possible from this very convenient way of listening to music.

▶▶▶ Genesis Range

The newest power amplifier from YBA, Genesis A6 is elegant, simple in its design and simply superb when it comes to performance. Providing 150 W into 8 Ohms or 250 W into 4 Ohms, the amplifier has more than ample power. With RCA and balanced stereo inputs, and 1 pair of speaker outputs, this amplifier provides everything necessary for the type of performance expected from YBA. When matched with the accompanying pre-amplifier it adequately answers any question about the quality of Bluetooth. You only have to listen!

The PRE5 pre amplifier is of the highest possible standard, supporting the Bluetooth aptX audio transfer protocol. Bluetooth is not all the PRE5 offers as there are in fact 8 different input options. Those options include AES/EBU, Optical, Coaxial, BNC, USB, plus Bluetooth, together with 2 RCA and 1 Balanced analog input. There is also a selection of outputs with 2 RCA, 1 Balanced plus 1 digital. The PRE5 incorporates three traditional YBA toggle switches, one for phase and two to control volume up or down. All information is displayed behind the black acrylic panel with a source indicator appearing on the left hand side and volume on the right.

In addition to the Bluetooth connectivity, the IA3 integrated amplifier is also equipped with one S/PDIF (75 Ohm) COAXIAL digital input plus USB (24/192KHz). Digital inputs automatically adjust to any of the standard digital audio data rates from 16/44.1KHz to 24/192KHz. Analog inputs include both RCA and XLR.

The most recent addition is the Genesis CD4 CD player. It uses a top loading Sanyo HD850 CD transport and incorporates the patented Blue Diode design. With RCA and balanced outputs the CD4 also features a coaxial digital output. Incorporated into the design is a digital off switch which when used switches off all signal to the digital section allowing this to be a pure analog player.

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Genesis A6
power amplifier



Genesis PRE5
pre amplifier



Genesis IA3
integrated amplifier



Genesis CD4
cd player

Heritage Range

With a healthy 100W into 8 Ohms, the Heritage amplifier has 5 RCA inputs - plus 1 balanced, in addition to a bypass feature on the video input. This means that the pre-amplifier section can be bypassed if for example you may want to connect a home theatre processor. It also has a pre-out feature allowing for the connection of an active subwoofer, a separate power amplifier or perhaps a pair of powered speakers.

Heritage provides a tastefully minimalist CD player with an elegant disc loading design where the only features on the front panel apart from the signature YBA display window are the control switches, including one to increase the sampling rate. Having both analog and balanced outputs together with digital input and output capabilities, the CD100 is undeniably the CD player for today.

The Heritage Media Streamer has an abundance of features. The TFT LCD display measures a healthy 320 x 244 mm and the streamer supports AIFF, WAV(LPCM), FLAC, MP3, WMA, AAC (local file); MP3, and WMA (Internet radio). With 5 digital inputs, it has two digital outputs plus RCA and XLR outputs. It includes a Wolfson DAC and can be used wirelessly or via its Ethernet connection. There is no doubt this Heritage media streamer can become the centre of your entertainment system in no time at all.

An exciting addition to the Heritage range is the D100 DAC released at the beginning of 2015. It has three digital inputs plus Bluetooth 4 as well as a coax digital output together with both RCA and XLR analog output options. The D100 was the first YBA product to feature DSD. Irrespective of the source (USB, Coax, Optical or Bluetooth) the DAC will detect DSD encryption and the display panel will light with a DSD indication.



HERITAGE products represent the perfect balance between affordable music excellence, intelligent design and technological innovation. Included are an integrated amplifier packed with features, a CD player and a highly regarded media streamer. In 2015 we added a DAC. With their distinctly appealing characteristics, Heritage products not only sound exceptional, but they bring fun to any system setup.

The latest innovation now sees the MP100SE not only offer Bluetooth but also DSD to its impressive specification.

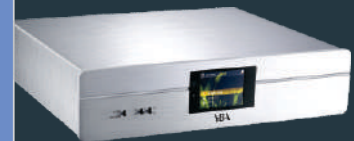
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Heritage D100



Heritage CD100



Heritage MP100SE



Heritage A100



▶▶▶ Design Range

This delightfully styled combination of FM/AM receiver, CD player and DAC, whilst undeniably living up to the YBA reputation for quality and performance, offers the more cost conscious buyer the opportunity to experience the pleasures YBA can bring.

The DESIGN styling is unique and looks entirely different from other YBA product ranges. Available only in black and with a cabinet width of 320 mm, the vibrant blue display highlights the attractive appearance.

The FM/AM Receiver has just about everything you could want! With a healthy 50W into 8 Ohms, the ability to store up to 80 preset stations (40 FM, 40 AM), an IR in/out capability lending its inclusion into custom audio applications, 4 RCA inputs plus a pre-out option, the highly attractive Design receiver is a truly great buy.

The Design CD player features an excellent drawer mechanism. Its electric blue display highlights the great look of the range. This player is extremely versatile - features include digital input and output, a USB input for direct connection to a PC whereby you benefit from the player's internal DAC, IR in and out for custom installation use.

With its many features, YBA's Design DAC is an extremely popular product. It has a multitude of connection options to satisfy the most demanding users, with USB, Coaxial, S/PDIF, AES/EBU and iPod inputs and RCA, XLR, Headphone (jack type 1/4" 6.3mm connector) outputs.

In 2015 the WD202 DAC was upgraded to include DSD.

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Design WM202

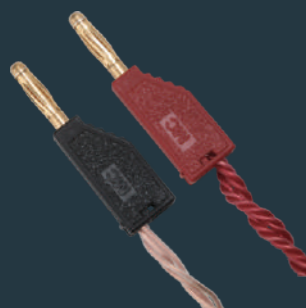


Design WD202



Design WA202

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▶▶▶ Accessories

Every YBA product is supplied with its own high quality remote handset. These are custom designed for YBA and manufactured to the highest standards.

Many hi-fi enthusiasts are aware of the fact that the use of accessories, such as high quality cables is often deemed essential in order to customise or improve performance.

The YBA cable range was specifically created for those people who believe that more can be gained from their own system, irrespective of brand.

YBA makes both interconnect and speaker cables available in varying lengths and in different levels of quality - glass or diamond.

An AC cable is also available for European markets.



▶▶▶ Availability

YBA products are currently available in 42 countries in all parts of the world. The network continues to grow.

YBA international distributors are chosen for their expertise, their product knowledge, their superior levels of attention to detail and for their exceptional customer support.

Your local distributor will be able to assist you with information about every YBA product, including dealer locations, pricing, warranties.

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