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IT'S A FIRST FROM THE FAMOUS QUAD MARQUE: AN INTEGRATED VALVE AMPLIFIER

Billed by the company as 'a 20th century recreation of the original 1953 Quad II designed by Quad's founder, the late Peter Walker', this is the new Quad II Classic Integrated amplifier. Built according to Peter Walker's philosophy of simplicity in design, Quad aims to achieve its original claim for 'the closest approach to the original sound'.

Renowned tube-amp designer Tim De Paravicini of EAR-Yoshino has been overseeing the project, this being the first time that the elements of 'classic' Quad II power amps have been brought together into an integrated model bearing the famous Quad badge.

Priced £4500, the Quad II Classic Integrated boasts elegant polished metalwork, the aim of the design project being 'to retain the retro look of the famous predecessor,

with the power amplifier and transformers blended into a modern, compact look'.

The valve complement comprises 4xKT66s, 4xECC88s and 2xECC83s, the amplifier having three line-level inputs, a tape monitor output and a built-in MM/MC phono stage. The (solid-state) phono amplifier uses four transistors

per channel with low feedback and is housed in a shielded compartment to ensure low noise. Rated power output is 2x25W into 8ohm. See next month's *Hi-Fi News* for an exclusive review of this landmark product!

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