

QED Reference Audio 40

An impressive stereo interconnect that ushers through a high-quality sound... **Tested at £85**

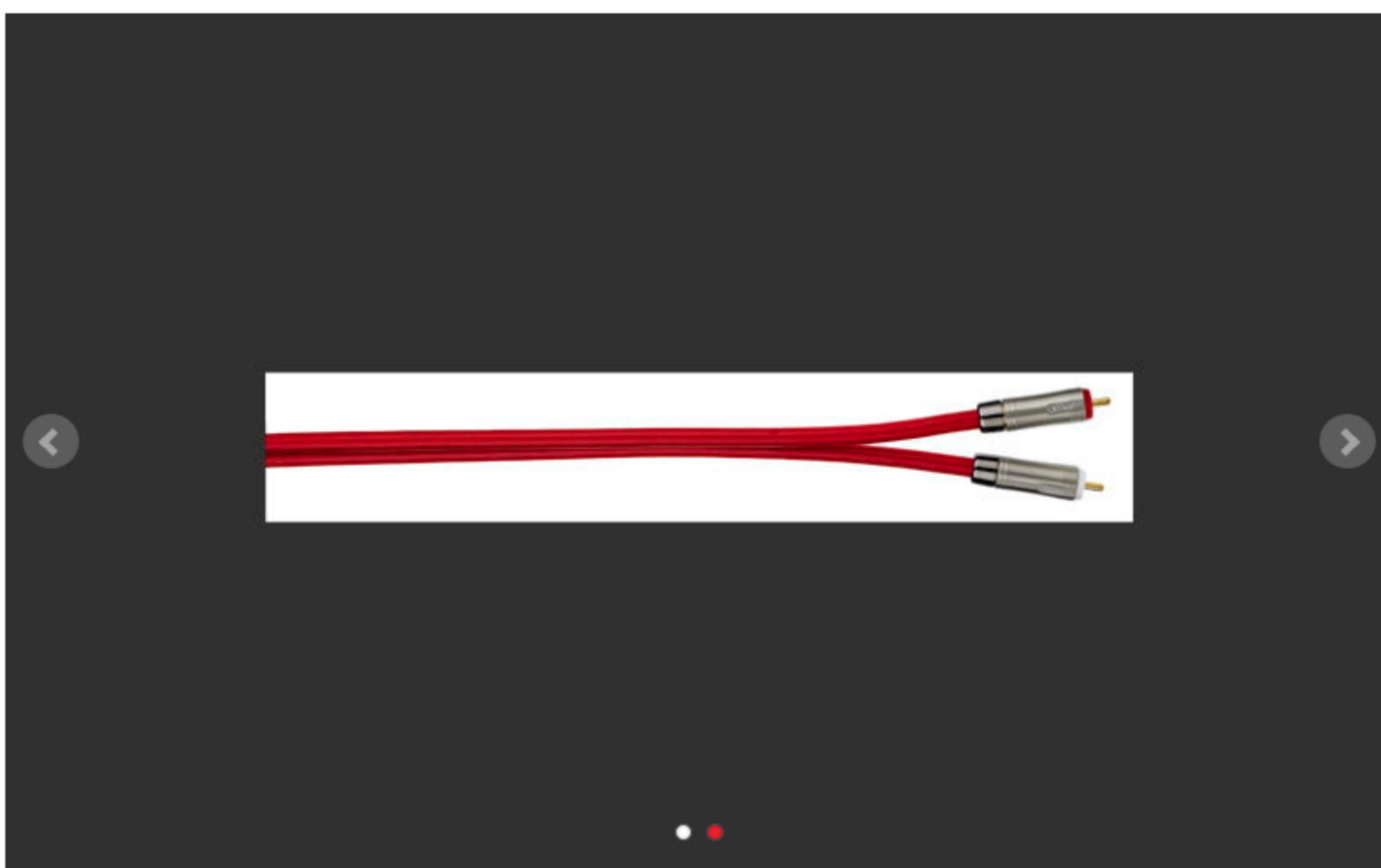
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Our Verdict

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For

- Reassuring build quality
- Promotes an expansive soundstage
- Allows for great depth and dimension to music

Against

- Nothing of note

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The Reference Audio 40 looks like a serious stereo interconnect. Build quality and feel are very reassuring – you’re immediately drawn to the smart-looking ‘Analoc’ locking plugs.

QED claims these give a higher-quality connection with your kit.

Performance



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Well, the Reference Audio 40 certainly ushers through high-quality sound.

You are made aware of a much broader and more expansive soundstage compared with Ecosse’s Baton Mk2.

Play Drake’s *Hold On We’re Going Home* and the QED interconnect brings fantastic depth and dimension.

Bass notes appear to plunge deeper and there’s a meaty, mature tone to music, but not at the expense of control or agility.

Verdict

Tunes are engaging and balanced with an impressive level of detail.

Lady Gaga’s *Dope* has texture and refinement in the piano – the interconnect really expresses the dynamics and nuances of the track.

If you’re looking to upgrade from budget interconnects to something more sonically substantial, the Reference Audio 40 is a great option.

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