

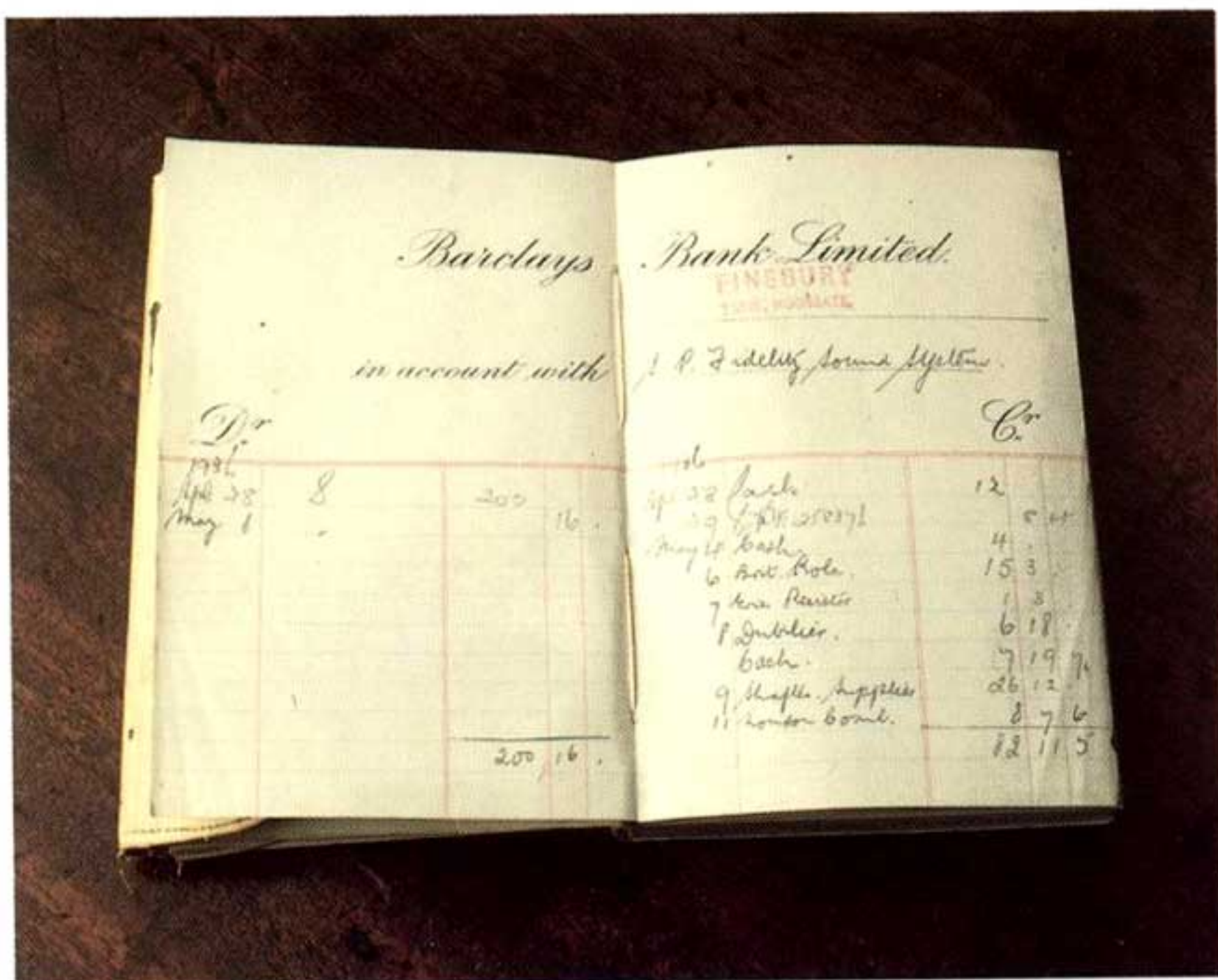
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THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS

Early Days; London 1936-41



1936. Pass Go. Collect £200. S.P. Fidelity Sound Systems became The Acoustical Manufacturing Company later the same year.

1939. Direct coupled class A power amplifier with separate pre-amplifier and tuner.



The C25. Wireless World wrote: "This amplifier shows refreshing originality in design."

ADDRESSING the PUBLIC
SECOND EDITION
by P. J. WALKER

Reproduction of music on narrow throat horn loudspeakers is not advised unless the horns are of considerable size. Such loudspeakers, however, can be used in conjunction with flare fitted cabinet types, care being taken to distribute the frequency response over the audience as evenly as possible. It is nearly always essential to reduce the bass response delivered to horn loudspeakers.

Wind is an element which frequently ruins what would otherwise have been a good performance, and unfortunately, not always being predictable, due allowance cannot always be made. The effect of variable wind in any direction will be to cause considerable fading and this effect will increase as the distance between the listener and the loudspeaker increases. If the wind is gusty therefore, place the loudspeakers as near as possible to the public, even at the expense of even distribution.

If a sound is projected downwind, the effect will be to bend the sound waves towards the ground and vice versa. With a steady wind, therefore, this may be taken into account where the tilt of the speakers is concerned.

The loudspeakers should always face downwind if there is a choice. Sound projected upwind will be bent upwards and will be lost. If the power is increased to overcome this, then the public near the loudspeaker will receive far too much volume.

Wind has a very bad effect on certain types of microphones, mainly Ribbon and Moving coil types. This can be largely overcome by fitting a cage over the microphone covered with a suitable material such as silk. A spherical cage is more efficient than a cube. Two layers of material,

A portable P.A. system circa 1938.

Reported from THE WIRELESS WORLD, August 1940

The C25 Acoustical Amplifier

A COMPACT UNIT SUITABLE FOR MOBILE EQUIPMENT

In most PA work compactness and portability are considerations which play an important part in the choice of equipment. There must be few amplifiers of comparable specification which occupy so little space as the Type C25 made by the Acoustical Manufacturing Co., 201-205, Leam Street, London, E.C.1. Weighing only 18 lb., its dimensions are 14.7 x 10.5 x 11.5 in. It has a power output of 30 watts, is provided with separate channels for high and low impedance inputs (150 and 16,000 ohms) and may be used from either a 12-volt car battery or AC mains.

Three multi-tap auto-couplers provide the push-pull output stage and the tubes of the first valve function as separate first stage amplifiers for the high and low impedance inputs. A pulsating potential for the latter circuit is provided by the second valve which functions as a further stage of straight AF amplification with a resistance capacity tone control across its grid circuit. The second half effects phase reversal for the input to the K766 push-pull output valves. When worked under class AB1 conditions with 400 volts in the plate there is a rated output of over 30 watts. The output transformer is tapped to match loads of 4 or 16 ohms, the impedance being selected by a switch. Other load impedances are provided by means of a switch.

The measured frequency characteristic showed a loss of less than 1 db at 30 and 10,000 c/s with the tone control turned fully clockwise. The curve obtained at the other extreme, and with the maximum tap cut, showed a steady fall of about 15 db between 500 and 10,000 c/s. On a 12-volt car battery the amplifier took 8.5 amp. and its performance was in every way comparable with that of AC mains. The circuit was quite both electrically and mechanically. A switch is provided to break the HT circuit and economize current during intervals between announcements, while keeping the valve heaters ready for instant use.

ADDRESS 15000 PEOPLE FROM YOUR CAR BATTERY

The C25 ACOUSTICAL AMPLIFIER

Here is the answer to your P.A. problem... a complete acoustic amplifier designed to run DIRECTLY either from your 6-volt car battery or from A.C. mains. This remarkable amplifier delivers 30 watts undistorted output, enough to address a crowd of 15,000 in the open air. Lightweight, small dimensions, simplicity of operation and high quality output make it the ideal equipment for every occasion.

In public address work, there, briefly, are the outstanding features of the C25 Acoustical Amplifier, an entirely new design in P.A. equipment in which every detail of construction has been designed for high performance and reliability under all conditions. The C25 Amplifier is an investment which will pay for itself in reduced costs and lasting performance.

GARDEN FETES! RACE MEETINGS! CONCERT HALLS! ETC.

HUNTINGDON GIRLS AIDED UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT

Turned Homes Into Workshops

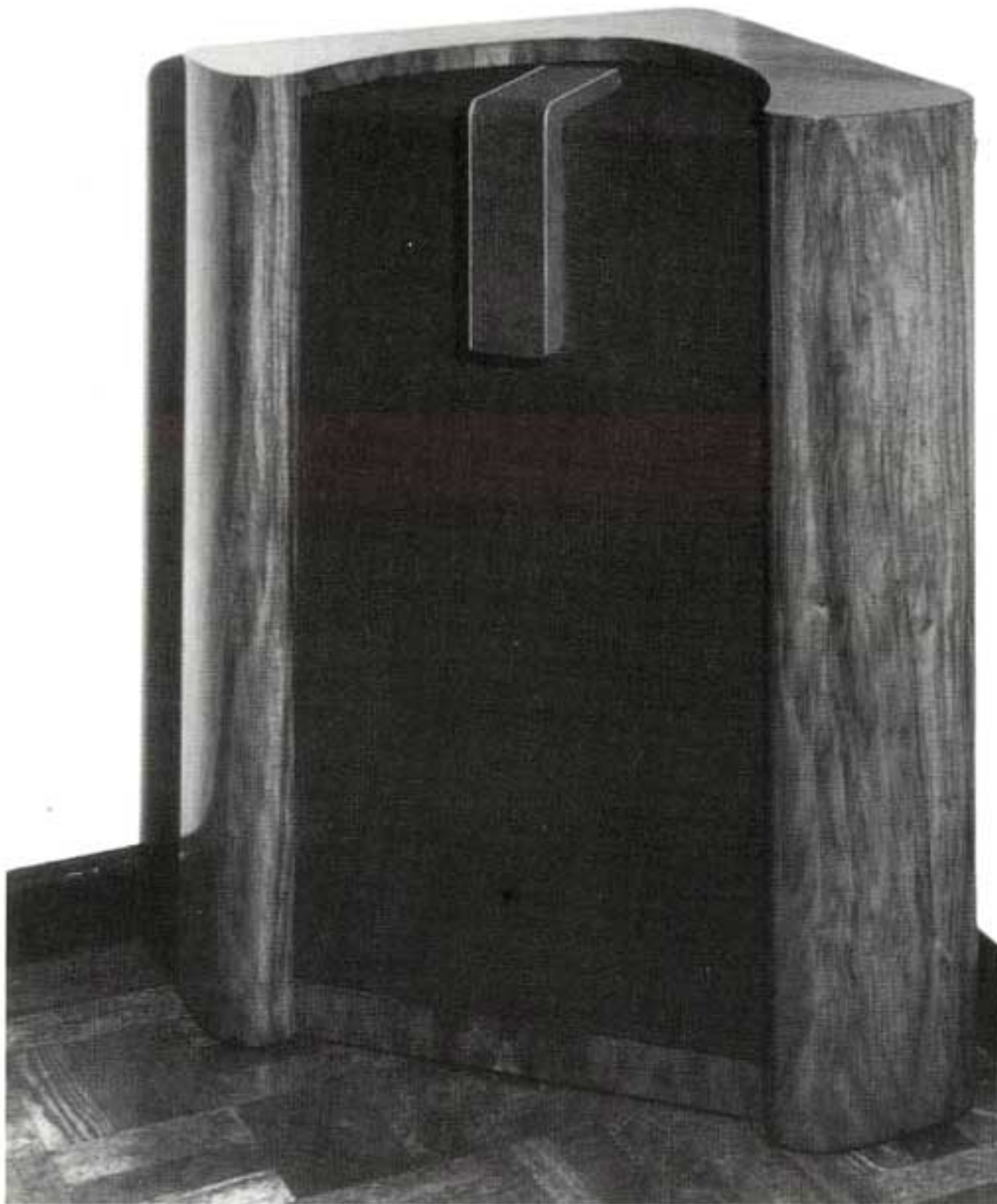
RADIO was dropped by parachute by R.A.F. planes to European underground resistance contained components manufactured in Huntingdon. Thirty-four local girls in one of Britain's most important war industries rose nobly to the occasion in Europe's darkest days. They volunteered to work double shifts to produce radio components for the apparatus which enabled the underground movements to keep in touch with their comrades in tank radio sets, and at peak production they were making over 2,000 per week at Huntingdon. All the components had to be adjusted to a very fine accuracy for they were an integral part of the light and heavy tanks which were roving into the mechanical battle fronts from El Alamein to the blood-soaked battlefields of Italy, France and Germany.

At one time improvements in motor torpedo boats and other craft were restricted due to the limitations of knowledge in the laboratory properties of rubber. Tur-

The war years.

Huntingdon 1941-1956

The Corner Ribbon Loudspeaker 1949. "Outstanding performance" wrote Wireless World. The horn loaded ribbon tweeter reproduced higher frequencies than any other loudspeaker of its day.



1949, QA12/P, the father of Quad.



"We do like to be beside the seaside." The work force on a day trip to Great Yarmouth.

10—Saturday, June 11, 1955.

Triumph at Royal Festival Hall

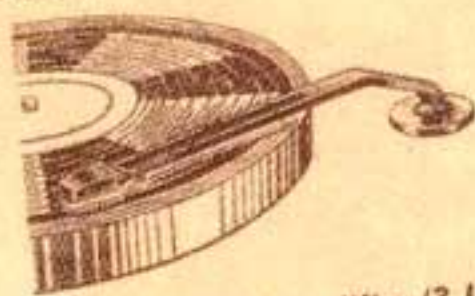
A capacity audience of 3,000 filled The Royal Festival Hall on the afternoon of 21st May to hear Mr G. A. Briggs, author of "Loudspeakers" & "Sound Reproduction" and designer of "Wharfedale" loudspeakers, give a lecture-demonstration on sound reproduction with comparisons between "live" and recorded performances of music.

The proceedings were enlivened by the personal appearance of three world-known British Concert Artists whose brilliant performance on a Steinway Pianoforte, a Harpsichord and the Festival Hall Organ were matched by reproductions of identical Works previously recorded by themselves.

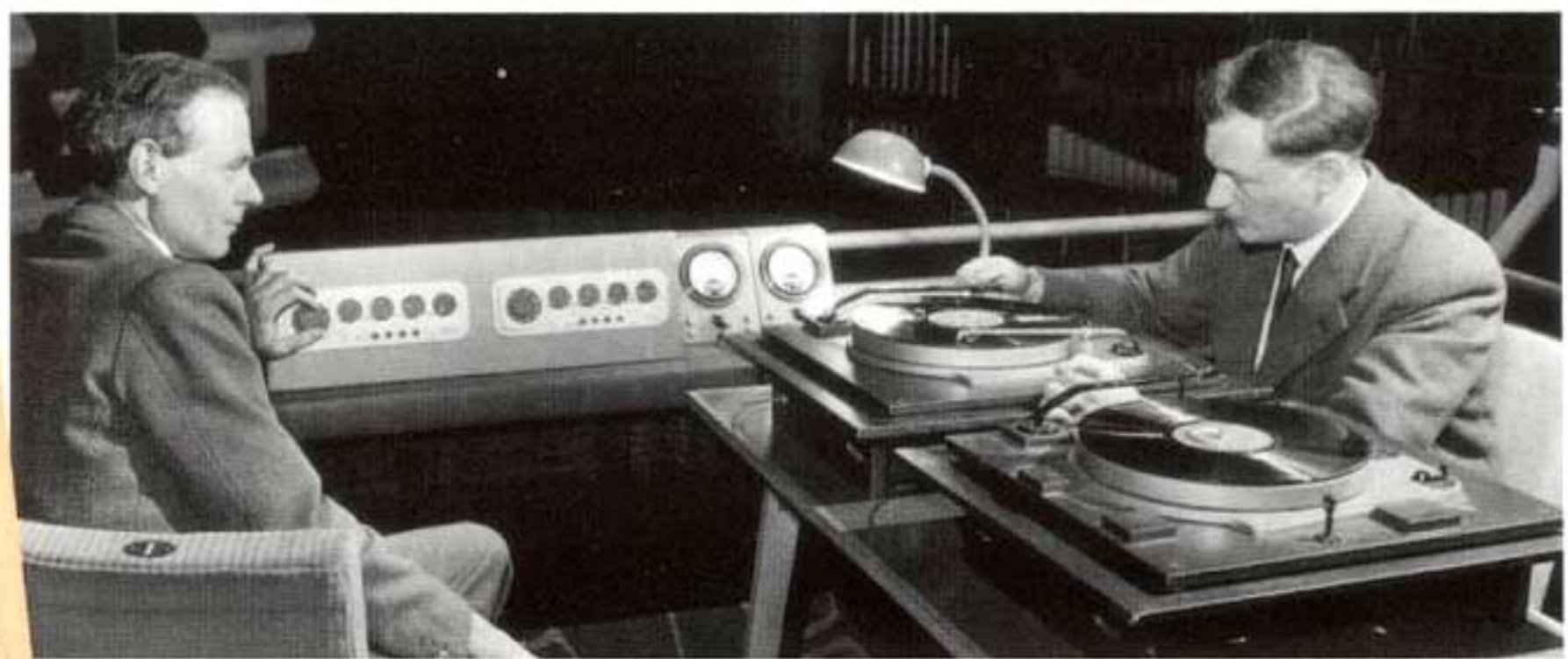
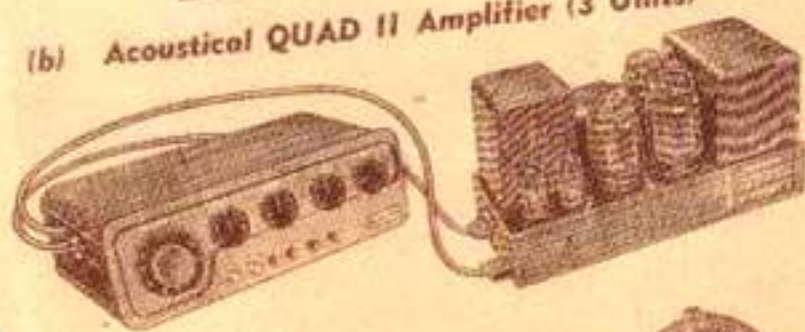
During the performance several change-overs were made from "live" to reproduced sound and vice versa but it was generally agreed that it was difficult, if not impossible, to detect any change in the take-over.

Excerpts from a number of commercial records were played and received with great enthusiasm by an audience whose consensus of opinion was that a new level had been set in the standard of reproduced music. Amongst the equipment used in this searching and courageous experiment were—

(a) The Ferranti Ribbon Pickup



(b) Acoustical QUAD II Amplifier (3 Units)



A series of live versus recorded music concerts, given by Gilbert Briggs of Wharfedale using Quad amplifiers, filled the Royal Festival Hall in London and the Carnegie Hall in New York. Peter Walker (left) at the controls and John Collinson also of Quad at the turntable.

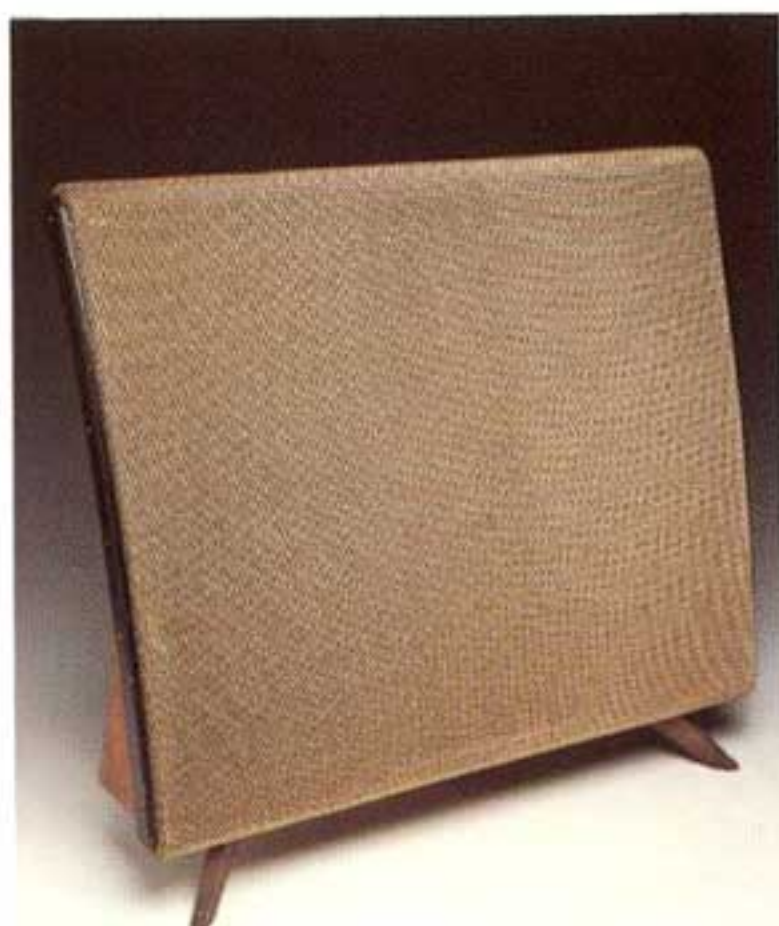


The Quad II (Quality Unit Amplifier Domestic) control unit and Quad II power amplifier.



1957-1966 – Stereo and the first Electrostatic Loudspeakers

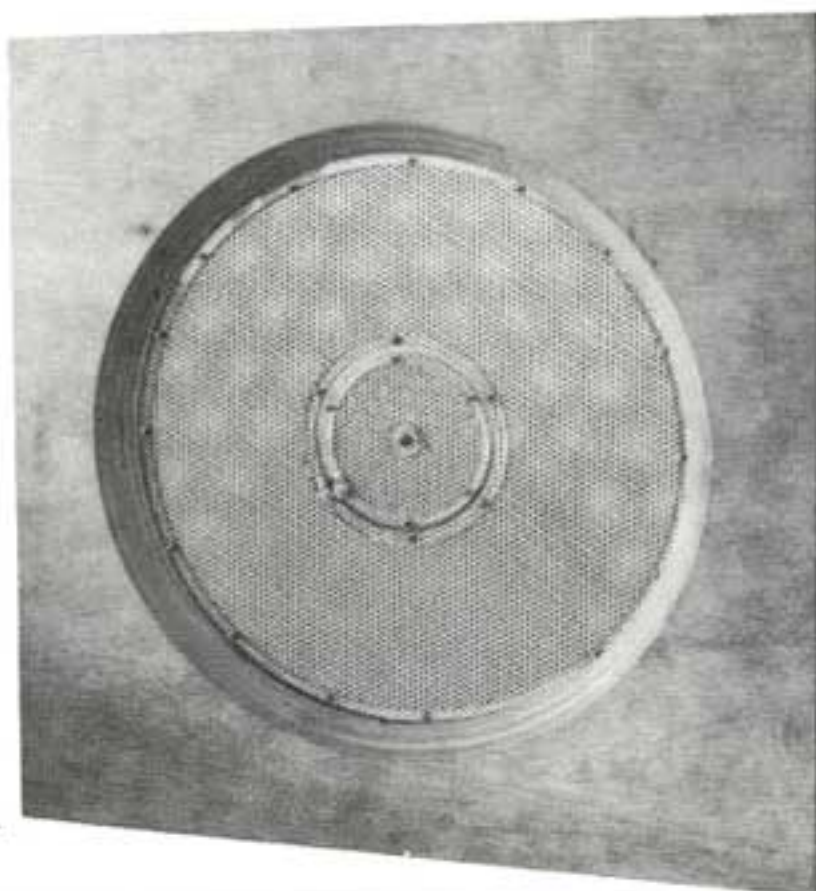
The world's first full range electrostatic loudspeaker. "Walker's Little Wonder."



A 'typical' British living room 1957. Heals designed the furniture and curtains.



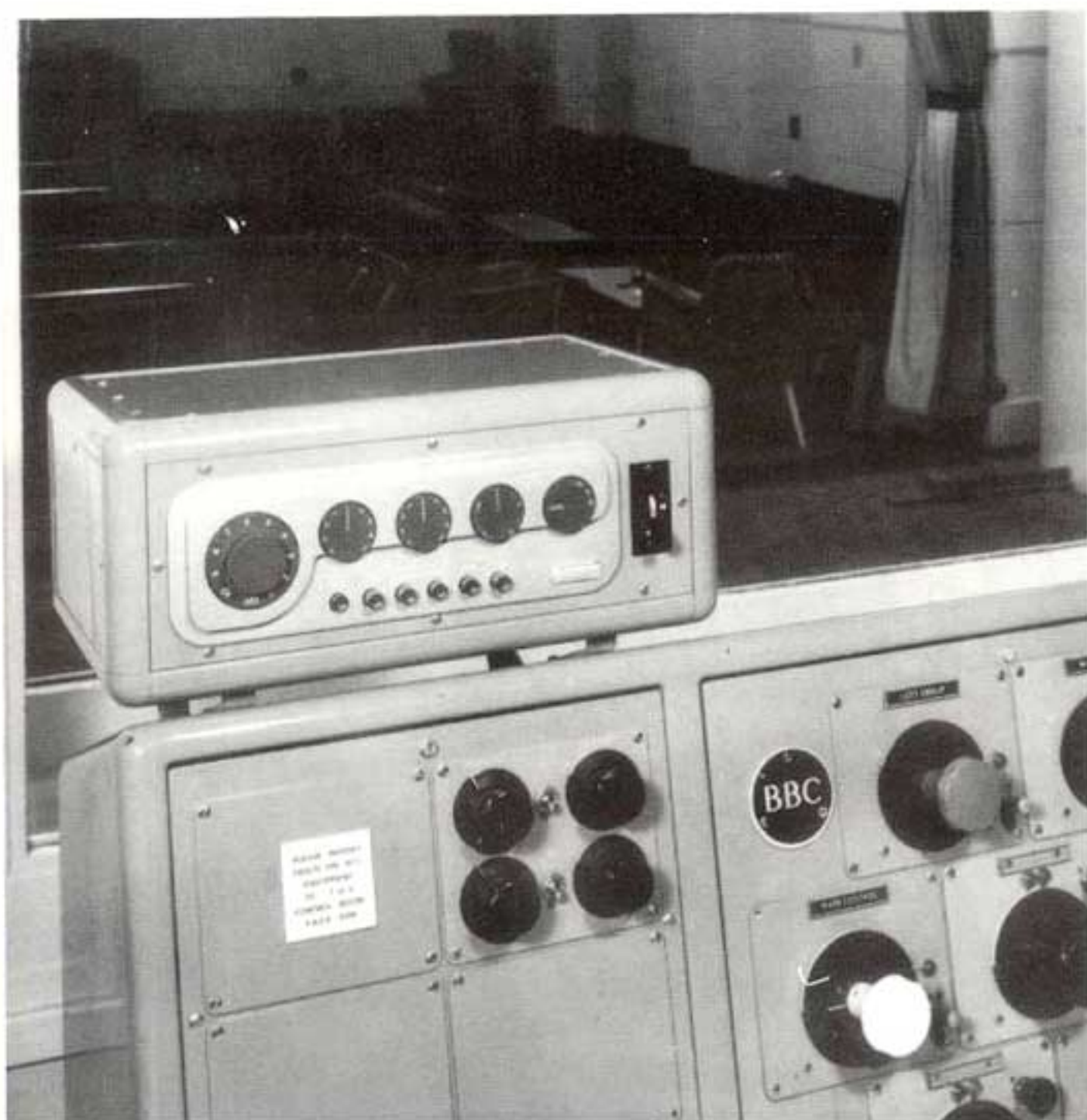
Early experiments in electrostatic loudspeakers.



Stereo. The Quad 22 and FM stereo tuner.



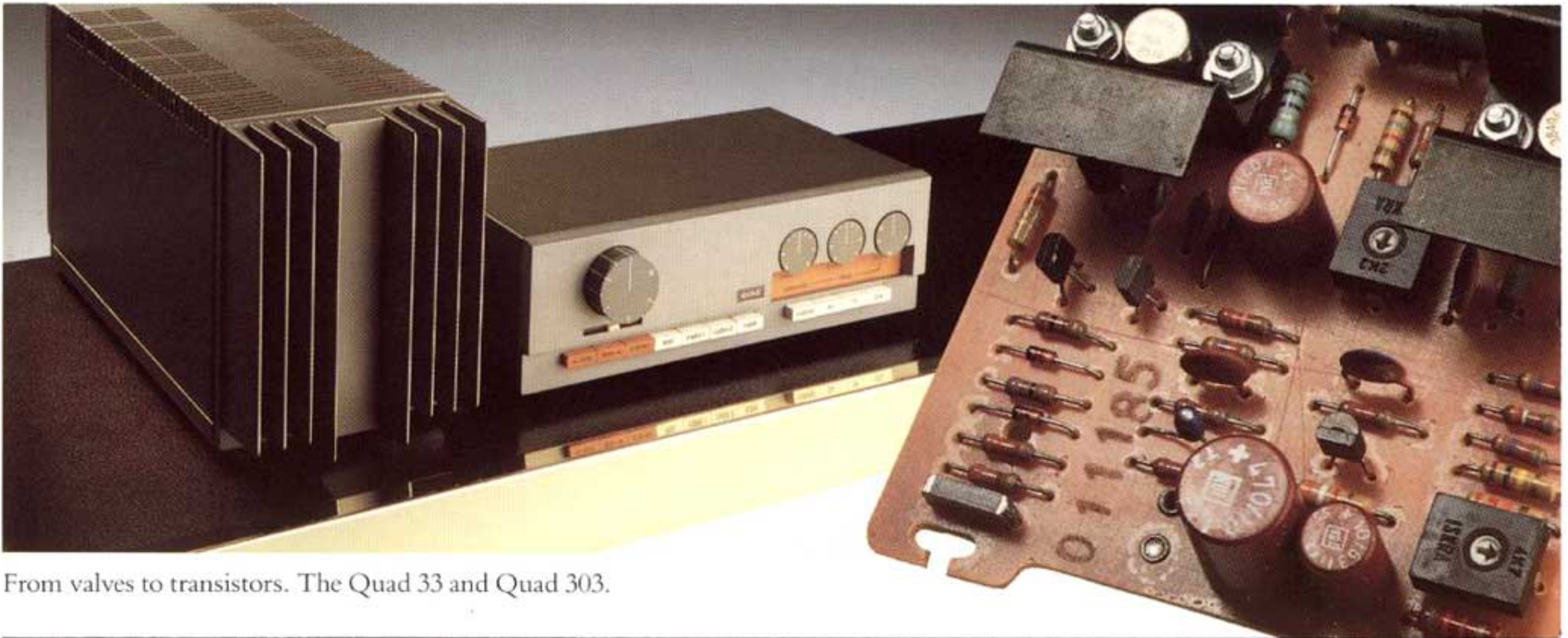
The staff about to take off for a day trip to Amsterdam.



Quad has been involved with recording and broadcasting studios from the beginning. The equipment has changed but the pursuit of excellence has not.



1967-74. Transistors and a Design Award



From valves to transistors. The Quad 33 and Quad 303.



Quad electrostatic loudspeakers provide sound reinforcement at a concert of classical Indian music.

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擴音機中的標準

303 功率放大器規格：

輸出力 (無負載時)：	0.50% 任何電平
700 赫	28.16 歐姆
10 千赫	45.3 歐姆

頻率響應：8 赫至 20 千赫 ± 3 分貝 (1 分貝) 於 1 千赫；
16 赫至 20 千赫 ± 3 分貝 (1 分貝) 於 1 千赫；
輸出內阻：0.3 歐姆 (滿功率)；200 歐姆 (滿功率)；
輸入電容：8.5 皮法 (輸入端)；30 皮法 (輸出端)；
輸入阻抗：22 千歐 (滿功率)；600 歐姆 (1/2 功率)；
總諧波失真：-100 分貝 (滿功率)；
穩定度：無條件穩定 (任何負載)

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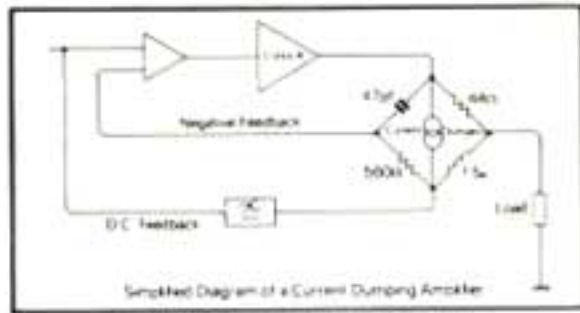
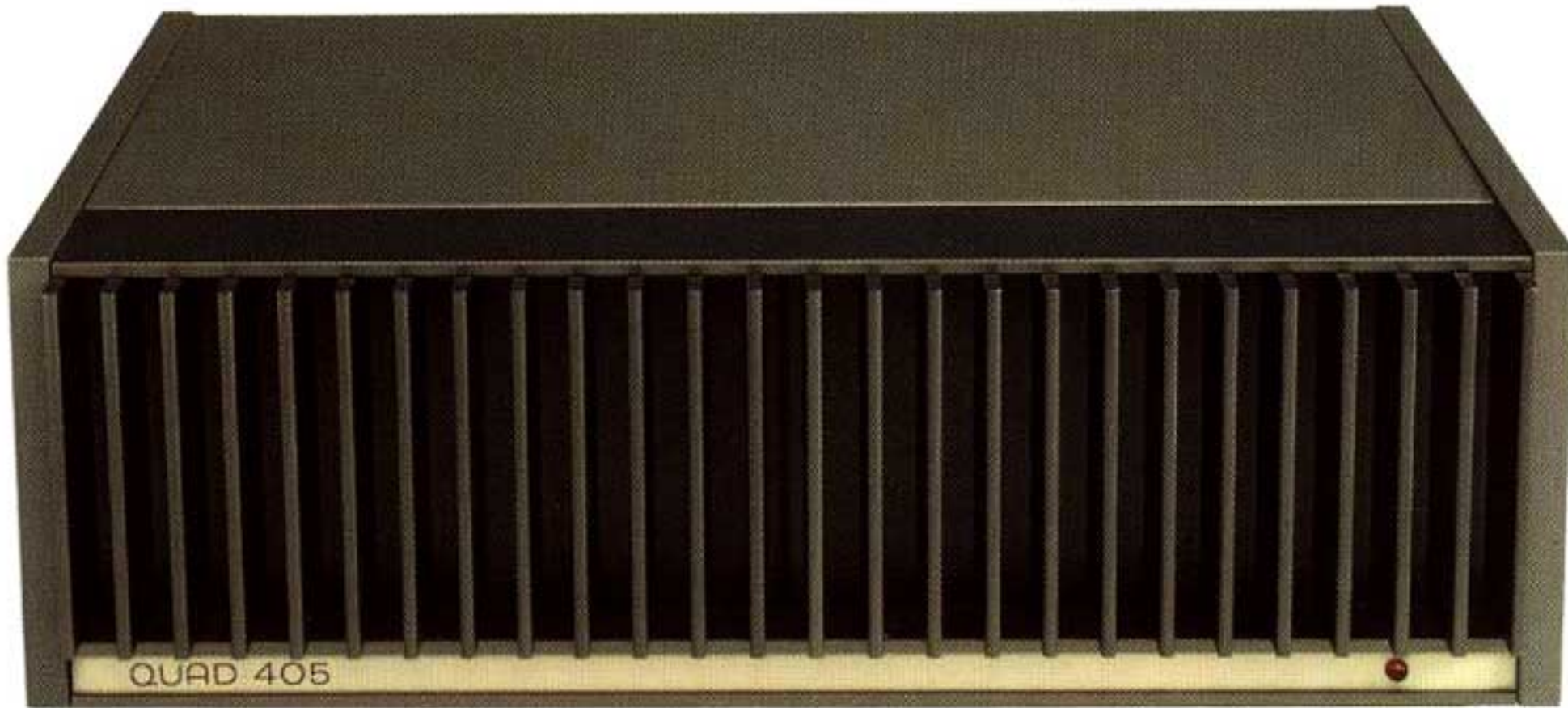
Quad products are sold throughout the world and exports account for more than 60% of total sales.

Gold design awards 1969

The certificate is presented to
The Acoustical Manufacturing Company Limited
in full recognition of the
DESIGN 33 POWER AMPLIFIER
DESIGN 303 CONTROL UNIT AND
DESIGN 300 STEREO TUNER
designed by the maker's design team
in the UK in the year of the award
Design Award 1969

Peter Walker collects a Design Award for the Quad 33, Quad 303 and Quad FM3.

1975-1981. Current Dumping and a Queen's Award



The Quad 405 (1975) featured a clear advance in amplifier design christened Current Dumping. A bridge circuit detects the difference between input and output signals (distortion) and corrects it.



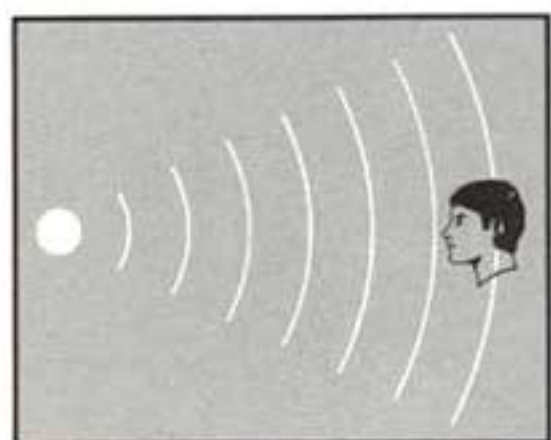
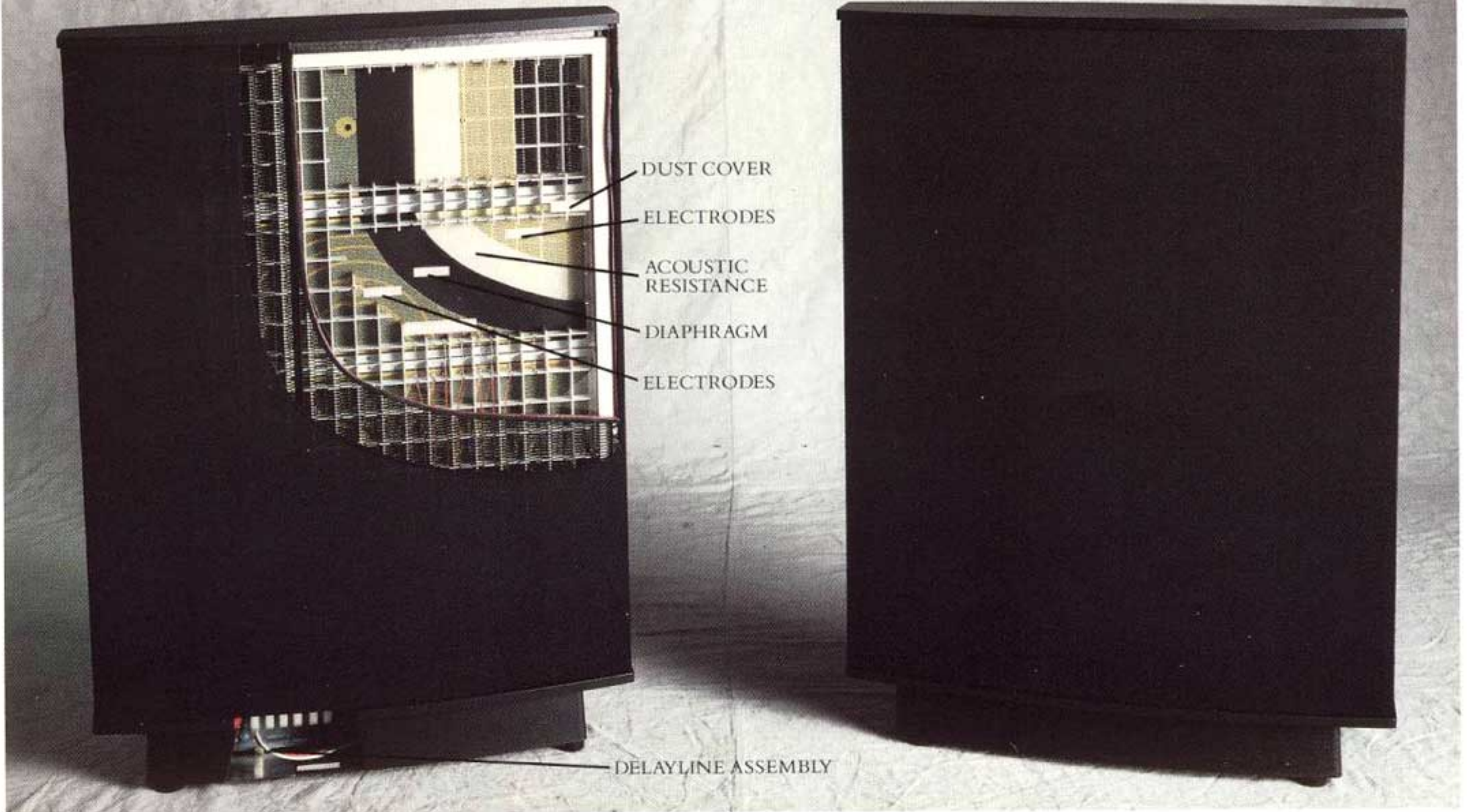
Current Dumping, a Quad patented invention gains a Queen's Award for Technological Innovation.



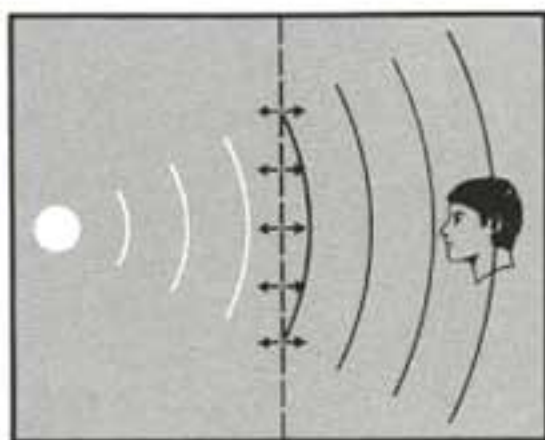
The Quad 44. The modular inputs allow the customer to tailor the pre-amplifier to his requirements now, and in the future. "Thank God it's British" wrote Angus McKenzie.

1981-85. Enter FRED, the new ESL 63

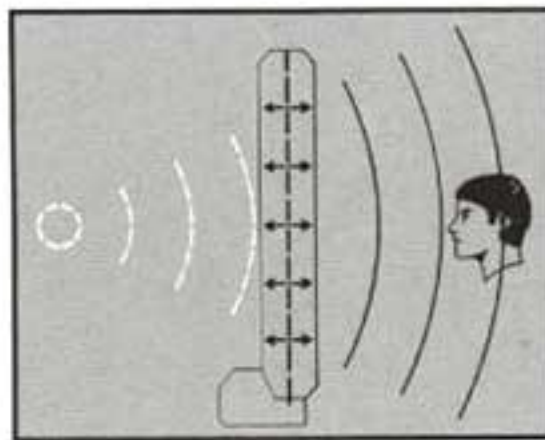
The new Quad electrostatic ESL 63 was rumoured for years before it appeared in 1981. The '63 in its name gives a clue to the time it took to develop FRED (Full Range Electrostatic Doublet). The first year's production was sold out within two months of its introduction.



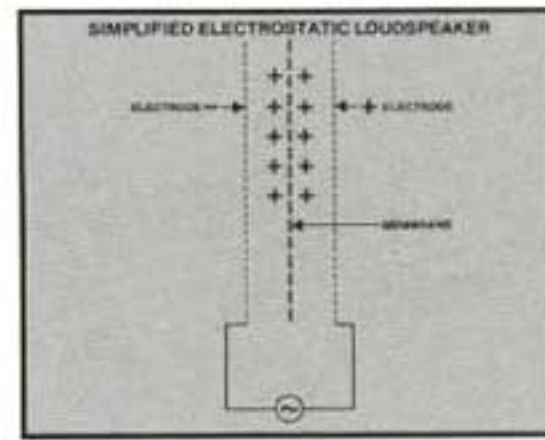
A point source loudspeaker.



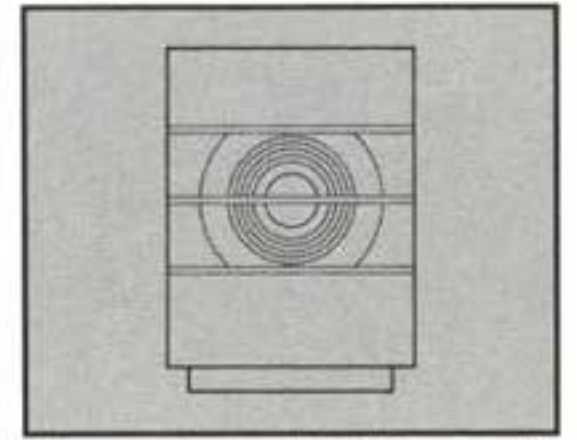
Air particle motion at a plane some distance from the source.



The identical motion of the membrane in the Quad ESL-63 produces identical results for the listener.



Membrane carries a constant charge. Electrodes carry the alternating music signal.



The music signal is fed first to the centre section and then to each ring in turn.



The introduction of compact disc places increasing demands upon the recording engineer. The virtues of the ESL 63 are appreciated by both engineers and artists pursuing excellence in recording quality.



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