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Portable Lossless Player MASTER

USER'S MANUAL

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Thank you for buying Questyle Audio QPM Portable Lossless Player . Read this User Manual to find out how to use QPM.

Quest has no limits. QPM, the flagship portable lossless player of Questyle, beyond itself once again. The more complicated the world is, the more concise we are. We hope you can enjoy high-quality music in an easy way anytime and anywhere.

Inheriting Questyle's distinctive design style, QPM is visually impressive for its tucked twist, curved surfaces and smooth lines, as well as a more comfortable grip.

Different from the last two generations of Questyle players, 3D glass is first time used for the front and the rear panel of QPM. By overcoming various challenges of processing, different materials are combined together perfectly, which makes QPM a work of art.

The Portable Lossless Audio Player, QPM, can be used independently and loaded with tens of thousands of lossless music files, which will become a music hall in your pocket.

In addition, QPM can be used as a DAC for mobile phones via USB connector and it will provide you with significantly improved sound.

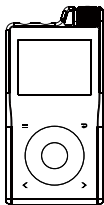
QPM can connect with the Super Source System. Simply plug in the Super Source System and press the play button, you can enjoy beautiful music in the simplest way.

Questyle's patented Current Mode Amplification technology is set apart from other technologies adopted in traditional amplifiers. It will provide users with an experience of being there and listening to the original sound. QPM uses CA630 and CC630, the pure Class A Current Mode Amplification modules featuring fully discrete structure and SIP (System In Package). Benefit from the SIP process, the output power of QPM increases by nearly a half compared with QP2R, and the quietness increases by two and a half times.

QPM supports pure Class A BIAS Control system. With the High BIAS setting, the output static current doubles, the THD+N and higher harmonic distortion drop

to the lowest level, which is like driving a super sport car, just imagine the car is set to "RACE" mode.QPM immediately attains stronger power and quicker responses, enhancing the performance dramatically.

Getting Started



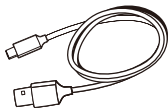
QPM



Cloth bag



QPM Quick Start Guide



USB type C
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Optical cable
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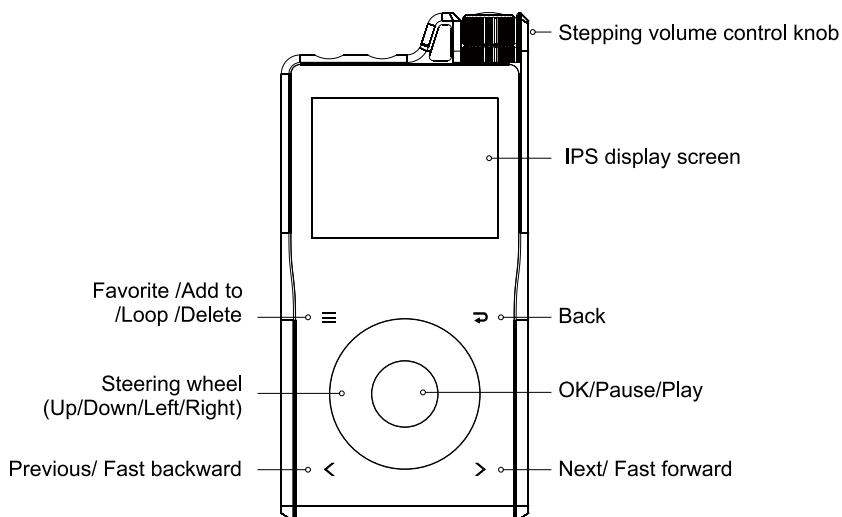


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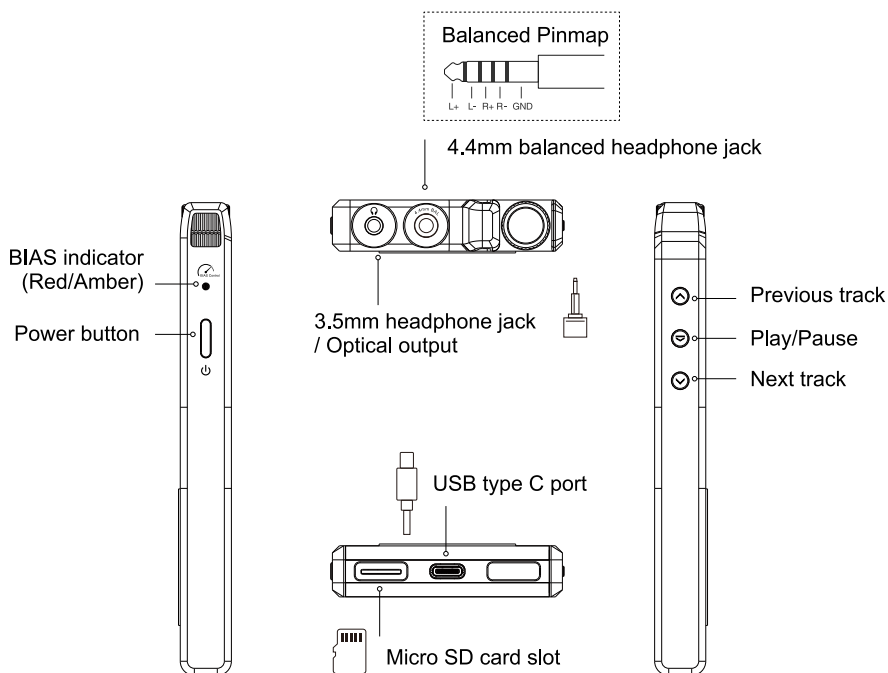
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Silicone patch for the OK button	1pc

QPM Overview



- ① Stepping volume control knob: rotate the knob to adjust volume. You can go to “Settings”-“Volume lock” and toggle it “On” to make the volume control inactive while the screen is off.
- ② Favorites/Loop/Add to/Delete button: with a song playing, click this button to add the song to Favorites/Playlists, or to Loop/Delete it.
- ③ Back button: click it to move to the previous menu. (Press and hold it to go back to the main menu.)
- ④ Steering wheel: scroll the wheel to move up, down, left or right.
- ⑤ OK/Pause/Play button: click it to confirm selections or to play/pause a song, or to wake the screen.(Press and hold it to disconnect QPM from the USB connection to your computer.)
- ⑥ Previous/Fast backward button: click it to move to the previous track, or to the left/up selections. Press and hold it to go backward fast.
- ⑦ Next/Fast forward button: click it to move to next track, or to the right/down selections. Press and hold it to go forward fast.



⑧ 3.5mm headphone jack/Optical output jack: it is used to plug in a 3.5mm headphone, or to output optical signals while QPM is connected to other devices.(You can use the included optical cable connector.)

⑨ 4.4mm balanced headphone jack: it is used to plug in a 4.4mm balanced headphone. (Refer to the Balanced Pinmap to get detailed specifications for headphones.)

⑩ Micro SD card slot: it is used to insert in a micro SD card (Max. 200G).

⑪ USB type C port: it is used to connect QPM to your computer, or to charge QPM battery. Please use the included USB type C cable.

⑫ BIAS indicator: it shows the “Standard” BIAS indicated by orange light, and the “High” BIAS by red light.

⑬ Power button: press this button to turn on/off the screen, press and hold the button to turn on/off QPM.

Power Management

1) Turn on/off QPM

press and hold the Power button  to turn on/off QPM.

2) Turn on/off the screen

- ① When the screen is on, press the Power button to turn it off.
- ② When the screen is off, press the Power button to turn it on.

3) Reset

If QPM fails to work unexpectedly, you can press and hold the Power button for 10 seconds to force QPM to shutdown, then restart QPM.

Charge QPM Battery

Connect QPM to an adapter or a computer with the included USB type C cable and charge QPM battery.

- QPM battery will be fully charged in about 4 hours via a 5V/2A adapter. It will take a little longer to be fully charged via a computer.
- QPM can work while charging, which will extend the charging time.

NOTE:

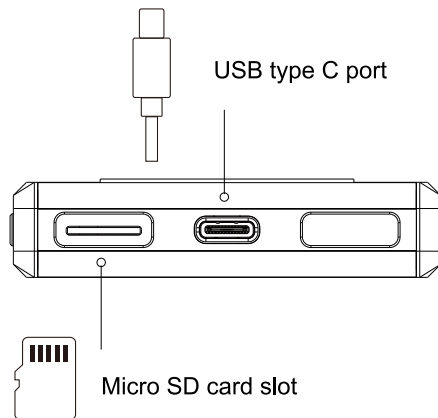
- ① The USB type C port for charging and data transfer follows the USB 2.0 communication protocol. Fast charging is not allowed. Do not connect QPM to a fast charger, otherwise, the failure caused by fast charging will not be covered in free warranty.
- ② Do not use any other USB cable except the included USB cable.

Insert/Remove Micro SD Card

Insert your micro SD card into the card slot with its face down. Remove the inserted card by pressing it. (As shown in the picture.)

NOTE

- ① Insert your micro SD card very gently to avoid damage.
- ② Do not remove the micro SD card while it is in use, otherwise it may result in corrupting/deleting data or failure, even damage to the micro SD card.
- ③ If the the micro SD card can't be recognized or if it is malfunctioning, please format the SD card before using it. The FAT32 format is recommended.



Update Firmware

- 1) Copy file "DAP003GL.upt" to your micro SD card and insert it into the card slot.
- 2) Start QPM and select "Settings" - "Update firmware" - "Begin".
- 3) After update, the display will show "Update is finished".

Connect QPM to Computer

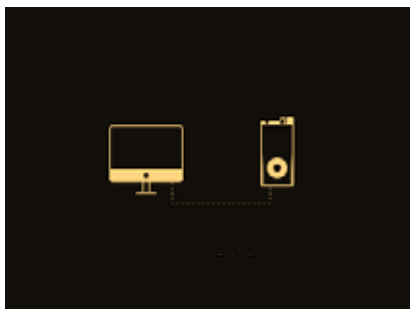
Connect QPM to your computer with the included USB type C cable.

Transfer Music Files

Connect QPM to your computer via the included USB type C cable, and you will see a computer-QPM connection (as shown below) on the QPM screen. Meanwhile, there will be a new removable storage device named QPM shown on your computer, and you can transfer music files to the QPM. If the connection isn't shown on the QPM screen, please go to "Settings"->"USB "->"Memory".

NOTE

In the computer-QPM connection, you can press the OK button of QPM to disconnect the USB connection.



Play Music Files

1. Turn on QPM and go to "Playlists".
2. Select any music file on the lists and play it.

How to Use QPM

Native Playback of Music Files

QPM can play music files on Internal memory and micro SD card. It supports 3.5mm headphone single-ended out, 4.4mm headphone balanced out, line out, optical and S/PDIF out.

NOTE:

① With headphone single-ended out, headphone balanced out or line out, QPM supports the native playback of audio files sampling at PCM 32kHz-384kHz and DSD64-DSD256.

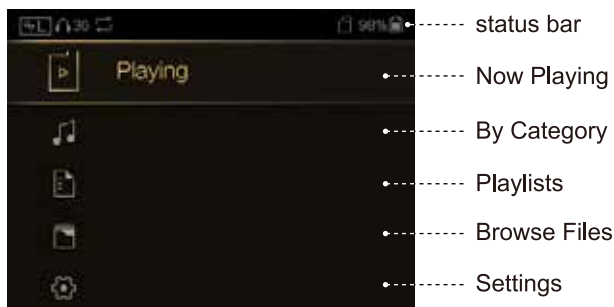
② With optical or S/PDIF out, QPM supports the native playback of audio files sampling at PCM 32kHz-PCM384kHz (PCM384 will be converted to PCM192), files of DSD64-DSD128 will be converted to PCM88.2kHz. Files of DSD256 will not be supported in this case.

Main Menu Description

Select language when you start QPM for the first time, then view the main menu items including “Playing”, “Category”, “Playlists”, “Browse files” and “Settings”.

NOTE:

When you select “Playing” but without a music file playing now, it will navigate to the sub categories under “Category”. When you select “Category” for the first time, you need to update the library.



Icons in Status Bar



: Gain: (L: low gain, M: middle gain, H: high gain)



: Volume



: Battery



: Micro SD card



: Play mode: Order/Single/Loop/Shuffle

Operation Instructions

1) Playing: when you see the Playing screen, you can scroll the steering wheel to view “Playing”, “Lyrics” and “Song information”.

Click and you will see icons for Favorites/Loop/Add to/Delete, then you can add the playing song to “Favorites”, or set the play mode, or “Delete” it.



2) Category: you can play music files by the category of Track, Album, Artist, Genre, or DSD. Select a category and navigate to a music file and then press the OK button to play it.

3) Playlists: you can create new playlists according to your preference, and all the playlists can be viewed in “Playlists”. (Fig.1, Fig.2)

NOTE:

the name for a new playlist is to be selected only in the existing name lists of the system.

4) Browse files: you can browse music files loaded in Internal memory and micro SD card.



Fig.1



Fig.2



Fig.3

Settings

you can select it and press the OK button to view system settings.

Regular : you can add or remove the regular setting items in the menu as shown in the picture below.

For a selected item, “-” is to remove it from the +Regular items, and “+” is to show it.

Language: select your language when you start QPM for the first time. Languages support Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, English, German, Japanese and Russian.

Cover: if the Playing song doesn't have a cover, the following picture will be shown as its cover instead. You can also choose a cover for the Playing song from Cover selections.(See Fig.3)

Font size: select it to set the font size of system settings and the main menu.

Gain: select it to set the gain to “High” (H), “Middle”(M) or “Low”(L) for analog output.

BIAS: select it to set the bias current (Standard/High) for output stage of the analog amplification circuit. When you set it to “Standard”, the BIAS indicator on the right side of QPM is orange, when you set it to “High”, the BIAS indicator is red, and the system power consumption will increase under the High BIAS setting.

DSD Gain: select it to set the gain compensation for DSD analog output (0dB-6dB).

EQ: select it to set “EQ1”, “EQ2” or disable the EQ feature.

Balance: select it to balance the analog output of left and right channels.

Docking analog out volume: select it to set the volume for Docking analog out to “Max” or “Adj”. When you set it to “Max”, the Docking analog out volume is not adjustable.

Docking output: select it to set the Docking output to “Digital” or “Analog”.

USB: select it to set QPM to “DAC” or “Memory” mode. When you set it to “DAC”, QPM will be used as an external sound card while connecting to your computer. When you set it to “Memory”, QPM will be used as a removable hard drive.

Sleep time: select it to set the sleep auto off time for QPM, choices are “0”, “10min”, “20min”, “30min”, “40min”, “50min”, “60min”. You can set it to “0” to disable this feature.

Update library: select it to set the way of updating library to “Manual” or “Auto”. When you select the “Category” for the first time, it is necessary to update the library.

Play mode: select it to set the play mode, choices are “Order”, “Single”, “Loop” and “Shuffle”.

Breakpoint play: select it to choose where to pick up if the QPM is turned off and back on again. If you set it to “Tack”, it will begin with the last track played when QPM is off and back on again. If you set it to “Position”, it will begin with the playback from where you stopped at the last track when QPM is off and back on again. You can set it to “Close” to disable this feature.

Power on volume: select it to set the power on volume to “Memory” or “Custom”. If “Memory” is selected, the power on volume will remain the same as the volume of the last setting when QPM is off. If “Custom” is selected, the power on volume will be fixed as you have set.

Custom power on volume: once “Power on volume”- “Custom” is selected, you can select this setting to have QPM always start at a fixed volume chosen from “0” to “60”.

Volume direction: select it to set the direction of volume up/down to “Left max” or “Right max”.

Volume lock: select it to set the volume lock to “On” or “Off”. When you set the “Volume lock”- “On”, the volume control is inactive while the screen is off. When you set the “Volume lock”- “Off”, the volume is adjustable while the screen is off. This setting will not affect the adjustable volume while the screen is on.

Backlight brightness: select it to set the screen brightness from “1” up to “5”.

Backlight time: select it to set the backlight time to “10S”, “30S”, “60S”, “90S” or “Always on”.

Vibration: select it to set the vibration to “Low”, “Medium”, or “High”.

Auto shut down: select it to set the auto shut down to “On” or “Off”. When you set it to “On”, QPM will self power off when there is 5 minutes of inactivity. You can set it to “Off” to disable this feature.

Format: select it to format the Internal memory of QPM or micro SD card.

Reset: select it to restore QPM to factory defaults.

Update firmware: select it to update the firmware of QPM according to “Help” information.

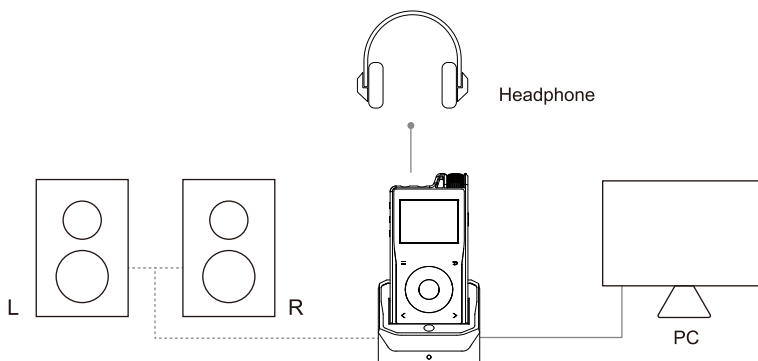
About: select it to view Model, Firmware version, Internal memory and micro SD card memory.

QPM USB DAC

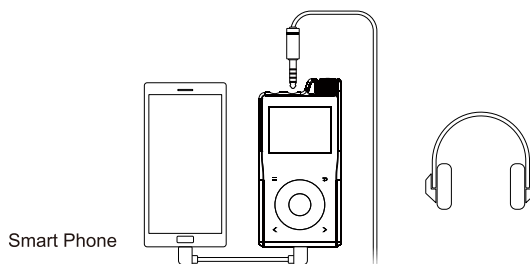
QPM supports headphone and line outputs, as well as Optical and S/PDIF outputs. (When QPM is used as a DAC for digital output, DSD files sampling at DSD256 in your computer is processed only in DoP mode other than Native mode.) You can press the OK button to disconnect QPM from the USB connection to your computer and then go back to the main menu.

QPM USB DAC Feature

What's new with Questyle QPM Portable Lossless Player is the feature of USB DAC, namely, QPM will be used as a DAC/Headphone Amp when it is connected to your computer via a USB cable. Music files in your computer will be delivered to QPM for D/A converting, then to QPM's headphone output, which will get you much better sounding.

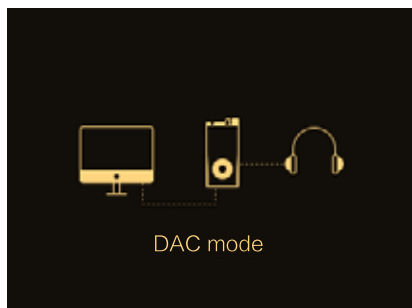


In addition, QPM can be used as a DAC for mobile phones via USB connector and it will provide you with significantly improved sound.



Instructions

1. Start QPM and select “Settings” - “USB ” - “DAC”.
2. Connect QPM to your computer via the included USB cable, then the QPM display will show “USB DAC” (as shown below).



3. If your computer is Windows OS, you have to install the USB DAC driver first. (Please refer to the USB DAC Driver Installation.) If your computer is a version later than the Mac OS 10.5.7, there is no need to install the USB DAC driver.
4. Play music files in your computer. (It's better to play DSD files with a professional audio player.)

PC System Requirements

1) Operating System


QPM's driver and hardware support Win XP/Vista/Win7/Win8/Win8.1. For Mac OS, versions later than the Mac OS 10.5.7 are well matched without installing any driver.

2) Media Player

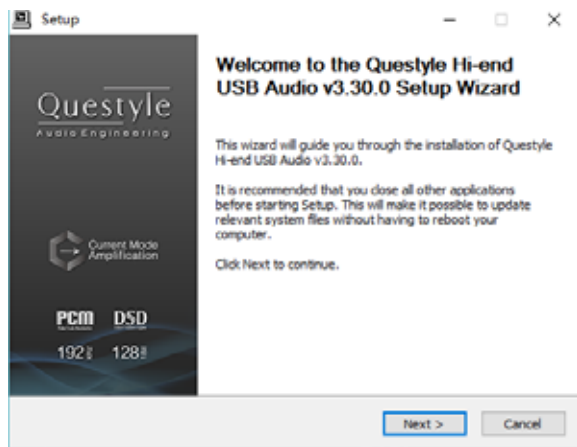
QPM is not limited to any special media player. Any PC compatible player (including video players) is well matched.

USB DAC Driver Installation

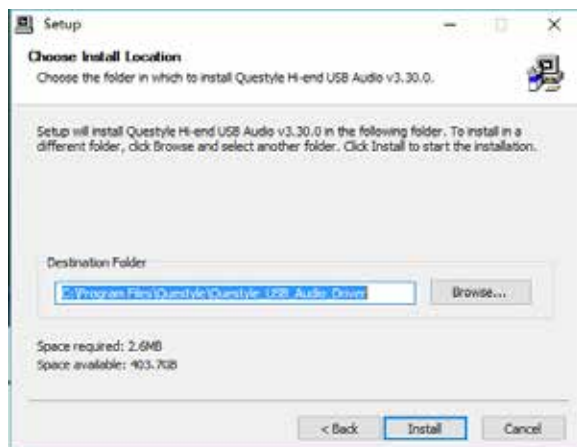
QPM can be recognized by your computer after installing the QPM USB DAC Driver on Windows OS. We take Win7 64bit operating system for an example to show the Driver installation.

- 1) Visit Questyle Audio website (www.questyle.com) , click “Download” - “Driver” and select  **QPM USB DAC Driver.zip** .
- 2) Double click “Setup.exe”.
- 3) Follow the steps below:

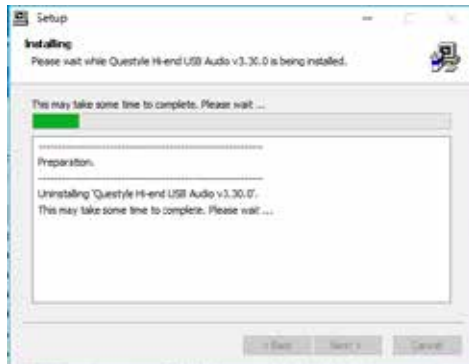
Click “Next”



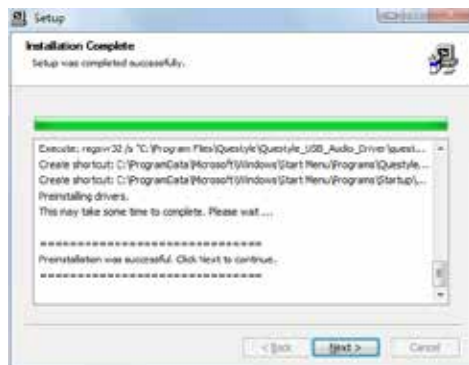
Click “Install”
(Default install location
is C drive)



Installation will take 3 or 5 minutes



Installation is completed, click "Next"



Click "Finish"
to exit the installation



4) Restart your computer and the QPM Driver installation is done.

5) Installation on Win XP, Vista is similar to the above.

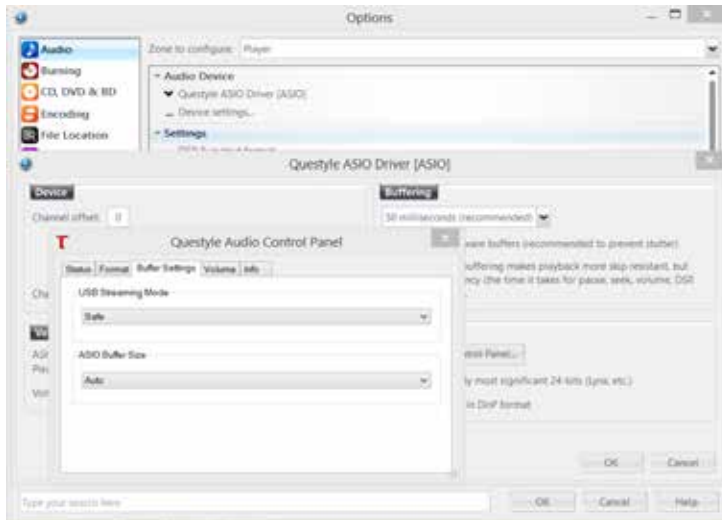
DSD Setup on JRiver Media Center

- 1) Open JRiver Media Center, click “Tools” and then select “Options”.
- 2) Select “Questyle ASIO Driver[ASIO]” under “Audio Device”.

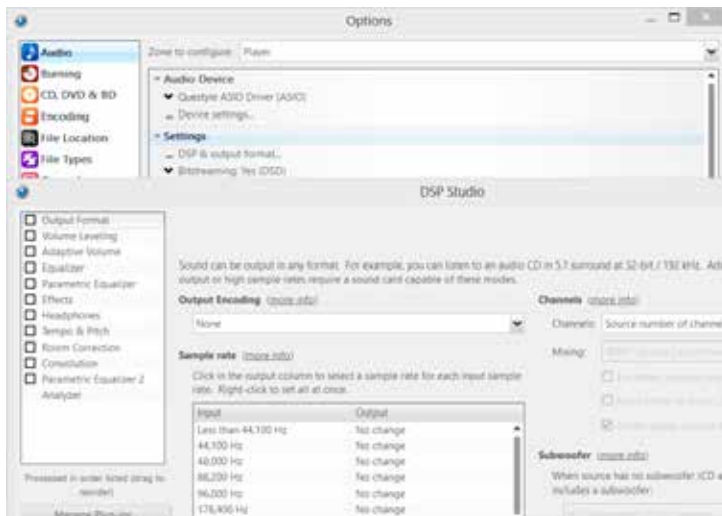


- 3) Select “Settings” under “Audio Device”, and click “Open Driver Control Panel” under the ASIO, then select “Format”- “2Channels,24Bits”, select “Buffer Settings”- “Safe”, “Auto”, then close and click “OK”.

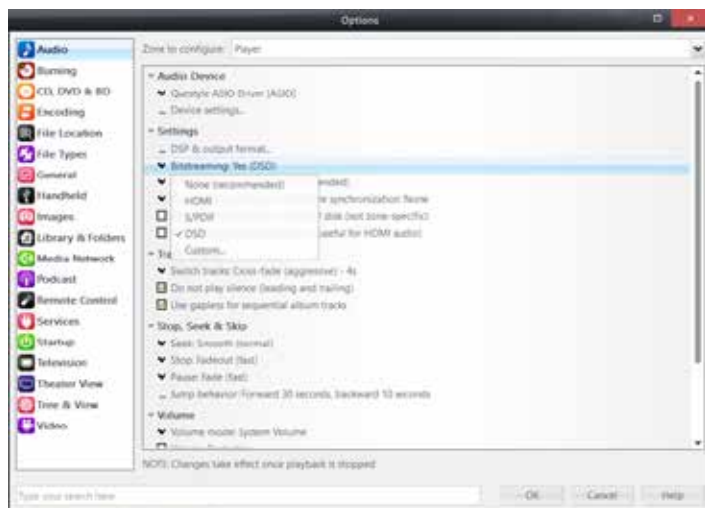




4) Click “DSP & output format” under “Settings”. Make sure nothing on the left row is ticked. (To wit: without any processing to DSD data, ensuring original sound.)



5) Select “Custom” under “Bitstreaming: Yes (DSD)”.



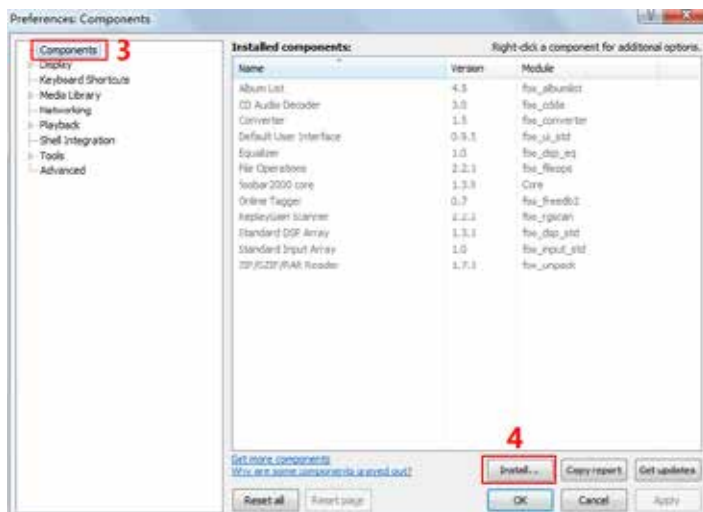
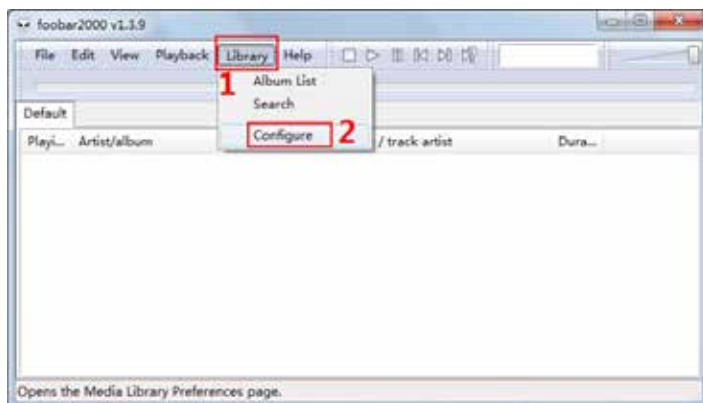
6) Tick “DSD” and then click “OK”.

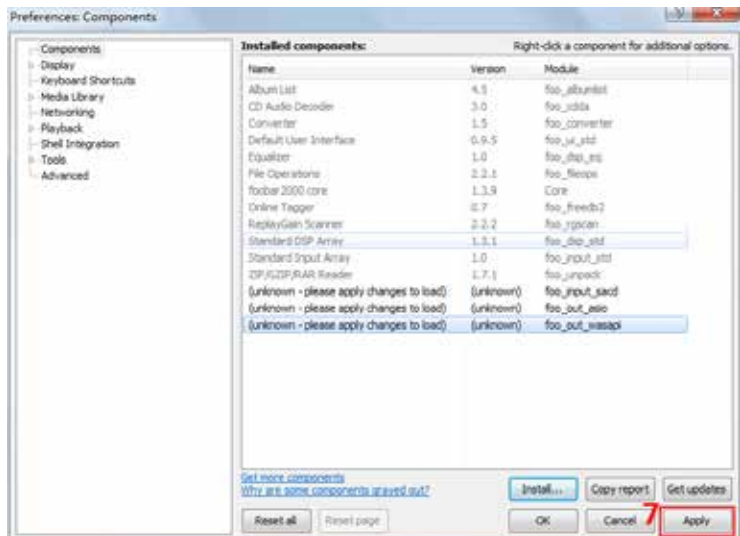
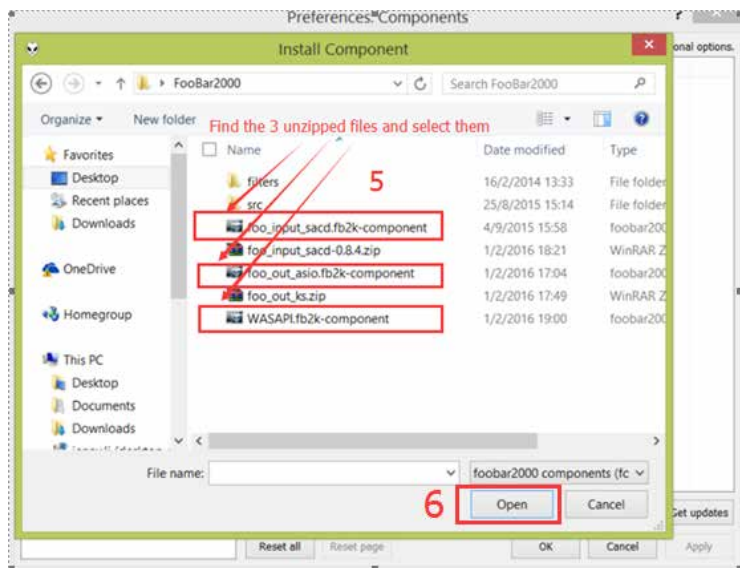
Save and exit. The setup is completed.

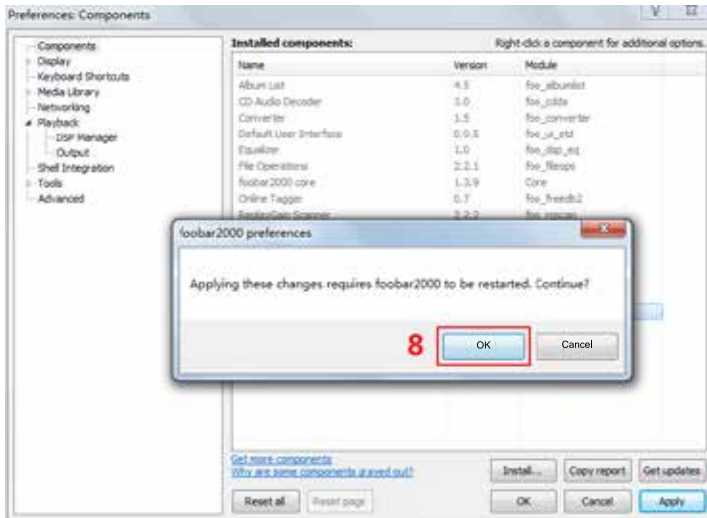


Foobar Setup

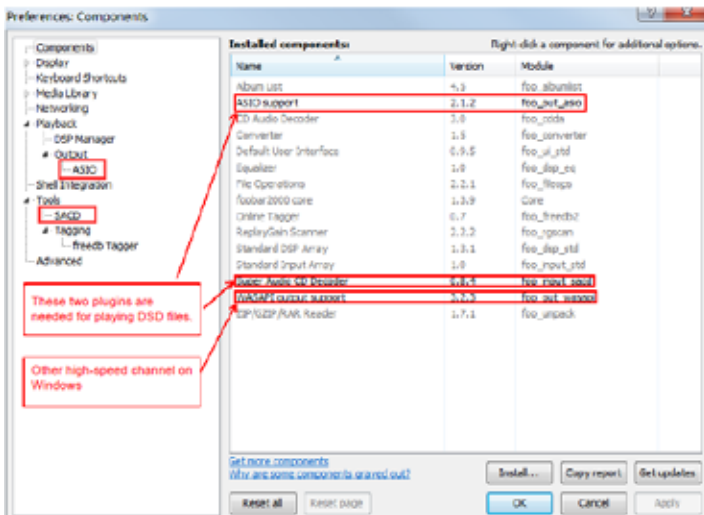
- 1, Install Foobar2000
- 2, Install Plugins
- 1) Install plugins according to the following steps highlighted from 1 to 8.






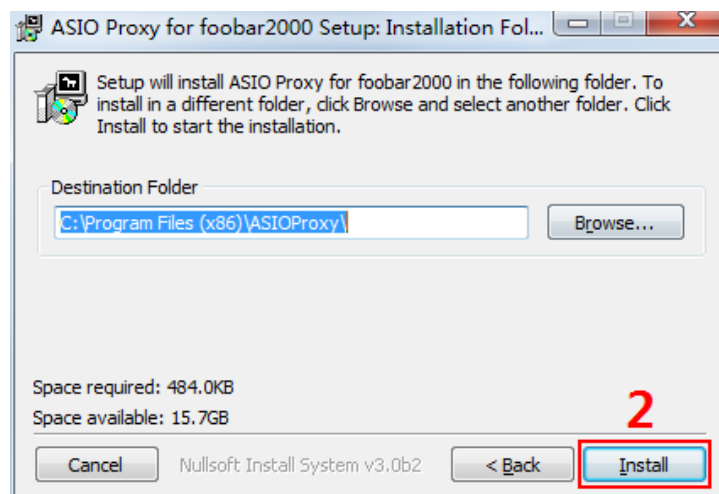
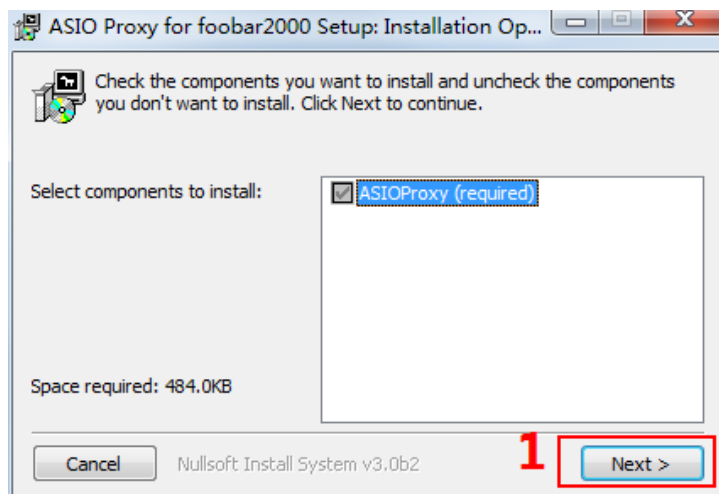


2) Restart Foobar2000 and go to the install location to confirm that the three plugins highlighted in the following figure are installed successfully. If so, you will see two more options (ASIO and SACD) on the left of the interface. (as shown in the figure below)

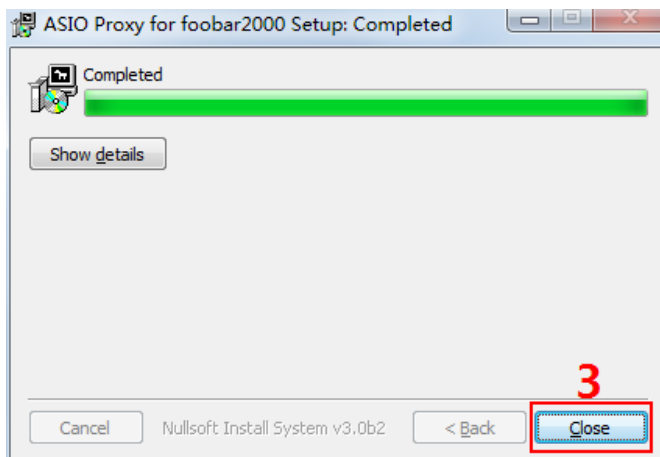


3) Install ASIO driver:

double click  ASIOProxyInstall-0.8.3.exe in the unzipped folder and then finish the installation according to the following steps highlighted from 1 to 3.

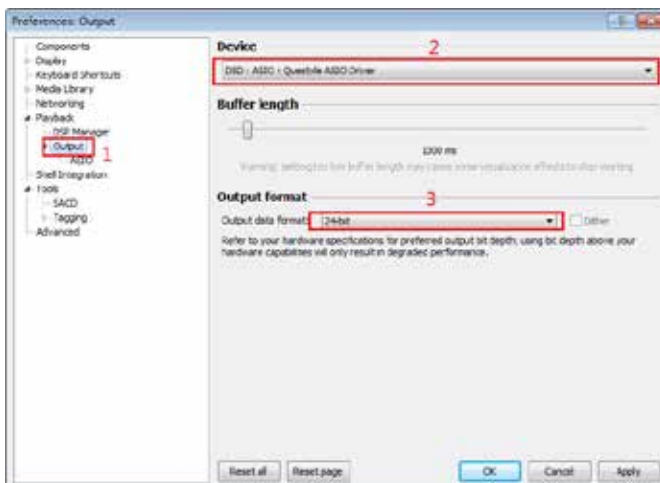


If you come to this step, you have completed all the preparations.



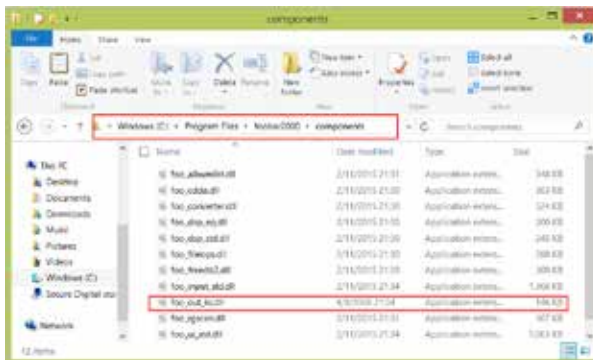
3, Software Settings

1) Connect QPM to your computer with the included USB cable and power it on. Finish software settings according to the following steps highlighted from 1 to 8. Close and restart the software, then Foobar2000 is ready for playing PCM and DSD files.





2) Install plugins for Core Audio Stream channel: copy the “foo_out_ks.dll” (highlighted in the figure below) to “components” under installation directory. Then restart the Foobar2000 and it is ready for playing music files.



Setup on Mac OS X

For Mac OS X, no special drivers are needed for later versions of Mac OS 10.5.7. Connect QPM to your Mac via the included USB cable, go to “Preferences”-“Sound” on your Mac, and make sure QPM is selected as the default output device (as shown below). When you see the following interface, the QPM USB DAC is ready to work.

Specifications

Audio Formats Supported	WAV, FLAC, WMA, MP3, OGG, AAC, ALAC,AIFF, DFF, DSF, APE(Normal/High/Fast)
Sample Rate	PCM 32kHz - 384kHz (16/24/32Bit) DSD Native: DSD64(1Bit 2.8MHz), DSD128(1Bit 5.6MHz), DSD256(1Bit 11.2MHz)
DAC	AKM AK4490 DAC chip
Outputs	Headphone out(3.5mm)/Optical out(3.5mm)/ Full balanced out(4.4mm)
Output Amplitude	3.5mm headphone jack: 1.9Vrms, RL=300Ω; 1.5Vrms, RL=32Ω 4.4mm headphone jack: 3.9Vrms, RL=300Ω; 2.3Vrms, RL=32Ω
Max Output Power	3.5mm headphone jack: RL=32Ω, Po=74mW; RL=300Ω, Po= 13mW 4.4mm headphone jack: RL=32Ω, Po=161mW; RL=300Ω, Po=51mW
Frequency Response	±0.17dB(20Hz - 20kHz)
SNR	3.5mm headphone jack: 108dB; 4.4mm headphone jack: 110dB
THD+N	3.5mm headphone jack: 0.00055%@13mW (0dBFS 1kHz@48kHz 24Bit), RL=300Ω 4.4mm headphone jack: 0.00049%@51mW (0dBFS 1kHz@48kHz 24Bit), RL=300Ω
Output Impedance	0.1Ω
PC OS Requirements for being Used As A Portable DAC	Windows XP & Windows 7 / 8 /10 (32/64bit) / Mac OS X 10.7 or later
Memory	Internal: 64GB; External: Micro SD card (Max. 2TB) x 1
Battery	3100mAh, 3.7V Li-Polymer battery, 10 hours of battery life
Display	IPS 2.4" (Sharp LCM)
Operating System	Linux
Body Material	CNC machining aluminum, available in Black, 3D glass
Dimension	65[W] x 134[H] x 14.5[D] (mm)

Miscellaneous

Cautions

1. There is a built-in battery in your QPM, please keep it from long-time exposure to sunlight, fire or overheated environment.
2. If you need to replace the QPM battery, please contact your dealer. Do not disassemble QPM or replace the battery by yourself.
3. If your QPM fails to work, please contact your dealer. Do not disassemble QPM by yourself.
4. When QPM is working with 4.4mm full balanced out under the High BIAS setting, the power consumption of its Current Mode Amplifier (working in pure Class A status) is 4 times as big as that under the Standard BIAS setting. Under this circumstance, it is normal that QPM chassis will be a little bit hot, but the temperature will keep below 45°C. To avoid the chassis being too hot, it is not recommended to have QPM work in the High BIAS mode while charging. In addition, if QPM continuously works for 2 hours or longer, please take it out from the embraced case or cloth bag, or other packed materials to avoid the chassis being too hot.

Tips and Troubleshooting

My QPM battery is slow to charge.

Please use a DC 5V/2A adapter to charge the battery fast.

My QPM is system halted, how to reset the system?

Press and hold the power button for at least 10 seconds and let go, then press and hold it again for 4 seconds until QPM restarts.

My QPM USB DAC Driver can't be installed.

Make sure the "Settings"- "USB" is set to "DAC" before installing the QPM USB DAC Driver, then connect QPM to your computer and install the driver.

Patent Information

Questyle Audio Technology Ltd. has obtained the patent on Current Mode Amplification.
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