

Storia della QUAD

Quad have always had a very straightforward engineering view of their products, and insisted that all amplifiers sounded the same when used within their capabilities, and that speaker cable had no sound at all, unless ludicrously long and thin wire is used. The company's founder, Peter J. Walker, died in 2003 at the age of 87. He had retired in the late 1980s, then turning management over to his son.

- **1936**, *S.P. Fidelity Sound Systems* founded by Peter J. Walker.
- **1936**, The company name changed to the *Acoustical Manufacturing Co. Ltd.*
- **1941**, The company moved to Huntingdon.
- **1948**, The QA12/ QA12/P amplifiers - the first product for domestic (consumer) market
- **1950**, QUAD I, (15 watt mono amplifier) released. Discontinued 1953.
- **1953**, launched the QUAD II amplifier, made until 1970.
- **1957**, released the ESL, later referred to as the ESL-57. Technology licensed to Braun company Germany in 1959 (loudspeaker BRAUN LE1)
- **1959**, the QC 22 stereo control unit released along with separate AM and FM tuners.
- **1966**, launched the first mono transistor amplifier, the 50 and 50/E, for the professional market.
- **1967**, launched 303 stereo amplifier for domestic use, accompanied by the all-transistor QUAD 33 control unit.
- **1975**, The QUAD 405 power amplifier released. replaced by the 405-2 in 1982.
- **late 1970's** , released two new control units - the QUAD 34 and 44.
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Peter J. Walker si ritira e lascia al figlio.

- **1981**, new electrostatic loudspeaker, the ESL-63.
- **1983**, changed its name to *QUAD Electroacoustics Ltd.*
- **mid-80s** , released the QUAD 66/606 system, along with the first QUAD CD player.
- **1993**, launched the 77 series.
- **1993**, launched the L series dynamic loudspeakers.
- **1995**, QUAD Electroacoustics Ltd acquired by Verity Group plc, (Wharfedale and Mission)
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- **1996**, Manufacture of ESL-57 transferred to *QUAD Musikwiedergabe.*
- **1999**, QUAD released the QUAD 99 system; resurrected the legendary QUAD II and the QUAD II-Forty
- **2000**, QUAD released the ESL-988 and ESL-989, based on the legendary ESL-63
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Peter J. Walker, muore il 10 dicembre 2003 a 87 anni.

- **2006**, QUAD released the ESL-2805 and ESL-2905, new versions of the ESL-988 and ESL-989.
- **2006**, QUAD released the L2 series loudspeakers.