

Dear All,

This year, on August 1, 2024, thanks to your loyalty,  
La Rosita will celebrate its 20th anniversary, 2004-2024!

# 20 Years Birthday !!

Always with a view to technical improvements and musical excellence, we continue our research despite a politically and economically difficult global situation.

We took a step back to observe the audio streamer market, which has become *plethoric*.

We had the opportunity to listen to a large number of brands, a large number of devices and identified some problems related to the poor exploitation of streaming platforms such as Qobuz, Tidal and many others.

To save computing bandwidth, data transport is losslessly compressed in the near-ubiquitous format called FLAC.

The method is simple, compare the same record either from Qobuz or from Tidal. Both do not compress in the same way.

A difference and clearly audible, without passing judgment on one or the other of the flows, the question we asked ourselves is: "why!?"

By using Roon®, which has its own communication language, the RAAT (Roon Advanced Audio Transport), the difference between a Qobuz file or a Tidal file sent from Roon® is no longer audible. We have drawn many conclusions from this and have made some changes to our streamers and USB DACs in view of the phenomena observed.

That's why we joined Roon as soon as it arrived on the market and are among their longest-standing partners.

Roon® is a software that allows you to stream and play music over a local network.

Because of the universal UPnP/DLNA protocol, which only allows a minimalist display of file names, or even song titles and artists. Controlling playback from a UPnP/DLNA server (that of a NAS or a box for example) is often random. Roon RAAT addresses these issues by offering a user-friendly and comprehensive indexing system, just like Plex or Kodi for video content.

In the same way, unlike many, we had banned some active components whose advantage of simplifying to the extreme certain functions usually performed by several circuits have the big disadvantage of being very typical and lack elegance in sound reproduction. These "do-it-all semiconductors" are not suitable for reproducing music in very high fidelity.

Had we done everything right from the start?

To tell the truth, not so bad. We understood some things that seemed inevitable to us and turned out to be very real.

1• It was certain that the digital world would evolve and it did, first of all the processing power of some processors has increased a lot allowing certain software to "work" better

2• That the flourishing electronic components industry would bring us better quality components and that this would be beneficial to the neutrality and musicality of our circuits

During this summer and on the occasion of this anniversary, a global update of your DACs and Streamers La Rosita

This applies to devices that have not been updated since 2022

The cost of this update is as follows:

- Black Hole II USB DAC =>1490 euros
- Gamma HD =>1490 euros
- Neutron Star => **990 euros**
- Delta HD => **990 euros**
- Quark HD Streamer => **790 euros**
- Quark USB DAC => **790 euros**

The updated devices will receive a 5-year warranty.

An update to the Black Hole II Computer Part with Apple M2 Pro chip is also available, please contact us.