

Vertere

Iso-paw Isolation Footers



ORIGINALLY DESIGNED FOR use with its DG-1 record player and Phono-1 cartridge preamp (*HFC 463*), Vertere's Iso-paw Isolation Footer is also useful for use with phono decks and DACs. Designed to enhance the performance of whatever they support by providing increased immunity from unwanted external vibrations, Iso-paws are 25mm in diameter and 16mm high, and the maximum weight that each paw can support is 2.5kg – meaning a set of four is suitable for equipment up to 10kg.

Paws for thought

Each paw is comprised of an acetal plastic support with felt underneath that couples with the support surface. The Sorbothane dome top provides support and offers isolation from external vibrations. To check out their effectiveness, I install an Iso-paw under each corner of my turntable,

which has no feet fitted. Playing an LP of Herbert Von Karajan conducting the Berlin Philharmonic performance of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, the huge dynamics are effortless, ranging from the oh-so-subtle detail of the opening section to the energetic crescendo of sound when the orchestra and chorus are really giving it their all. I consider the midrange to be considerably clearer with the Iso-paws supporting the turntable and this is particularly noticeable during the choral section. The soundstage is also excellent and the instruments and singers are positioned perfectly in my room.

Moving the Iso-paws to my valve phono stage, I spin the Syd Lawrence Orchestra playing Glenn Miller's *In The Mood* and am surprised by significant improvements in both the width of the soundstage and clarity of the sound. Brass instruments are further apart, appear more focused and the individual elements become more clearly defined.

I also try the Iso-paws under my valve preamp and discover there is a slight improvement in overall clarity, although not as marked as with the phono stage. In summary, the paws deliver some serious sonic benefits and represent great value for money. **NR**

DETAILS

PRICE

£115 for set of four
£95 for set of three

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