



HELP & ADVICE

Although it is likely to cut space on your audio equipment rack, an equipment platform is a worthwhile investment. It not only helps to isolate your kit from external vibrations, but it also prevents them from transmitting sounds to the rest of your system. A platform is particularly important for record decks and CD players where mechanical vibrations can cause an increase in jitter, resulting in degradation of the audio signal.

Other components can also benefit from isolation, such as power supplies and amplifiers, while valve-based equipment is more susceptible to microphony where mechanically transmitted sounds can cause the elements in a valve to vibrate, which directly modulates the audio signal.

Apart from providing isolation some platforms can actually play a part in dissipating vibrations as part of their design, which is also very beneficial.

String Suspension Concept

SSC Solobase

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DESIGNED TO SUPPORT different audio components like CD players, amplifiers, turntables, loudspeakers and valve-based equipment, the technology behind the SSC Solobase is claimed to offer a relaxed presentation, a greater sense of body to instrumental images, better dynamics, more grip and presence in the bass and better overall coherence throughout the tonal range. It can also be used with subwoofers and floorstanding speakers on metal, glass or wooden hi-fi racks and supports.

The construction consists of a single wooden plinth that has a total of nine SSC elements fitted to the underside.

The SCC elements are individual feet that have internally sprung disks with a black felt pad on the base (so that they are not too sticky when you're trying to move the platform).

The Solobase measures 440 x 25 x 360mm (WxHxD) and can also be custom made to your own size. It can support equipment up to 80kg in weight and is available in black, white and silver beech finishes. All SSC products are engineered and manufactured in Germany.

Installing the SSC Solobase under my turntable results in a subtle improvement to the sound, especially in the midrange, which seems to

sound more effortless. Also, the bass response is a little tighter and better controlled. Overall, the sound feels slightly more natural and realistic. Everything sounds a little cleaner, although this was quite a mild improvement to my ears.

This is a discrete unit that's both lightweight and rigid. It will enhance the appearance of any system and yield subtle sonic improvements.

VERDICT

A platform that makes your music flow more easily and tightens up bass response

