

# ZEN Blue v2



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Tech Lowdown

# HIGH RESOLUTION BLUETOOTH DAC

The ZEN Blue is the world's first Bluetooth receiver to support all the latest hi-res codecs to deliver the best-quality music streaming from smartphones, tablets, PCs and Macs to any audio system.

Now we present our V2 with a new antenna for even greater reach and the very latest crystal clock system for low jitter.



# BLUETOOTH CODEC LEDS

## Codec

The colour of the 'iFi' logo in the centre of the front display represents the file format received:



Format	LED
SBC	Off
AAC	Yellow
aptX	Blue
aptX HD	Magenta
aptX Adaptive	Green
aptX LL	Red
LDAC	Cyan
LHDC/HWA	White

# BREATH TAKING BLUETOOTH

- Supports all the latest 24-bit/96kHz capable Bluetooth audio formats
- iFi Bluetooth implementation avoids typical 40% quality drop found with standard Bluetooth
- Future codecs can be added 'over the air'
- 'Remembers' up to eight paired Bluetooth source devices
- New aerial gives increased coverage up to 70-80%
- New and improved low jitter clock gives a >20dB better performance

Qualcomm  
aptX



Qualcomm  
aptX HD



**LDAC**



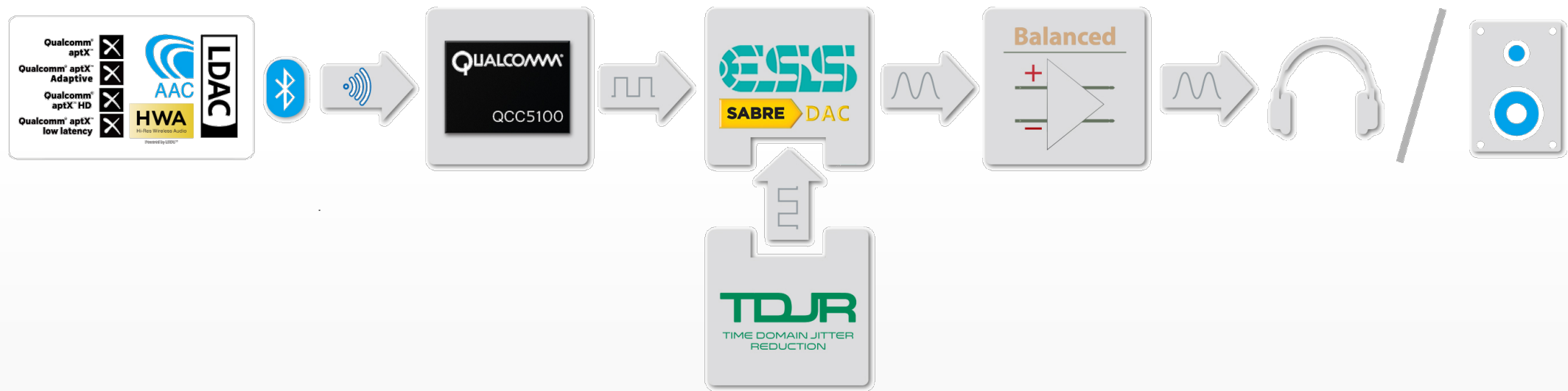
Powered by LHDC™

# INSPIRING IMPLEMENTATION

- A state-of-the-art Qualcomm QCC5100 chip processes the incoming data
- The Qualcomm QCC5100 is a 'system-on-a-chip' Bluetooth solution, with all functions covered including D-to-A conversion as used by others BUT...
- ...the ZEN Blue only uses the QCC5100 to 'receive' the signal...
- ...thereafter the signal is sent to the ESS Sabre DAC chip and its Hyperstream architecture with Time Domain Jitter Eliminator deliver vanishingly low distortion and high dynamic range, which is then...
- ...fed to the iFi analogue amplifier stage.
- Combined, Bluetooth audio sounds far better than the norm.



# THE TECHNOLOGY BEHIND BREATHTAKING BLUETOOTH



# UPGRADED GMT

- NEW! Upgraded Global Master Timing (GMT) clock circuitry
- Even lower jitter performance
- Improved sonics

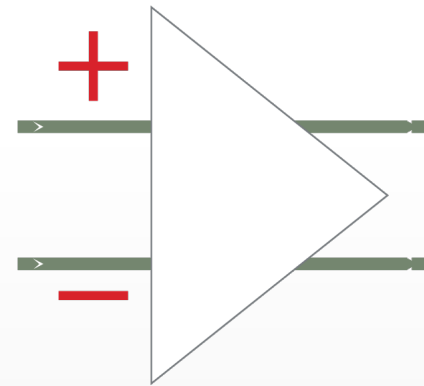


# BALANCED ANALOGUE STAGE

- Balanced analogue circuitry design
- Outstanding components – including C0G capacitors from TDK and a precision low-noise power supply IC from Texas Instruments

Balanced

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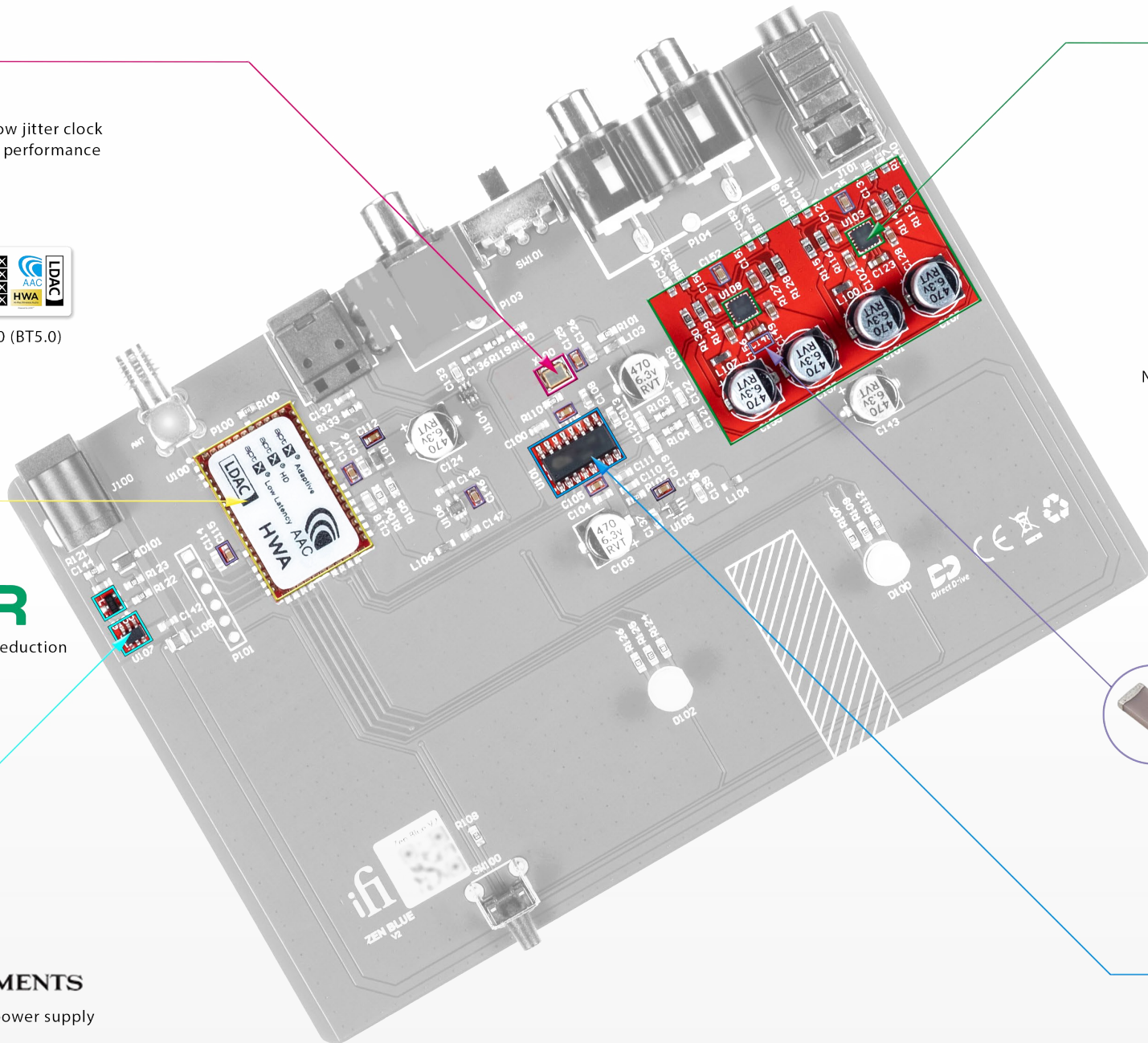
Qualcomm® QCC5100 (BT5.0)

**TDJR**

Time Domain Jitter Reduction



Precision low-noise power supply



Balanced



Balanced output stage



New aerial gives increased coverage up to 70-80%



**TDK**

COG capacitors



**SABRE** DAC

# BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Add high-quality Bluetooth reception to any audio system via user-selectable analogue or digital cable connections.

## Analogue connections

- RCA stereo outputs connect to amplifiers, active speakers etc
- 4.4mm Pentaconn output enables balanced signal transfer to amps/speakers equipped with a balanced input – either a 4.4mm input, or XLR input via a 4.4mm-to-XLR cable

## Digital connections

- Optical & Coaxial outputs connect to any external DAC, such as an external hi-fi DAC or an AV amp.



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## CONNECTION GUIDE



**Balanced Output**  
4.4mm



**RCA Output**



**Digital Output**  
AV Receiver  
Sound bar



**Power input**  
DC 5V\*

# SPECIFICATIONS

Power	DC 5V
Input	Bluetooth 5.0TM with AAC, aptX, aptX HD, AptX Adaptive, LDAC, HWA Codec
Output	Optical / Coaxial
	Audio RCA L/R
	4.4 Balanced Lineout
Frequency Response	20Hz - 20kHz <+0/-0.5dB (44.1kHz)
	1Hz - 44kHz <+0/-3.0dB (>= 88.2kHz)
Output Voltage @ 0dBFS	2.05V (+/-0.05V)
Dynamic Range	109dB (A)
Signal/Noise ratio	109dB (A) @ 0dBFS
THD & N @ 0dBFS	< 0.0015% 10k Load
Output Impedance	< 50Ω
Power Consumption	< 2.5W
Dimensions	158 (l) x 100 (w) x 35 (h) mm
Weight	476g (1.05 lbs)



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