



10 Series FQAs...

The First Questions that everybody Asks about the CH Precision 10 Series...

1. Is the 10 Series a replacement for the existing 1 Series?

No. The 10 Series is a new, flagship range that offers even more natural musical performance than the already impressive 1 Series. Given that the various 1 Series components are considered benchmark performers by many manufacturers, critics and customers, that makes the 10 Series something very special indeed.

2. Is the M10 power amp a mono-bloc?

Well – yes and no. Although the M10 power amplifier is a two-chassis design, each pair of boxes constitutes a single amplifier. The massive power supply is housed in its own, separate enclosure, linked to the amplifier itself by a set of umbilical leads. But, being a CH Precision design, every M10 amplifier's output stage can be user configured for stereo, bi-amped, active bi-amped, high-current mono or bridged mono operation. This allows the amplifier to adapt to and grow with your system, delivering optimum performance in a wide variety of different contexts and with a huge range of partnering equipment.

Why two boxes? Given that the power supply chassis on its own weighs in at nearly 90kgs, if we'd built the whole amplifier into a single chassis then it would have been almost impossible to move or accommodate in standard audio racks. The two-box configuration makes the M10 a far more practical and realistic product. Its ambitions and performance might be stratospheric, but its feet are (very) firmly on the ground.

3. Is the 10 Series modular and upgradable in the same way as the 1 Series?

Again, the answer to this is both yes and no. In the 1 Series the X1 external power supply is a universal upgrade, applicable to the digital components, phono-stage and line-stage. Each X1 can be used to drive one or two components, while the components themselves can be configured as stereo or twin chassis – or even three chassis in the case of the C1 – for true monaural operation. That means that a P1 or L1 can be upgraded all the way from single box to four-box topology, a C1 from one box to five. Likewise, every 1 Series power amp offers a range of output topologies and can be user configured for stereo or mono operation.

In the 10 Series, each component comes as standard with its own dedicated external power supply, optimized for its specific function. You can't buy the power supply separately or add it later. However, just as the M10 power amp offers the same configurable versatility as its 1 Series relations, the L10 can be upgraded to four-box, true-monaural configuration.



The 10 Series components follow the same modular, card-cage construction as the 1 Series, making them easily serviceable and updatable. So, for example, if you are running a four-box L10 and you want more inputs or outputs, you can simply add a second circuit board in the unused slot of each signal chassis (what we term Four-box Extended Configuration). Power amps can be ordered with one or two input cards, depending on your system topology and requirements.

4. Can I actually buy the 10 series right now?

You can order the 10 Series today, but current production is already committed for pre-orders, meaning that you will have to wait a little while to actually receive your amplifier(s). We are working hard to meet existing orders and hopefully the delay will be much shorter soon. If you contact your local dealer/distributor, they will be able to give you an estimated current waiting time. Once you commit to purchase, you will be allocated a production slot and projected delivery date.

5. The 10 Series units look almost identical to the 1 Series: how does anybody know that I own the flagship products?

We deliberately made the 10 Series similar in appearance and available in the same finish as the 1 Series so that existing customers can upgrade their systems by stages or new purchasers can mix and match components from the two ranges. The styling of the 10 Series front panel, with its straight rather than curved feature line, is just different enough to stand apart – especially for those “in the know.”

But we also wanted to make our most accomplished products really stand out. So, the 10 Series units are also available (to special order) in a beautiful champagne gold finish.

6. Can I stack the 10 Series and 1 Series units together?

The L10 uses exactly the same footprint as the 1 Series components and could be stacked with them. The M10 is both slightly taller and deeper than the 1 Series, so although you can stack the M10 Amplifier chassis on top of its power supply, you couldn't stack an M10 with the L10 or 1 Series units.

Normally, best performance will always be achieved giving each chassis its own shelf or supporting surface – but sometimes that simply isn't possible and, even if it is, the components will still benefit from proper mechanical grounding. While developing the 10 Series we took the opportunity to improve the stacking/grounding hardware that comes with each and every CH product. Your 10 Series components will arrive with a set of composite titanium tipped, polymer shaft grounding spikes. These can be used with the supplied, screw-in stacking caps if you want to stack your units, but will also allow you to get your 10 Series products completely level and stable on their supporting surface, as well as delivering optimum mechanical grounding and sound quality as a result. To make the whole process easier (and to encourage you to use the new spikes) we've also replaced the large diameter screw on the chassis caps with magnetic fixings that make it simpler and quicker to fit and adjust the spikes or stacking hardware. The devil is in the details – and when performance reaches this level, then every detail matters.



7. How much do the 10 Series components cost?

The prices for the 10 Series will vary depending on where you live and the cost of shipping, import duty and local sales tax. The quoted prices also differ in that – for instance – European prices are normally quoted with the 20% sales tax included, while in the US, each state sets its own sales tax, so prices are quoted without the sales tax included. That makes it extremely difficult to either quote a fixed price or compare prices across different markets. However, what we can say is this:

The price for a 10 Series component should be a little more than one-and-a-half times the cost of an equivalent 1 Series unit (comparing the L10 to an L1/X1 and the M10 to an M1.1). All finishes or combination of finishes will also cost the same.

In a slightly surreal way, given that reviewers are already reporting that a two-box L10 outperforms the four-box L1 and that a single M10 out-performs a pair of M1.1s, that actually makes the 10 Series a bargain!

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