





# BLACKSTAR ID:CORE V4 STEREO 10 COMBO



£139

Blackstar raise the bar yet again for digital practice amplification

**B**lackstar's relentless R&D program means there's a practically endless flow of new products coming off the production line; most recently it was the turn of their affordable ID:Core programmable amps to get an upgrade, so let's take a fresh look at the ID:Core Stereo 10 in its new V4 guise. The smallest amp in the ID:Core range, the Stereo 10 doesn't skimp on features; the control panel has a new smart

streaming input. The V4 also gets the modern standard USB 'C' plug for direct recording and connection to Blackstar's Architect software app, which lets you deep edit amp and effects settings, and dial in your virtual live environments with CabRig Lite, Blackstar's real time speaker emulation.

Architect's clean graphics and logical workflows make editing and storing patches a breeze, and for those writer's block moments there's a clever 'randomise'

Even more impressive, though, is the quality of its recording and streaming outputs and their ease of use. The ID:Core's improved effects are ideal for recording and will often replace other plugins, saving your computer's processing power for other things.

The practice amp market is one of the most competitive, with a wide choice of products offering an often bewildering range of features. However, the revised ID:Core range gives players everything they need (and more) in a compact, desktop-sized package that's so easy to use it quickly becomes intuitive and great fun. The ID:Core Stereo 10's features would cost many hundreds, if not thousands of pounds in the analogue world; the digital revolution packs it all into a compact box that's insane value for money and ideal for players at all levels, from beginners to serious professionals.

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## INSANE VALUE FOR MONEY

brushed aluminium overlay, with knobs for voice select, gain, volume and a single EQ control based on Blackstar's patented ISF (Infinite Shape Feature), which morphs the EQ from British to USA voicing. There are knobs for effects selection and level, together with a tap tempo button, and a new power reduction switch that drops the output level to just one watt – ideal for quiet practice.

Other handy features include separate 3.5mm jacks for headphones and Blackstar's CabRig Lite speaker emulation, plus a 3.5mm TRRS line in/

function which can come up with unexpected tones to help kickstart your creativity. You can save six patches into the amp, with practically unlimited offline storage using Architect as a librarian. In use, the ID:Core Stereo 10's special design 3" loudspeakers sound impressive, especially with the Super Wide Stereo function engaged. The Stereo 10's six amp voices cover pristine cleans, touch-sensitive crunch tones for classic rock and blues, all the way up to soaring leads and fat chugging metal rhythm.

### 1 USB/POWER

The V4 versions of the ID:Core range have been upgraded to USB 'C'. There's also a new power reduction switch, dropping output to one watt.

### 2 VOICES

The ID:Core's six amp voices cover everything from sparkling cleans to aggressive crunch tones.

### 3 EFFECTS

The ID:Core V4's effects section delivers high-quality simultaneous modulation, delay and reverb effects, which can be deep-edited via Blackstar's free Architect app.

### AT A GLANCE

**TYPE:** Programmable digital guitar amp

**OUTPUT:** 2 x 5 watts RMS stereo

**LOUDSPEAKERS:** 2 x 3" Blackstar special design

**DIMENSIONS:** 340mm(w) x 185mm (d) x 265mm (h)

**WEIGHT:** 3.7kg / 8lb

**CABINET:** Particle board

**CHANNELS:** Six programmable voices

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SUMMARY	FEATURES	★	★	★	★	★	★
	SOUND QUALITY	★	★	★	★	★	★
	VALUE FOR MONEY	★	★	★	★	★	★
	BUILD QUALITY	★	★	★	★	★	★
	USABILITY	★	★	★	★	★	★
	OVERALL RATING	★	★	★	★	★	★