Power Products of the Year

Transparent Audio Reference PowerIsolator

The term 'PowerIsolator' is not just there for show. In the Transparent Audio Reference PowerIsolator, it really means something. This product is designed to keep each component completely isolated from its peers. Alongside this isolation system comes a lot of filtering, isolation for both power and Ethernet (an increasing concern in networked systems), power factor correction, and a parallel hydraulic circuit breaker for the ultimate protection.

In our test, we found that, "The improvements are substantial, especially on higher-resolution equipment that comes with inherent sensitivity to its surroundings. There's a strong sense of effortlessness to the sound that is more than just lower noise backgrounds (or, more correctly, the result of low noise backgrounds, adequately executed). This also helps free up the inner detail in a soundstage." We concluded that, "The power revolution starts here!"

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