



IsoTek V5 Syncro Uni 16

WINNER

POWER PRODUCT UNDER £1K

You can read vast quantities of information about the clever technology within this DC blocker on IsoTek's website, but what matters most to customers is a) what this device is supposed to do, and b) how effectively it does it. In IsoTek's words, the V5 Syncro Uni 16 has been designed to "dramatically reduce/ silence transformer vibration and hum from the transformers within electronic equipment, generally mechanical vibration". And in the words of Chris Kelly, its effectiveness is profound, the reviewer admitting that he "genuinely had no idea what [he] was missing before the Syncro arrived."

With that primary objective considered, IsoTek unsurprisingly advises that the V5 Syncro Uni 16 will be most effective when used between the power socket and the offending amplifier or, for optimal results, a power distribution device, powering all your electronics. Chris therefore finds space for this compact little device (15cm

tall, 8.5cm wide and 25cm deep) on his rack, connects it between his PrimaLuna EVO300 Hybrid integrated amplifier and wall socket, and fires up his familiar test tracks on Qobuz to make A/B comparisons.

Expectations exceeded

Chris began his testing with high expectations, owing to his favourable former experiences with IsoTek products, and they are indeed exceeded. What he notices first is, he says, "an enhanced sense of intimacy and realism... every element seemed a touch more realistic, more three-dimensional." Playing Pink Floyd's 'Meddle', he signed off by saying: "The Syncro somehow managed to increase my engagement in the drama of the music, so much so that I sat still and listened intently until the last notes of *Echoes* faded."

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