



POWER PRODUCT OF THE YEAR IsoTek V5 Aquarius

IsoTek has a significant range of power products, but the one that has always been resoundingly popular is the Aquarius. So it is perhaps only right and proper that IsoTek's latest V5 power platform began with one of the most important power conditioners on the market today; the V5 Aquarius.

V5 is a bold departure for IsoTek. The company has used a very similar case work for its products throughout the 21st Century. It's established as IsoTek's 'look'... and the V5 line migrates from that look completely towards something far more 'now.' V5 Aquarius now incorporates two thermomagnetic fuses, one rated at 16A for the two high-current power output sockets, the second rated at 6A for the four remaining medium-current output sockets. In addition, the V5 Aquarius' PCB topology has also been significantly upgraded and overall DCR (direct

current resistance) has been greatly reduced, part of a drive by IsoTek to bring this resistance ever closer to zero ohms.

Comparing new with old, Alan Sircom felt that the original EVO3 had, "really good musical timing (more accurately, it gets out of the way enough to let the system play good timing), but the V5 Aquarius makes the EVO3 sound like it's on strong antipsychotics. OK, so there's no drooling or slurred speech involved, but where the EVO3 delivers good rhythm, the V5 is peppy, immediate and upbeat. It simply leaves the EVO3 behind. Given the EVO3 is already considered one of the most fast reacting power conditioners, and that the V5 leaves it almost for dead, this new chassis (and what it contains inside) is something of a revelation."

Finally, Alan suggested that, "there wasn't any test I could perform where the EVO3 scored better than the V5. The EVO3 scored extremely well in all these tests; detail retrieval, sound staging, image stability et al. The V5 improved on the EVO3 in each area of performance, and then went further, it drew the sound together in the way only the very finest of this type of product can. That's a joy to find at any price." +

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