

Review of iFi PowerStation from Tommy Z

PowerStation

Through my audio journey I have learned that reviewing any piece of audio it not an easy task at all. Every experience will be highly personal depending on plethora of factors like quality of your audio gear, power supplying that equipment, cables, your source - just to name a few.

iFi audio have ever growing catalog of products and interesting gadgets. Latest addition is PowerStation which is high quality audiophile grade power distribution bar with AC Purifier built into it. (surge protection and isolation between AC outlets is also part of a design)



PowerStation has very nice feel to it. It's made out of solid aluminium.

I have tested PowerStation in my audio set up as well as with video

Let me start saying is that power is like water, it fundamental.
The better the power, the better performance of your system period.

I realize that there are lots of view out there on that subject, people fight if cables make difference, does digital cables affect sound etc .

Yes, all that matters. Every element of your audio chain is crucial to final result.

Power is fundamental to the end result and iFi audio PowerStation give you great foundation to your system without restricting AC current so you can connect power hungry mono -blocks, no problem.



Effect on audio system in my case was substantial. I live in old home where quality of wiring is very questionable and adding PowerStation allowed system to shine.

Results are dramatic and you don't have guess if unit works, it is that obvious.

You won't realize what your system was missing until you hear it connected to PowerStation .



Everything across the board is improved - focus, definition, clarity, depth, sound stage, every frequency is stronger and easier to identify.

Music just flows much more natural there is sense of rightness to it. There is more air around instruments. Music is presented with lots of insight.

But please remember it all will depend on type of audio equipment you use so whatever character your audio gear possesses, it be more obvious after connections all to PowerStation .



On video side improvements were immediate and dramatic also . Good BluRay movies looked stunning and lesser transfers improved to a great degree and become more of a cinematic experience.

Simply everything become more real with delicate details showing quality transfer. I'm guessing that after connecting to PowerStation after initial burn in time you will need to recalibrate you TV for best effect and this is great thing.

I believe that iFi audio did great move building audiophile quality power bar with AC iPurifier as a part of design. Power distribution can have profound effect on sound quality, believe me. I have used from cheap to hi-end versions and low quality product will deteriorate sound and video quality greatly.

So AC iPurifier along with audiophile quality power distribution is absolutely necessary if you want to maximize your system .



IS ifi power station ideal product ? No such a thing in our hobby but come close I would love to see few improvements in future models:

1 Dc blocker very important and improve sound dramatically for every equipment with transformer which is everything

2 include ac purifier internally (second unit) so to create to separate zones without taking receptacle since iFi suggest to use AC iPurifier to do so.

3 allow for PowerStation to lower impedance which will better the sound

iFi audio give as another great product no question here. I can't wait to see what future will bring .

Thank you for all your work

Tom