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Eos Modular 4.0 power distribution block



THIS SIX-WAY POWER

distribution block is designed to address the problem of noise caused by the RFI and EMI generated by mobile phones, computers and other mains appliances. It provides unfiltered sockets for products with high dynamic current demands such as large power amplifiers, together with optional filtered sockets that are optimised for source components, such as preamps and smaller or integrated amplifiers. Although standard configurations are six unfiltered sockets (costing £625) or three unfiltered plus three filtered sockets as reviewed here, different combinations can be configured to meet specific system requirements.

The good quality sockets are wired with Atlas EOS 4dd PTFE power cable and housed in a steel RF enclosure. An earth binding post

is fitted. Internally, the filtering circuit board is a heavy-duty design with gold-plated connections. Atlas uses a technique called SSD (Sequential Socket Decoupling) to offer an element of interference rejection to those sockets that do not have filters. The block is fitted with a standard IEC mains input socket, but doesn't come supplied with a cable. Instead Atlas recommends its EOS 4dd Power Cable (HFC 415), adding £200 to the price for a 1m lead.

Block rocking beats

Connecting my source equipment to the filtered outlets, and my monoblocks to the unfiltered, I compare the Atlas block with a standard six-way unit. The filters



are certainly effective as the clicks or pops that can usually be heard from a nearby refrigerator disappear. A recording of concertos from Telemann's *Tafelmusik* collection highlights the improvements in the dynamic range and expressiveness of the performance that I can detect with this unit installed.

The Eos Modular 4.0 is very effective and, although rather pricy compared with its competitors, it provides excellent results. **NR**

DETAILS

PRICE
£725

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OUR VERDICT

