



Hi Fi World December 2009 - Excellent review for MAD Balanced Power Isolation Platform

M.A.D. BALANCED POWER ISOLATION PLATFORM No.5

An imaginative concept, this. Many people are looking for massy supports to isolate their equipment, and what's heavier than a vast toroidal transformer, a layer of [granite](#) and an oak box? This My Audio Design accessory is both a mains conditioner and an isolation platform. The balanced transformer is accurately wound on a German made silicon alloy core with "the finest laminated high purity copper wire" (also available as a Special Edition with 99.997% silver) onto two Clipsal sockets. It has two specially designed noise screens to out the unwanted high frequency interference in your mains power supply, it's claimed. The box is nicely finished from handcrafted English Oak and granite.

Sonically, I found the BPIP made a discernible difference to my system sound, even though I'm fortunate enough to live in a fairly quiet mains environment. The difference was even evident with something as rudimentary as a Cambridge Audio DV30 DVD player, there being a reduction in the hardness of its CD sound, a gentle widening of the soundstage and extension to stage depth. Running a high end Sony CD transport into a Stello DA100 Signature (two sockets are provided), things got even nicer, with an obvious reduction in upper midband '[sheen](#)' and an increase in detail; the music flowed better and there wasn't the slightest slowing of the music or lessening of [dynamics](#). A fine, quirky, interesting product worth trying.

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