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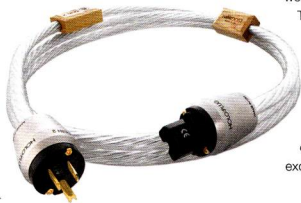


## *Power Cord of the Year*

### **Nordost Odin 2**

Nordost was one of the first brands to really understand the importance of high-performance power cords in a high-end audio system. Once again, best used as part of a complete family of cables from mains socket to speaker terminal, Nordost's top cable design has recently been completely reworked, with special attention paid to the termination of the cable in the custom-designed Holo:plug connections, as well as the shape and layout of conductors and insulation.

The resultant power cord makes a vast difference to overall sound quality, seemingly lowering the noise floor and increasing the dynamic range, spatial properties, and even tonal and textural properties of any connected electronics. Odin 2 took the already outstanding Odin and made the predecessor sound tired and flat by comparison, which is no mean feat. The best doesn't come cheap and Odin 2 (£13,600 for a 1.5m cable) is no exception. (Reviewed in Issue 128).



## *Power Conditioner/Distribution Product of the Year*

### **IsoTek EVO3 Mosaic Genesis**

UK audiophiles never took to power regenerators, until recently. In part, the reason for the change in stance is we are now swimming in EMI 'backwash' from phone chargers and computer power supplies, but it also comes down to high performance products like the £5,995 IsoTek EVO3 Mosaic Genesis. This product features technology pulled from IsoTek's top EVO3 Genesis regenerator and Super Titan conditioner, but brings the cost down by designing the Mosaic Genesis specifically for smaller systems. This is the ideal regenerator for someone who doesn't use big and beefy mono power amps, but wants the benefits of what regeneration and conditioning bring to the noise floor of a system. The five output (including two 'high' power outputs) regenerator uses a full Class AB amplifier to rework and rebuild the power waveform to deliver pure power to within 2% of the ideal in your country. (Reviewed in Issue 123).

