



MEMO - Bryston Dealer Feedback

SUBJECT – Torus 20 Amp Power Isolation Unit

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Re: Torus Power Unit & 14BSST/7BSST Upgrades

Hey James,

Thank you for your recommendations on the Torus Power unit. As you know I purchased the 20 amp unit based on your recommendation and I couldn't be happier.



Shown – Torus Family Picture

I actually received the unit right after Christmas when I was sick as a dog. I lugged it in my house, plugged it in and then my 6BSST, 9BSST, Pre-Amp and Runco VX-5000D projector into it. I let it run/charge for a couple days before I listened to anything. I don't know if you are aware but here in southern California our power is horrible. It really sucks. There is no sugar coating it. It's regulated and rolling blackouts are now a way of life because the state buys it's power from out of state. So you can imagine in the summer time when the power supply is low, how frustrating it is, even when you pay your bills, for the electrical company to basically decide who gets power that day/night and who does not. Now, add on top of that all of the power outages, in addition to those blackouts, brownouts and just plain low voltages and you can imagine the toll it takes on electronics. I can't tell you how many problems have been created with video devices like damaged expensive DLP bulbs etc. Now, add all the Christmas lights on homes and all of the extra current draws over the holidays you can imagine how bad noise and power draws are. Actually the state now determines how much you are allowed on a single home basis and in some cases they will significantly ding you for more money if you go over that number.

My power typically runs between 108v to 120v and it's so bad that my lights constantly flicker. The joke around the shop is that I am the true audiophile here because I don't have a refrigerator! I use that dedicated circuit for my gear and since I live in a rental and I can't add more circuits.

After trying just about every other power conditioner, I was beginning to get very depressed. All I wanted was the right one for my system, but they all ended up changing my audio for the worse. So when I put in that first CD and cranked it up, I was hoping, but not expecting much. Then my jaw hit the floor. Bass was more firm and tight than I had ever heard in my room. There was a new depth and it was not just slightly noticeable, but so noticeable it was like going from say a 9BSST to a 6BSST. I listen to a lot of heavy metal with fast double bass drumming and it was spot on. After a couple more days it only got better. I ended up having to do a complete ISF re-calibration on my projector as well because the contrast improved so and all I can say is wow. I know people read these "wow" magic box reviews all of the time and I can say in a case like mine the difference was immediate because my power was so bad. My power now measured out of the back of the Torus, even with music playing is nearly 118v constant! I don't know what someone with good power might expect, but I am sure once they live with a Torus unit and you take it away I doubt they will let you get out of the driveway with it.

James, I really don't mean to gush over a product like nearly every reviewer does in our industry, but it just nice to see, and above all, hear a product in this category that does what it does. It's a lot to spend on an item like this where people think they would rather put it into a bigger amp or something else, but this Torus unit really made my amp sound like how I imagine it should.

On another note I connected my new 14BSST and 7BSST to my PMC MB2 LCR's. Another great big wow or HOLY S—T! If I thought the bass was tight with the Torus, it just got insane. I can honestly say that my system is too big for my room now. These amps are replacing my 6BSST, which is an outstanding amp on it's own. (Actually, the 6BSST is going to live in my Master Bedroom to power a pair of PMC LB1's and SB100!) As you might know I bought one of the first 9BSST's off the line, which was my very first dedicated amplifier in my young life, then one of the first 6BSST's two years later and now I finally own the big boys! (And now you come out with a BIGGER boy amp!) Something more to look forward to when I get a bigger house I guess..... and wallet!

Can't wait for the CD player.

James, on a personal note, thank you very much for your recommendations. You helped me step up when deciding between MB2's and IB1's a few years back. I remember I was toiling between the two and I was ready to write the check and I asked your opinion. You described the MB2's as just having that "being there feeling." That's what I had heard and I wrote the check that day. Being that I don't have the bank accounts that my clients have, my money has always been well spent on Bryston products that I will own forever.

Sincerely,
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