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Re: Torus - Feedback/Reviews



TORUS RM-20

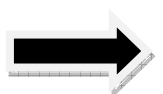
Today at 03:09:46 PM

Hi James,

Sweet Nothing..... I can think of no better way to start. Jerry Seinfeld was once asked what his show was about.... "its about nothing" his reply. The same can be said about how the RM-20 sounds. You get absolutely nothing.... in the arena of sound intrusion. But what you do get becomes so very apparent from the moment it turns on. Super charged pure AC, again to talk about the way it sounds is more like offering feedback on associated equipment than the Torus itself.

The frequency response is very horizontal. Flat but also very dynamic and with a charged sense of ease. An unmistakable feeling that something was seriously wrong with the power from the wall. My BP-26 seems to have improved the most. I was always under the impression that the pre was my weak spot in my chain. I never much like the volume control on the BP-26, i found it to have dead spots. There were only about 3 positions on the dial that i found musical. Points where the music kinda bloomed better than compared to other positions on the dial. As it turns out the pre wasn't at fault at all. In fact I can start my volume from a near whisper and with every tiny movement up still have a soundstage that exhibits a sense of headroom and ease that makes it easier to control what volume i listen to. (I am not sure if it's the pre that's benefiting from this or another piece and its just showing up now in the volume control). The headroom is unrelenting. I never realized how loud my 4bsq was until now .

The Torus needs a bit of time to break-in. Obvious at first it sounds a little tied up and restrained. I went at it and spend the last 5 day using a 1500 watt hairdryer, 300 watt halogen light and a DLP tele (2amps) on it (10 min intervals). I can say that is sounds a lot better now from the first time I turned it on. I had all 3 of those plugged in and running, comes in at around 18 amps in total. Incidentally if the Torus was going to show its weakness it would've been on the halogen light. The light certainly would've dimmed if the Torus was not up for the job. The



light showed no fade and the TV showed no hint of strain on A/C also. It gives out all the power it claims ...in all its glory.

My only gripe is its power cord. Harder to replace due to the 240 configuration. The power cord is generic and I know probably wont stand the test of time. Looks out of place along side a powerhouse such as the Torus RM-20.

This unit is unfortunately a must have (at 3k it makes it hard to obtain). It's something that everyone should consider if the hobby is serious. I can pretty much guarantee that if you take one home it's going to stay there.

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