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Audience adeptResponse aR12-T ([review](#))



The Audience adeptResponse aR12-T uses only the finest in conducting, filtering, and transient suppression components. The power switch is a very high quality magnetic circuit breaker. The state of the art inductive components used contribute no significant series resistance, maintaining a low impedance power path to your playback system. Audience provides measurements to support this claim. Each of its 12 Hubbell high-grade IEC outlets is first individually filtered, and then double filtered from every other outlet in the device, providing for maximum component-to-component isolation. The aR12-T also performs a partial power factor correction, RF/Noise Filtering and Transient Suppression.

Sonically, the aR12-T (to denote the Teflon® components, which is the ONLY difference between the original \$4100 aR12 and the \$8000 aR12-T) is dead quiet, allowing for the formation of darker backgrounds and the rendering of more vibrant, lifelike images, all with cleaner edges and spectacularly realistic depth and width. You are treated to layer upon layer of intricate detail, all with NO glare or edge, unless it should exist in another component or the recording under examination.

Music is released with the utmost dynamic contrast (both macro and especially micro), abounding with complete harmonic structure, enunciate pitch definition, and fully realized and complexly textured overtones. Timbre is overwhelmingly honest, simply blustering with life, rich in detail, and full of harmonic bloom. The entire musical spectrum is recreated with an inescapable sense of ease and warmth, a delicate coherence, a lucid dimensionality, a tangible presence, a wholeness of texture and a spooky immediacy that is almost as convincing as the live event.

Where the original aR12 (recipient of my 2005 Writers Choice Award), raised the bar and set a very serious standard, the aR12-T creates an entirely new benchmark. While its \$8000 asking price is not "cheap" by any measure, the degree of elevation in transparency and musical relevance the Audience adeptResponse aR12-T affords in my reference system (roughly \$135,000 MSRP) is, in a word, unparalleled. This is the most effective, least invasive power conditioner on the market today, PERIOD.