

powerChord is about as close to a no-brainer as I can think of: it has a way of consistently breathing life into whatever it's feeding. There's been an instance or two where the very expensive AudioPrism SuperNatural S2 (\$1200) was preferred by a hair, but it was always close. Even when it wasn't the absolute best for the job, the powerChord was always in the running as a top contender.

When it comes to dynamics, the powerChord is the king of all cords I've tried. It's rare that any wire, much less a power cord, can so consistently and strongly impart a positive sonic characteristic, but in most every instance swapping in the powerChord for a stock cord resulted in a vastly improved sense of energy and life. It's as if someone undid a kink in the garden hose and water is suddenly flowing freely – music oozes forth with verve and vitality.

At \$470 for 6ft. it's not cheap, but the quality of the cable is high (wattage ICE + Maringo AC connectors) and it can energize the sound of your system in ways that aren't easily achieved by other means. I heartily second MGD's Component of Merit recommendation.