



NETWORK PRODUCT OF THE YEAR Network Acoustics ENO



While the audiophile grade network switch is becoming ever popular, not everyone can change and even those who have reaped the benefits of a good switch will always want something a little better. For all those people, the Network Acoustics ENO is the perfect tool for the job.

The ENO is small black box that has an input RJ45 socket to which you connect your switch or router – using either Network Acoustics Streaming Cable or cable from another brand – and it has an output flying lead that you plug directly into the network socket of the streamer. It filters out electrical noise. Network Acoustics recommends isolating the wireless router from the music

replay by introducing an off-the-shelf network switch (such as D-Link), and then inserting the ENO and cable in between that and the media server or renderer. About 100 hours of running in later, and you get to hear your music anew!

“Put bluntly,” said Alan Sircom, “the little ENO is one of the best things you can do to your audio system if you are streaming. Yes, it does all the ‘lower the noise floor’ stuff you might expect from a filter, but it also seems to give the music more ‘rightness’.” In performance terms, Alan felt that, “Images get bigger, the tonal balance at once evens out and gets that high-end ‘shimmer’ many crave, and the sounds just seem more like something closer to the real deal.” He concluded by saying the ENO is “designed to make the rank-and-file network infrastructure sound good and remove all the inherent nasties to give it musical brownie points. But if you already have an audiophile switch the ENO still offers an improvement, without you feeling like you changed the properties of that high-end switch.” +

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