

Modifying an small item from Tice Audio Products.



Tice Power conditioning

In the nineties of the previous century powerline conditioning was entering the audio scene. Before the powerline conditioning was part of hospital and computer areas, in which it had to avoid errors and problems, possibly life saving.

In the audio community the professional products from computer and hospital industry were tried and considered a bonus for high quality hifi.

Ancient power

The first breakthrough, audio specific, power conditioners I experienced to be effective was the Tice Power Block; a professional looking, sized and weighting separation transformer with an audio twist. The impact on audio power cleansing this mammoth had is still lingering. The last 20

years this has been used as a benchmark for most new products and it still is to some point. The last 20 years other products have been aiming at a less professional and more home friendly alternative measuring up to the same standards set by George Tice with his power conditioner products.

When I get inspired I can get into my long time experience with multiple sets of Tice Power Products and the practical issues with on/off switching due to large power surges involved and the tricks to overcome these issues.



Tice Line Enhancer

This writing is about the Line Enhancer product of Tice and this item is almost as old, about 20 years of age. I have had a sample of this little Oak wooden box for this time and mostly dormant. The reasons for this are plural: I have power sourcing from more than one power grids, I was not sure I heard any benefits and the story behind this product puzzled me, to say the least.

Tice TPT Story

The Line Enhancer has followed up the famed Tice Clock. This clock was a simple electric clock supposedly producing better sound when plugged in close to the audio system at home. This simple clock was available in stores at the day, but of course not all clocks did produce this improved sound. Just the ones treated by George Tice would produce the improvement.

The treatment involved some monster equipment in house at the Tice production factory in which the clocks were enhanced involving powerful pulsed radiation of some sort, probably magnetic but not necessarily limited to magnetism.

Following the Clock came the nicely build oak wooden box which was leaving the company after the so called TPT (Tice Pulse Treatment) of which Tice revealed little else and thus created a bit of a mystery . This is the Tice Audio TPT Line Enhancer I have had lying in my closet for most of the time.

Entering second TPT sample

Twenty years later (2014) I came across a sale of a TPT Line Enhancer, which is quite rare. Cost of this second hand version was inconsequential compared to the original substantial price.

Additionally; with a second sample it would be possible to fit a Enhancer into the 2 main power grids in use in my audio system. On top of that I was thinking of enhancing both enhancers with parallel filtering techniques which have become common knowledge in the audio scene the last two decennia.



Exploring the Enhancers

Now I had access to 2 samples of the Tice TPT Enhancers I could not resist the urge to find out what these heavy little wooden boxes were containing and opened the bottom, which was not too difficult without damaging the wooden casing. The first sample was presenting little insight in the internal mystical structure, as the innards were hidden in black resin, filling half the height of the box and explaining the weight.

Demystified



The second sample showed a little more of the mystery as the resin did not cover up all of the content but showed contours of the internally wound power cord, as it turned out to be. The power cord was internally continued and wound for about 1,5 meter (estimate) , about the same length as outside the box. This very flexible and special cord is the only content in the box, drowned in the resin. Cautiously removing the resin revealed the cord.

Enhancing the Enhancers

I chose to insert some perfectly rational and accepted

filtering techniques into the Tice TPT enhancers to enhance the effect on power conditioning. Half the boxes height was still available for use and some specific condensers were applied to filter high frequency contaminants from the power lines. The





result looking like the next picture.

The resulting TPT box is put atop of the Power Blocks in my possession and might enhance the power condition even more.

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