

Trends

Innovative HiFi Audio

I have reviewed a number of products from Trends Audio at our GoodSound.com website, and their tiny TA-10.2P SE Tripath power amplifier and PA-10 SE tubed preamplifier have found a home in my budget system. Trends has now introduced the PW-10 power supply (\$199), which can simultaneously power a PA preamplifier, a UD USB converter, *and* a single Trends TA power amp. Although I've been consistently impressed by the sound of Trends' ultracompact components, their off-the-shelf, wall-wart power supplies



have always seemed a little suspect to me. The PW-10 addresses this with circuits specifically designed for each type of component, as well as audiophile-grade parts: a high-quality transformer, high-speed ON Semiconductor MUR420 and MUR120 rectifiers, Rubycon MCZ and Sanyo OS-CON capacitors for the digital circuits, Nippon Chem capacitors for the analog circuits, and National Semiconductor LM-317A and LM1084 linear power regulators. An EMI noise filter is also included. The PW-10 is housed in an aluminum chassis similar to but somewhat larger than those occupied by other Trends components.

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