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ISO-PUCK 76

The big daddy in the speaker isolation family

IsoAcoustics is known for its extensive line of speaker stands, including the height-adjustable ISO Stand, the low-profile aluminum Aperta series, and the ISO-PUCK (reviewed October 2017).

The original ISO-PUCK is a 1.2" high, 2.4" diameter disc that looks like a high-tech hockey puck. Each PUCK can hold 20 lbs., so four of them can tackle an 80 lb. studio monitor (yes, check my math). What if your monitor weighs more, like for example the 82 lb. Focal Trio 11 Be? Enter the new ISO-PUCK 76.

The 1.5" high, 3" diameter ISO-PUCK 76 can handle 40 lbs., and is designed for large studio monitors, guitar amps, floor wedges, small PA speakers, and anything you wish to isolate from a surface.

The ISO-PUCK 76 is made of metal with slight concave rubber disks on the top and bottom that stay in place through gentle suction. Inside is an isolator that acts as a kind of shock absorber. According to IsoAcoustics President Dave Morrison, "The suction connects the upper isolator to the speakers, and the lower isolator to the supporting surface. The internal lateral support provides the control and resistance in the off-axis direction to mitigate the circular oscillations that



Review By Paul Vnuk Jr.

occur when speakers are sitting on a non-isolated surface". In other words, ISO-PUCK attenuates vibrations from the speaker travelling into the supporting surface as well as the vibrations being conducted and reflected back up into the speaker, thus strengthening the stereo image.

The ISO-PUCK is directional; for the described isolation to occur, it needs to be placed with the logo facing forward or backward. Other than that, they're low-profile, well-built and PUCK ME! They work!

The ISO-PUCK 76 is a top tier decoupler and isolation device. I'm an IsoAcoustics addict, with Aperta stands for my Focal Solo 6 Be monitors at home, the original ISO PUCK on my Amphon One18 monitors in my studio, and now, the ISO-PUCK 76 on my monster Focal Trio 11 Be speakers. I won't mix without them! Stop by the IsoAcoustics web site and dig into the science behind (and inside) the ISO-PUCK. ➡

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