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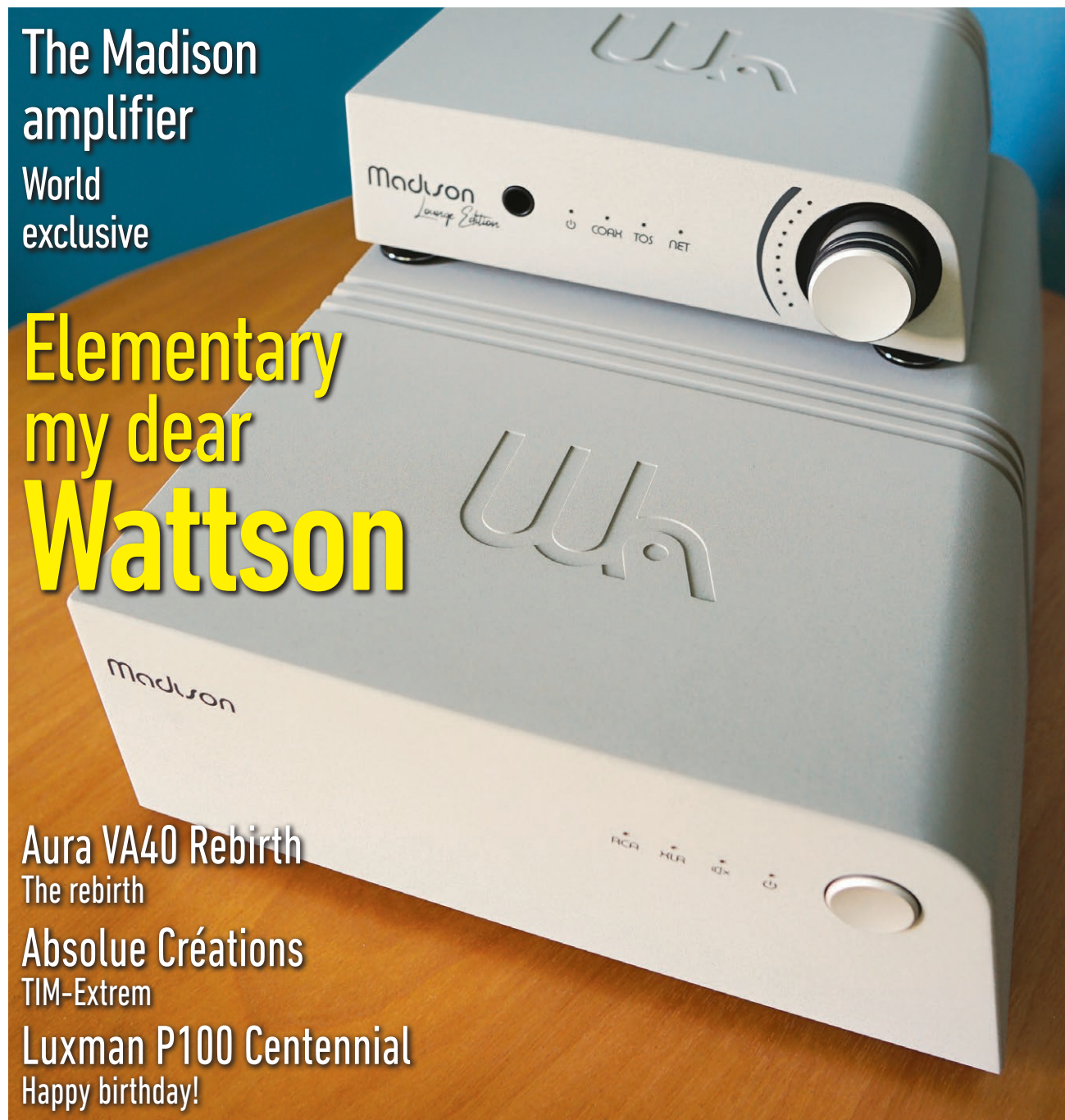
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NETWORK FILTER

# ENGLISH ELECTRIC EE1 PLUS

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Following on from the EE1, the first “network isolator” to use the British brand’s terminology, English Electric has now launched the EE1 Plus. Also designed to fit discreetly between two Ethernet cables on an audio system, it is, however, much more imposing and luxurious. Milled from a block of aluminium and black anodised, it has two Ethernet ports at each end and two high-quality decoupled isolation feet.



**ORIGIN**  
United Kingdom

**PRICE**  
€ 799

**T**his high-performance isolator works passively, converting unwanted frequencies into heat. The inputs and outputs are galvanically isolated. The EE1 Plus features targeted filtering and Chord Company’s exclusive ARAY technology. There is no reduction in data throughput, because although digital signals are robust, they are often accompanied by a certain level of noise, which is usually transferred by devices in the home network.

## THE SET UP

Noise reduction can be achieved in various configurations: between a box and a router, or a

router and a switch. Additional reduction can be achieved by using additional devices, for example between a router and a switch, and between the switch and the streamer.

## THE SOUND

We have been using the EE1 in our network playback protocol for almost two years. This made it easy to compare it with its big brother. Installed in place of its predecessor, the EE1 Plus immediately stands out for its increased silence, eliminating the rough edges caused by residual noise and significantly improving the perception of small signals. The sound gains in purity and smoothness. The

differences are subtle but perfectly identifiable, and when we tried the new model, returning to the old one resulted in a less nuanced, slightly simplified and overall, less engaging listening experience. But the great news is that the EE1 Plus does not replace the EE1 at all, which will find its place elsewhere in your setup and allow you to make an additional saving.

### **OUR CONCLUSION**

The EE1 Plus is an effective filter whose design has been proven in the first EE1. Although significantly more expensive, the effects are more noticeable and provide a significant gain in terms of clarity. It is important to be aware that the race for performance in network playback involves the

systematic elimination of all induced noise. In this specific context, English Electric offers concrete solutions with its EE8 switch and filters, of which the EE1 Plus is an excellent example. Approved! ■

