



Solwise 200Mbps HomePlug AV Ethernet Adaptor

A home network ready in minutes

○ Supplier: Solwise ○ Website: www.solwise.co.uk ○ Price: £70.61 each



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ome plugs provide the perfect opportunity to set up a network around the home. The simple premise is that they plug into any standard plug socket in the home and use the integral electrical wiring to communicate.

The Solwise plugs do not come as a set, but you will need two to get a basic network up and running. Hence, the starting price is going to be around the £140 mark. The units are like an oversized standard plug with an integrated Ethernet connection. Each plug boasts its own unique address, which is on the unit itself. So, make sure you make a note of the address before plugging in. Setup is simple and straightforward: plug in the units and cables and they will

detect each other straight away. The Solwise adaptor boasts of speeds of 200Mbps, but in reality this generally proves not to be the case. The state of your internal wiring and whether extension sockets are used (not recommended) are factors that decide the real transfer speed. However, the HomePlug proved to be a winner with smooth, quick transfer rates that we approve of.

The verdict

The Solwise HomePlugs provide the easy option for a speedy network in a matter of minutes

VALUE	6
EASE OF USE	8
PERFORMANCE	8

OVERALL.....7

ION USB Turntable

Plug in and record your vinyl the easy way

○ Supplier: Numark ○ Website: www.numark.com ○ Price: £119.00

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inyl may, reluctantly, be resigned to a different decade, but there are millions out there who still boast impressive collections. The advent of the USB turntable brings with it two distinct plus points.

First, it provides the perfect opportunity to sit back and enjoy all your old vinyl. Second, it provides the perfect solution for capturing your collection to the hard drive, so you can digitise it and burn to CD.

The ION iTUSB is a model that performs its listen and capture tasks with the minimum of fuss. Setup is a complete doddle: plug in the turntable, install the software, slip on a single and hit Record. Nice and easy, but you'll need to remember to set up Audio Sound Recording to the newly installed option.

The unit has definitely been designed with the DJ in mind with a nice big platter, on/off button, two-speed turntable and start/stop buttons. However, it's suitable for any home stereo system. The included software is Audacity, which we found to be a little flaky. This said, the quality when working at the top of its game was impressive.

The verdict

A plug-and-play option that will convert your vinyl and give you a classy, cool turntable

VALUE	7
EASE OF USE	9
PERFORMANCE	8

OVERALL.....8

