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NETWORKING DEVICE



Solwise PL-14PE HomePlug Ethernet Adaptor

A universal plug for networking

RATING ★★★★★

The sign of a good network product is if you plug it in and it works first time: the HomePlug succeeds. The Solwise HomePlug Ethernet Adaptor is a fast and simple solution to the age-old problem of networking two PCs together as quickly as possible. Unlike wireless solutions, which can have problems with walls and floors shielding the signal, and unlike conventional cables, which are limited on range, the HomePlug uses the conventional power supply to network.

Set-up is just a matter of plugging the adaptor into a wall socket and attaching the supplied network cable to the PC, then doing the same at the other end with the other PC. Then it is just a question of waiting for the PC to recognise the connection.

The only small niggle is the speed, which is limited to 14Mbps. This can be a drag if users are using this as a quick way of copying over files. A 1GB file takes just over 24 minutes to copy between two PCs. However, it is perfectly fine with Microsoft's Remote Connection and transmits audio with no real-time lag.

The unit comes with a utilities disk that has additional configuration software should there be a problem connecting the units. As well as linking two PCs together, the system is also ideal for extending a cable connection from an Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line modem/router to a remote office, or for using the unit as a hub extender.

USP: The fastest way to connect two remote network devices together

Available: Now

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