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Deterioration of sound quality in an audio system that has been running for any period of time is usually attributed to component degradation or contamination of connections. One potential cause for audio deterioration, only recently being taken seriously, is the build up of magnetic fields in components and cables. While demagnetising (or flux busting) m-c cartridges is an established maintenance technique, this kind of treatment for other components is still rare.

A recent addition to the limited range of products designed to aid with this task is from mains specialist Isotek, in the form of its Full System Enhancement CD.

The disc comprises three tracks: the first is a burn-in track with limited LF extension and the second a burn-in track with full bandwidth. Both are computer-generated tones designed to burn in components faster than would be achieved using a traditional music CD and either track can be left



on replay in your player and played at normal volumes. The third track is a demagnetisation track, and has again been designed and produced by computer, this time to remove magnetic fields that build up in molecules of ferrous materials in the signal path.

Starting with the burn-in tracks, these work extremely well. With a component that I had been told would take 50 hours or more to burn-in the

use of the disc meant that the unit showed no improvement in sound quality after 24 hours. In short, use of the disc meant that the component reached optimum performance twice as fast.

As for the demagnetisation track this proved to be an eye opener, with improvements in both high-frequency clarity and image focus. While its use didn't exactly result in a transformation in performance, gains were substantial.

If your system has been in use for six months or more, then the low cost of this disc and the ease of its use makes it a must buy. ■

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The low cost and effectiveness of this disc makes it an attractive proposition for anyone wanting to ensure the continued optimum performance of their system and ease the running in of new components.