

TERRATEC Mistify Black Widow



Produttore : TerraTec

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SWITCH 4 PORTE

Many PCs these days are so svelte that it's no hassle to carry them about. This is great for gamers, who can take their machines round to a mate's house and link them together for a 'LAN party'. With all their PCs networked together, players can compete against each other in a multiplayer game. And this little device should make it easier.

The Black Widow is a network switch: a central device to which all the PCs are connected, which avoids you having to plug every PC into every other PC. The Widow has five ports: four normal ports, into which the PCs plug, and an 'uplink' port (for connecting to another switch or hub so you can hook up to even more PCs). All ports will run at either 10 or 100 megabits per second (Mbit/s), depending on the network speed of the machine you connect them to.

You needn't worry if some of the systems work at 10Mbit/s and others at 100 - mixing is no problem, and each port will automatically detect what speed it has to run at.

Although the Terratec comes supplied with a DC power adapter, it has a neat alternative up its sleeve. You simply use the USB cable supplied to power the switch from one of your PCs. A cable is supplied with the switch, so you won't have to buy one.

Setting up the Black Widow is easy. Simply plug Cat-5 Ethernet cables between each computer and the switch, and you're away. No drivers are required, although you'll need to know how to configure your PCs for networking, as no guidebook on this is included. Unfortunately, no Ethernet cables are supplied either, so you'll have to buy these.

The Terratec performed impeccably. It coped admirably with network gaming, either standalone or attached via an uplink to another switch. We also encountered no problems when we hooked it up to a broadband router and used it to share an Internet connection. The really incredible thing about the Black Widow, though, is its size: no bigger than a fag packet. It's certainly small enough to slip in your pocket. And to make sure it stays neatly tucked out of

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the way, it also comes with four magnetic feet. Fit these and you can clamp the Widow discreetly onto the side of your PC.

We can't help admiring the Black Widow: it looks good, works well and hardly takes up any space. And it's pretty cheap.

Caratteristiche

- Switch ethernet 10/100
- 4 porte 10/100BaseTX
- 1 porta 10/100BaseTX uplink
- Alimentatore incluso
- Dimensioni: 86x66x20mm (wdh)

Prezzo : €22,00 IVA inclusa (€18,03 esclusa IVA)
