

Pods

Compact Eurorack enclosures from 4ms Company

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4ms Pods are low-cost, portable, compact enclosures that turn Eurorack modules into table-top instruments. Pods come with an integrated, power supply which allows you to daisy-chain multiple units in different configurations using only a single power brick.

Overview

M3 threads
(Screws included)

34mm (1.34")
Maximum module depth

Barrel jack
15VDC power input

Additional Barrel jack
For daisy-chaining Pods

Two Eurorack power headers
(Pod20, Pod26, Pod32)
+12V@0.7A / -12V@0.28A / 5V@0.2A

Four Eurorack power headers
(Pod60)
+12V@1.4A / -12V@0.56A / 5V@0.4A

Available in 20HP, 26HP, 32HP and 60HP

The diagram shows a top-down view of a black 4ms Pod enclosure. Green arrows point from text labels to specific features: the top edge (M3 threads), the interior depth (34mm), the front panel barrel jacks, and the rear panel power headers. An inset image shows the rear panel with two power headers highlighted. A bottom view of the enclosure shows a power brick connected to the barrel jack and two purple LEDs on the front panel.

Installing a module

Congratulations on your purchase of a Pod! It's easy to install a standard Eurorack module in a Pod:

- (1) Make sure the power is not connected by unplugging any power cables (barrel cable and/or power brick cable) to the Pod.
- (2) Attach your module's power ribbon cable to the Pod's 16-pin power header. The Pod power header is keyed so that the cable cannot be inserted upside-down. The red stripe should be down, and should connect to the -12V on the module.
- (3) If it's not already attached, connect the other end of the ribbon cable to your Eurorack module.
- (4) Place the module into the Pod so that all screw holes on the module's faceplate line up with the screw holes on the Pod.
- (5) Use M3 screws (included with Pod) to secure the module's faceplate to the Pod.
- (6) Repeat steps 2-5 to install more modules. If you need to install more modules than there are power headers, you can use a Multi Power Cable.
- (7) Power on the Pod by plugging a power brick into either one of the jacks on the back of the Pod. Or, if you already have another Pod that's receiving power, you can daisy-chain the new Pod using a barrel cable.
- (8) Optional: you may attach the included adhesive rubber feet to the bottom of your Pod. To use Pods on a pedalboard, you may attach Velcro or hook-and-loop fastener instead (not included)



Warning: If a screw seems to be unusually tight or pointing at an angle other than vertical, back it out and try again. The threads on the Pod's screw holes can be permanently damaged by forcing a screw that's the wrong size or installed at an angle.

Power

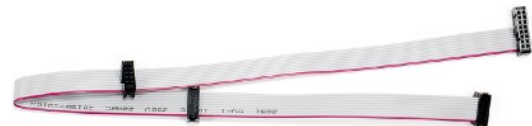
The Pod20, Pod26, and Pod32 have an integrated power supply with two standard Eurorack power headers; the Pod60 features four power headers. All Pods work with modules that use 10 and/or 16-pin power cables.

Power Bricks

To supply power to a single Pod, plug a Power Brick (sold separately) to either one of the jacks on the back of the Pod. Wherever Pods are sold, you can purchase a Power Brick that's compatible with the Pods. You also can use the Power Brick sold for use with the Row Power system (90W Brick): it's compatible with the Pods. Or, you can use your own power brick as long as it meets these specifications:

- **Voltage:** 15VDC to 20VDC (15VDC for best efficiency)
- **Style:** 2.1mm positive tip barrel plug (5.5mm outer diameter)
- **Wattage or amperage:** Most modern power bricks will be able to power 6 or more daisy-chained Pods, but anything under 15W (about 1A) will probably not be sufficient for powering more than one or two Pods.

Multi Power Cables



If you need to install more modules than the number of power headers in your Pod, you can use a Multi Power Cable, available wherever Pods are sold. One end plugs into the power header on the Pod, and the other connectors plug directly to modules. Each Multi Power Cable can power three modules from one power header. Multi Power Cables come in two varieties: 10-pin, and 16-pin. Choose the one that matches the type of power cable on your modules.



Daisy-chaining

Pods are meant to be daisy-chained. When you plug a Power Brick into one of the jacks on the back of a Pod, the other jack can be used to power an additional Pod. Simply connect a Barrel Cable from one Pod to the next. You can continue to daisy-chain Pods to make long chains! With the 45W Power Brick sold for use with Pods, 8 or more Pods can be daisy-chained (depending on the total power consumption of all the modules).



Barrel Cables



Barrel Cables come in two lengths: long (~13") and short (~8"). They are used to daisy-chain Pods. These same cables are used in the Row Power system: You can even daisy-chain a Pod and a Row Power together!

Never plug more than one power brick into a Pod or a chain of Pods!

Unpowered Pods

Most Pods are sold with a power supply. Pods can also be sold "Unpowered": essentially an empty metal box perfectly sized for Eurorack modules.

If you purchased an Unpowered Pod, you'll see there are no power headers or jacks on the back. You will need to provide your own power supply for your modules. If you have a Row Power module, it can be installed on the top of the Pod as a normal module. Additionally, there are two holes on the back of the Unpowered Pod which are plugged with a plastic insert: you can use these holes to mount a jack which connects to your own DIY power supply.

Tips

- Pods use M3 screws (which are included). You may use any other M3 screw, such as Knurlies, but do not use screws with other thread sizes to avoid permanently damaging the threads of the Pod.
- Pods have 1.34" (34mm) of depth on the inside. The depth of your module, including any power header, must be less than or equal to this.
- Exceeding the maximum power draw for a Pod may cause modules to function poorly (or not at all). It's possible that exceeding the maximum ratings may damage your modules; this is true for any power supply.
- The Pod60 contains two separate power supplies which are internally daisy-chained together. If you are using only two modules, it's best practice to use one power header on the left side and one power header on the right side. If you are using more than two modules, try to balance the load between the two sides.

Specifications

Powered Pod Includes:

- Pod, black anodized aluminum
- Built-in power supply with two Eurorack power headers
- M3 x 8mm pan-head screws, stainless steel (10 for Pods under 60HP; 20 for Pod60)
- Adhesive rubber feet (4)
- Does not include barrel cable or power brick

Power Supply (Pods under 60HP):

- Two 16-pin Eurorack power shrouded headers
- +12V max 0.7A
- -12V max 0.28A
- +5V max 0.2A

Power Supply (Pod60):

- Four 16-pin Eurorack power shrouded headers
- +12V max 1.4A
- -12V max 0.56A
- +5V max 0.4A
- Maximum power draw for any single module is: +12V: 0.7A / -12V: 0.28A / +5V: 0.2A

Power input:

- Two barrel jacks for daisy-chaining
- 15V-20VDC, 2.1mm positive tip

Exterior dimensions:

- Width:
 - Pod20: 106.1mm (4.18")
 - Pod26: 136.58mm (5.38")
 - Pod32: 167.1mm (6.58")
 - Pod60: 309.3mm (12.17")
- Height: 159.5mm (6.28")
- Depth: 36mm (1.42")

Interior dimensions:

- Module depth: 34.2mm (1.34")
- Module width:
 - Pod20: 20HP
 - Pod26: 26HP
 - Pod32: 32HP
 - Pod60: 60HP
- Weight:
 - Pod20: 0.17 kg (6 oz)
 - Pod26: 0.19 kg (7 oz)
 - Pod32: 0.25 kg (9 oz)
 - Pod60: 0.41 kg (14 oz)

