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## Octaback, octashock!

Posted by tIB - 2013/09/11 04:42

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## Re:Octaback, octashock!

Posted by darenager - 2013/09/11 05:59

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Is it doing it without any audio or midi connected?

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## Re:Octaback, octashock!

Posted by neilbaldwin - 2013/09/11 07:33

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Tried the power supply from your Machinedrum?

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## Re:Octaback, octashock!

Posted by J C Selector - 2013/09/11 07:46

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Sounds like an earth issue maybe, where there is a voltage difference between two earths.  
Make sure your using the same power circuit for all gear.

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## Re:Octaback, octashock!

Posted by twistedspace - 2013/09/11 09:01

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See.....

<http://enclydion.blogspot.co.uk/2012/04/my-laptop-bit-me-shocking-truth.html>

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## Re:Octaback, octashock!

Posted by tIB - 2013/09/11 14:07

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Yeah, is doing it with nothing else connected - I have a spare psu and will try that tonight.

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## Re:Octaback, octashock!

Posted by darenager - 2013/09/11 17:23

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Right then almost certain it is related to the SMPSU, if it works ok in the 4 way lead it is an earthing issue or other problem in the socket where you are getting the shock, it could be a loose earth wire, or it could be that the live and

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neutral are reversed somewhere, or it could be another problem.

Try as Neil suggested and use the MD PSU in the same socket where you were getting the shock - and I assume you are talking that kind of tingly shock rather than a zap?

Have a read of the link twistedspace posted it gives a fairly decent explanation. I really am not a fan of these type of PSU for these and other problems, but they are in pretty much everything today.

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## Re:Octaback, octashock!

Posted by RobbieNerve - 2013/09/11 22:11

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This is normal.

It's the power of elektron transferring to your body.  
Don't fight it, just let it enter your body.

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## Re:Octaback, octashock!

Posted by tIB - 2013/09/12 02:27

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It's a feature not a bug? :lol:

Cheers for the shouts, I'll try on another psu and see if it's the same. Sounds like it's normal though(?) - definitely tingly rather than hair raising!

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## Re:Octaback, octashock!

Posted by anselmi - 2013/09/12 02:27

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this is just because it knows you got rid of a previous one...octas got a strong union against abandoning owners:P

welcome back to the 4-parts hell Andy!!!:laugh:

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## Re:Octaback, octashock!

Posted by tIB - 2013/09/12 02:53

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Same with other psu.

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## Re:Octaback, octashock!

Posted by jonah - 2013/09/12 11:55

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Huh, I wonder if this is why the iPad feels like it's vibrating when it's plugged in.

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