

essential, something that Black Lion Audio knows only too well. After all, the Chicago-based boutique audio company has been improving already-great gear through its modification service for years, so it should come as little or no surprise to learn that it channelled all that know-how straight into its PBR TT-LIT patchbay. Per-module mode-switching is accessed via recessed switches on the top panel for configuring normalisation modes - the switches themselves are rated to 10,000-plus operations without failure, while the aforesaid audio-grade, gold-plated 96 TT and 12 DB25 connections surely speak for themselves. And a grounding connection is also available on the rear panel to prevent noisy ground loops.

As a 48-point TRS patchbay with three-way switching and a customisable LED display suitable for the most robust routing imaginable, loaded with 96 audiophile-grade, gold-plated TRS connectors for maximum conductivity and signal clarity, PBR TRS3-LIT takes the same confusion-eliminating concept of its PBR TT-LIT bigger brother and applies another approach to interconnecting outboard hardware in terms of connectivity and channel count. Indeed, its LED display is able to support 12 characters per channel in the same space as a result (though it is identical in operation to the PBR TT-LIT's LED display), while the rear panel-positioned three-way mode switches allow for NORM (normal), HALF (half-normal), and THRU operation, delivering unlimited routing potential for mults, bypassing, monitoring, and parallel processing.

Whichever way anyone ends up choosing to work with either of Black Lion Audio's additions to its PBR-series patchbays, rest assured that they will be reconfiguring their entire studio's routing at a moment's notice, cutting down on cable clutter in the process of doing so - surely welcomed in itself. It is fair to say, finally, that PBR TT-LIT and PBR TRS3-LIT are both built Black Lion-tough, with a reinforced steel chassis and black anodised aluminium faceplates that make for a matched and sophisticated look that is sure to look the part in any self-respecting studio setup.

Available for pre-order as of January 14, 2025, PBR TT-LIT and PBR TRS3-LIT should start shipping through Black Lion Audio's growing global network of dealers/distributors with a price of \$999.00 USD and \$399.00 USD, respectively, and a price of €1,332.00 EUR and €559.00 EUR, respectively, in late-January 2025.

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