

NO ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

DON'T CALL IT A HOME THEATER IN A BOX—**SE2 LABS' ITC ONE** PACKS A LOT OF FUNCTIONALITY INTO ONE SLEEK PACKAGE, AND DOES SO WITH STYLE TO SPARE

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Within ten minutes of unpacking and installing SE2 Labs' long-awaited all-in-one device, the ITC One, I realize that something is seriously wrong. Most of my video outputs aren't working. One of my speakers isn't getting sound. I'm seriously dreading having to lug this behemoth back to my front door to return it to the manufacturer.

Not a very flattering way to begin a review, I know, but this unfortunate incident ends up being key to my realizing just what an amazing product SE2 Labs has on its hands. For the past year I've followed the ITC One with reserved interest—after all, having an upconverting DVD player, Media Center Extender, Xbox 360, Wii, Apple TV, Vidikron video processor, and Bryston amplifiers and SP2 surround sound processor all in one box is enough to pique any bona fide tech geek's interest. But then again, isn't having all of that stuff crammed into one chassis simply asking for trouble? To be honest,



I expected the ITC One to be a bit of a kludge. And the fact that I had such problems out of the box didn't sway my opinion much. But strangely enough, fixing those problems did.

I quickly found myself in the hands of SE2 VP of Operations Jeff Walker, who connected to my ITC One via the 'Net and within

minutes determined that my internal connections had come loose. Try diagnosing a problem that quickly with your big rack of disparate gear. I double dare you.

"You're going to have to open her up," he said. And of course that's not what I wanted to hear, but actually, opening up the back panel ended up being an amazingly easy

and enlightening experience. First off, I didn't have to undo any of my audio or video connections to open up the ITC One; the chassis design is, quite frankly, brilliant. The internal design, though, is even more so. Every connection is labeled in bright, silk-screened print—and this is on the inside, mind you, where only your cus-

