

MPC500 – The Flexibility of Power Control

By utilizing the MPC500's Local and Global operating modes, the MPC500 can be setup to automate your system's power states even with legacy units not equipped with McIntosh Power Control.

For instance, turning on your McIntosh AV preamplifier can trigger power amplifiers, as well as motorized curtains and projector screens.

Global verses Local

Outlets 2, 3 and 4 of the MPC500 can be set to Global or Local Power Control modes if desired. The default setting for these outlets is ON which is what it sounds like, always on. Outlet 1 is permanently set to ON.

Global Power Control

Outlets 2, 3 and 4 can be configured as Global Power Control. Outlets configured as Global will be powered on and off by any device connected to POWER CONTROL IN 1. Accordingly, POWER CONTROL 1 is also labled GLOBAL on the rear of the MPC500.

Local Power Control

Outlets 2, 3 and 4 can be configured as Local Power Control. With Local Power Control, a device connected to the corresponding POWER CONTROL IN (input) will power on and off the devices plugged into the same numbered Outlet. For example, a preamplifier with a Power Control Cable connected to POWER CONTROL 3 (set to Local) will power on a CD player and a lava lamp connected to OUTLET 3. Other Outlets will be unaffected by a different numbered Local Power Control action.

Outlets setup as Local will not be affected by Global Power Control commands.

