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Posted by [JoeTaxpayer](#) on Tue, 19 Feb 2013 20:33:55 GMT  
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Posted by [James Carroll](#) on Tue, 19 Feb 2013 21:59:08 GMT  
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I have one with a dying Power Supply as well. I've been researching with

Google and one guy has a write up where he carves up the existing PS case and install the guts from an ATX PS into it. It looks pretty good when he's done but it's not for the non-technical user to do. I've also seen people just tie strap an ATX into the case and splice the motherboard connector from the old power supply onto it. Not elegant but workable. ATX power supplies don't have the 25 volts needed for an ADC monitor but most people don't use those anyway. If you do need it there is a guy on ebay that sells rebuilt original MMD power supplies. Not cheap but a fair price.

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Posted by [Frank Dutra](#) on Tue, 19 Feb 2013 23:14:37 GMT  
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FWIW,

I put an ATX 500 Watt unit (\$25 new from Amazon) in my Mystic. I'd say you don't need to worry about the size and mounting holes as they seem fairly standard/compatible, but should be concerned about the orientation of the power plug, fan outlet, and wiring harness. Amazon had several units/models to choose from. Also, ATX doesn't have the 28 v lead which I didn't need as I'm not using an ADC monitor. There may be other issues with the MDD that I'm not aware of like waking from sleep,,, YMMV

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Posted by [No No](#) on Wed, 20 Feb 2013 07:43:01 GMT  
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Subject: Re: MDD G4 Power supply recomendations?  
Posted by [Jeff Walther](#) on Wed, 20 Feb 2013 17:05:45 GMT  
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Posted by [JoeTaxpayer](#) on Wed, 20 Feb 2013 18:38:19 GMT  
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On Wednesday, February 20, 2013 2:43:01 AM UTC-5, grizzledgiant wrote:

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Looks like a good shape but it's a used supply. If I'm going to buy used, I'd try to get the exact form factor with MDD voltage pinout. Right now, I'm leaning towards <http://atxg4.com/> for the adapter, and just trying to find an ATX supply that makes sense. I'm willing to pull the optical drives out and drill holes to vent out the side if I have to.

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Spoken like a true Lowendmaccor. Viva Le Machina!

If you are willing to do some work and figuring, the group at [www.Badcaps.com](http://www.Badcaps.com) have helped a few people to fix their own G4 MDD power supplies. It may take a while, but they are very patient and helpful. You have to join, of course, but that is free and I never got any spam from it.

Good luck, again. Bob

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