

Purist Audio Design Dominus Interconnect and Speaker Cable

Interconnect: \$5250/one-meter pair; Speaker: \$10,980/1.5-meter pair

puristaudiodesign.com

The all-silver Dominus is very detailed, very dynamic, very rich. Less open than Nordost Valhalla and darker in balance than Kharma Enigma, it is also quieter than both, and because of its fluid-damped construction, virtually immune to floorborne and airborne vibration. **JV**

Rega Couple Interconnect

\$175/1-meter pair

soundorg.com

The Couples offer plenty of upper midrange/treble detail, with fine resolution of textures, yet without exaggerated transients or edginess. Their bass is tight and punchy, and they are wonderfully neutral throughout the midrange. While they don't offer the almost "luminous" midrange quality you'll hear in some very expensive cables, their essential neutrality makes a fine substitute for a "pennies-on-the-dollar" price.

Reviewed by CM, AVguide.com, 10/2003

Shunyata Python Cord

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presentation is somewhat set back, with a rather conspicuous rendering of depth. Luxurious as an Italian loafer, the Siltech New York MXT is sensibly weighted toward the midrange and basically neutral in balance, with a slightly rounded treble. Virtually grain-free and one of the most harmonically palpable and realistic in its price range, it also offers excellent low-level resolution. Though soundstage dimensionality could be improved, no serious faults tip this up.

Reviewed by PS, Issue 138, and NG, Issue 146

Paul Speltz "Anti-Cable" Speaker Cable

\$80 (8-foot pair w/spades)

anticables.com

A godsend to those who want good sound but don't want to spend big bucks. SK was blown away by its neutrality and lack of coloration, high frequencies that are open and clear with no tizziness, a midrange of exceptional clarity, transparency and detail, and bass that's extended, with remarkable articulation.

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Synergistic Research REL-fer Cable

\$1,950/8-foot pair (\$1,000/add'l ft)

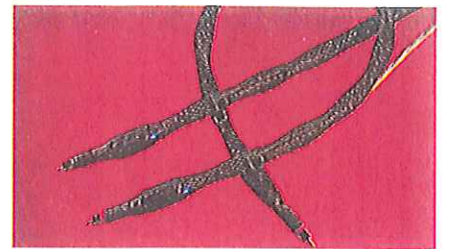
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Inspired subwoofers sized for REL sub-specified Neutrik inherent mus-Britannica B3 in floor yields space, and

\$2800/8-foot pair
Apex: interconnect, \$3000/1m pair; speaker cable, \$4600/8-foot pair
synergisticresearch.com

Some of the most transparent cable at any price. A splendid balance of detail, romantic richness, and Grand Canyon-like soundstaging that is magnified as you move upward through the line. The top-of-the-line Apex, however, is the real low-level-resolution master, mining details and timbral shadings like few wires NG has heard to date.

Sneak Preview by NG, Issue 171



TARA Labs RSC Air 1 and Air 1 Series 2 Interconnect and Speaker Cable

Interconnect: \$995/one meter (\$200 each add'l meter); speaker: \$1950/8-foot pair (\$1000/add'l ft)

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Everything about these cables says big—dynamics, extension, and volume. They are also one of the mellower cables NG has heard with a dark, deeply polished, and resonant signature that should appeal to many. They have an expansive soundstage and orchestral images always seem more rooted. Ambience retrieval is at a cutting-edge level. Separate positive and negative speaker runs for each channel.

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TARA Labs Zero Interconnect and Omega Speaker Cable

Zero interconnect: \$14,900/one meter (\$2000 per add'l meter); Omega speaker cable: \$11,900/10 feet (\$1000 per add'l foot); The Zero digital cable: \$6900/one meter (\$1000 per add'l meter)

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is fully aware that recommending any wires put you out 40 to 50 grand is borderline (Well, not even borderline.) Nonetheless, Zero's X-ray ability to clarify very-low-level colors, dynamic nuances, and performance details; its remarkable level of ambience retrieval; its electrifying transient speed and definition; its front-to-back transparency; and its bottom-octave color, clarity, and authority are unrivaled thus far in his experience.

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