

MIT Magnum MA and Oracle MA Speaker Cable

\$7995/eight-foot pair
\$24,900 eight-foot pair



mltcables.com

Over the past four years, no cable has dethroned MIT's Oracle V2 in RH's system—until MIT's new MA (Maximum Articulation) showed up. Although priced the same as the discontinued Oracle V1.1, the new MA is vastly improved, with far greater resolution, greater separation of individual instrumental lines, more space and depth, and a shocking increase in bottom-end depth, power, and articulation RH (review pending)

Nordost Baldr Interconnect and Speaker Cable

Interconnect: \$499/one meter;
Speaker: \$1499/three-meter pair

nordost.com

Baldr brings much of the balance and harmonic integrity of state-of-the-art Valhalla to prices even "normal" audiophiles (as opposed to normal people) can afford. As opposed to normal people, Baldr offers the almost unattainable clarity you'll hear in some very expensive cables. Its neutrality makes it the "dollar" choice for those who want good sound but don't want to spend big bucks. SK was blown away by their 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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Nordost Blue Interconnect and Speaker Cable

Interconnect: \$499/one meter;
Speaker: \$1499/three-meter pair

nordost.com

Similar in concept to the Baldr, the Blue connects upper-octave instruments with more nuance. Also excellent in the back, cool in the midrange, but not as rich as the Baldr. Reviewed by NG, Issue 155

toward the "clarity" side, so avoid components with midrange brightness or edge.

Reviewed by CM, AVGM, Issue 4

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.

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Rega Couple Interconnect

\$190/1-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.

presentation is somewhat set back, with a rather conspicuous rendering of depth.

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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 trip this up.

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Paul Speltz "Anti-Cable" Speaker Cable

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

anticables.com

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Synergistic Research Alpha Interconnect/Alpha Sterling Active Interconnect

\$135/one-meter pair/\$450/1m pair

synergisticresearch.com

Balance and transparency are its strengths, along with a rich midrange and a sweet, smooth, never forced or strident treble. The affordable Alpha challenges some of the finest reference cables out there.

Reviewed by NG, TPV Issue 38

Synergistic Research REL-spec Subwoofer Cable

\$1100/3 meters

synergisticresearch.com

Pricy but potent, these inspired subwoofers cables are specifically optimized for REL subwoofers and include the REL-specified Neutrik connectors. They improved the inherent musicality and pitch precision of the Britannia B3 in every instance—the lowered noise floor yields

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