

CABLE OF THE YEAR

Tellurium Q cables

Reviewed in issue 75

Cable prices go from mild to wild. Good cable prices start at wild and keep on going. So it's refreshing to happen upon a set of cables that certainly deliver the sonic goods, yet don't cost as much as a small island. Tellurium Q is a new, small British cable company (co-founded by Colin Wonfor of Inca Tech and TOCA fame). Two thin multistranded copper cable loudspeaker cable appeared last year and began to earn a reputation as a world-beater. They have been joined by two interconnect cables and two more up-market cable designs.

The material content of the cable is secondary to the patented ideas behind it. Tellurium Q is designed across the board to first and foremost preserve the phase relationship in a musical signal. This also comes over as a remarkably deft and lucid midband in all the variants, that lucidity extending out further and further as you move up the speaker cable ranges. Basic Blue can transform the sound of even the most humble system, while Ultra Black is remarkable in any system. The interconnects, too, have the same midrange lucidity and match the speaker cable perfectly.

Tellurium Q may be the new kid on the block, but it's got some serious moves. Expect great things from this hot new brand.

Tellurium Q interconnects

Single-ended £279/m

Balanced £359/m

Tellurium Q loudspeaker cable

Blue £16 per metre, unterminated

Black £46 per meter, made to length, terminated with Z plugs

Green £145 per metre, made to length, terminated with Z plugs

Ultra Black £248 per metre, made to length, terminated with Z plugs

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HIGHLY COMMENDED

Cardas Clear Beyond

Tested in issue 74

Clear was an excellent speaker cable. Clear Beyond doubles the amount of cable, with better bass and soundstaging, but only for the best systems

Price: £9,300/3m pair

Manufacturer: Cardas Audio

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JPS Aluminata

Tested in issue 68

Aluminium-copper alloy cable that is one of the smoothest sounding around, with a profound reduction in background hash. A real grower, too, especially when used with the company's Superconductor 3 power cables.

Price: £2,395/m

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