

Group Two Signal Cables With Matching Power Cords

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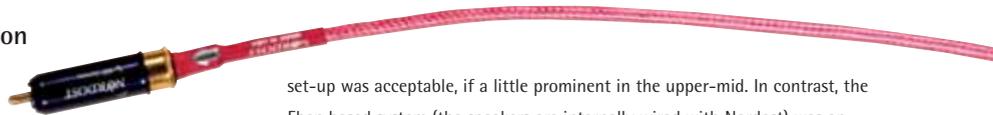
Heimdahl Interconnect – £375

Heimdahl Speaker Cable – £1815 (BW)

Shiva Power Leads – £220

Representing the cheapest all Mono-filament set-up from Nordost, the Heimdahl speaker leads offer a glimpse of the familiar silver-plated copper solid cores through their pretty pink Teflon Insulation, only their number and diameter differentiating them from the more expensive cables in the range, whose excellent connectors they share.

These wires sound just as familiar as they look, their immediacy, clarity, focus and dynamic snap and timing instantly recognizable. At this end of the range the price you pay in performance terms is a lighter, though no less agile bass, which in the wrong system will leave them sounding thin and a bit exposed. If you value musical insight and expression then look no further, but weight and overall balance can be system dependent. The B&W/Classe



set-up was acceptable, if a little prominent in the upper-mid. In contrast, the Eben based system (the speakers are internally wired with Nordost) was an immediate success, almost as if the timing and soundstage had snapped into focus.

Bass, though still light, was fuller and better balanced over all, while the Raidho ribbon tweeter made the most of the Heimdahls' high frequency energy and clean definition.

Be prepared to try these cables before you commit to them (and make sure they're well run-in). If they work in your system the results will be spectacular: if not you'll wonder what all the fuss is about. I'd also consider an upgrade to the Vishnu mains leads, a relatively cheap step which goes a long way towards restoring missing bass weight and overall body; the interconnects and speaker cables really deserve it.

