

Nordost

Blue Heaven Power Cord

WHEN YOU CONSIDER that the power supply of a Class A amplifier is effectively in series with the audio signal, it's not difficult to appreciate the importance of the quality of the mains power cable that supplies the power. This issue is not lost on Nordost and it has duly produced a range of good-quality power leads to suit most budgets.

Nordost's Blue Heaven Power Cord is part of the company's Leif family entry-level range, which aims to offer quality cables at an affordable price. Although it seems like a conventional three-core AC lead, it employs technology derived from the development of its premium Valhalla and Odin ranges. The cable uses proprietary high-speed, low-loss mechanically tuned lay, Micro Mono-Filament construction, and FEP insulation. Each of the three conductors are 16 AWG and

are constructed from 65 strands of 99.9999 percent OFC. The power cable is well made and comes fitted with high-quality connectors.

Power ranger

Using the Blue Heaven cable to power my valve preamp power supply, I'm immediately aware of an improvement in sound compared with a standard 'kettle' lead. During the opening sequence of Stravinsky's *The Firebird Suite* by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, there's a very low frequency and extended drum roll, which is very deep, full and powerful and most noticeable when it pauses for a few bars before starting again. As the piece progresses, the twittering of the strings sounds wonderfully delicate and open.

For something a bit more delicate, I turn to a lovely LP that contains a romantic piece by Anthony Mawer



entitled *Poem Once Remembered* played on acoustic guitar and flute. The mournful opening section with the unaccompanied guitar flows gracefully into the flute, which then takes over the melody from the guitar. The overall performance is clear and refined with a very low noise floor. The Blue Heaven is certainly a very good value-for-money, high-quality power cable option. **NR**

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PRICE
£200 for 1m cable

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