

WireWorld Equinox 6



This US cable company is looking to reach out across the pond...

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Purple Prose of the Year award goes to WireWorld for its trademarked verbiage describing this cable. Basically it's a three-conductor silver-plated copper cable with 'Composilex' contacts and snazzy 'Silver Tube' phono plugs – all decently screwed together.

Sound quality

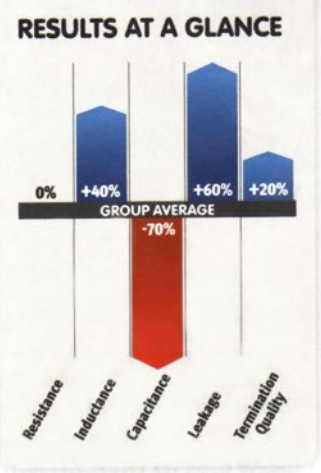
One of the less characterful in the group, this cable impressed the panel by not creating too much of a diversion from the music itself. It allowed much of the pomp and splendour of the Mahler to shine through, with a powerful and reassured presentation that revelled at conveying the rasping brass and shimmering strings.

One panelist reported it as "handling everything well", another described it as a "good all-rounder", the last one saying it "projected the music better than most" with a particularly good timbre to the trumpets on the classical piece. However, although it was considerably more neutral than most here – thanks to its general lack of coloration and fairly unimpeded rhythms – it was hardly Switzerland in its dealings with some of the brighter orchestral tones. Trumpets could become a little lively on orchestral peaks, the music reaching out of the

speakers and shouting just a touch too much. Despite this, at the very top the panel felt it was a just a touch subdued. This made it marginally less enjoyable in terms of reproducing the recorded acoustic. Overall though, a very solid effort that's well up the rankings.

ON TEST

If awards were dished out for buzz words, this Equinox 6 would win hands down. The 'DNA Helix' construction appears to be based around three insulated conductors (two for signal, one for return) that are each composed of four multistranded layers. Loop resistance is moderate at 100ohm, while its very low 0.25µH series inductance is traded for a higher-than-average 300pF capacitance. Build quality is good. **PM**



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OUR VERDICT

SOUND QUALITY ★★★★★ **LIKE:** Sonically a fine all-rounder, good at most things, hard to dislike

VALUE FOR MONEY ★★★★★☆ **DISLIKE:** Subdued at the very top, yet a touch lively in the upper mid

BUILD QUALITY ★★★★★☆ **WESAY:** A much liked interconnect that will please many; well worth an audition!

FINISH ★★★★★☆

OVERALL ★★★★★