



(Picture of Avrieter is visiting Mr. Sommovigo's house and workshop. He had installed machines to be brought from the US. He is finishing his cable by hand by braiding all of conductor, shields, jackets.

Black Cat Cable Purity As If The Cables Have Disappeared Astounding Quality Of Sound Which Is Filled With Life

Mr. Chris Sommovigo from Black Cat Cable is the renowned cable designer of Stereovox, and his cables were known for high precision and performance. Only half a year has passed since Mr. Sommovigo moved his workshop from the US to Yagawara, Japan and since that time he has developed and manufactured new cable designs for Black Cat Cable. Though his move was done very recently, he has quickly gained enormous reputation from Japanese audio fans. He also ended up monopolizing several top awards here, as well. In order to figure out the charisma of his cables, we present to you reports by Mr. Chitake Inoue who has reviewed the cable very early, and also a report by Mr. Kyo Tsunoda, who was charmed by Black Cat Cables and is using them in his own system at home.

0.2mm thin skin tube conductor

Black Cat Cable was founded in Japan by Mr. Chris Sommovigo who was the CEO and Technical Engineer of Stereovox. Though Black Cat was born in the US, it is now a Japanese brand. I vividly remember his intricate tube structure from his Stereovox cable. This is a conductor which was made from 0.2mm strands braided over Teflon tube. Therefore, this conductor forms almost 0.2mm thick, as if it were a thin coating over it. This structure of conductor seems ideal from many perspectives. This new Black Cat Cable model, "The Tube," has a very similar conductor (to the former Stereovox cable). This conductor is used for line cables and speaker cables and currently this is the most basic model.

Most intricate and unique ideas for his handmade process

Chris brought his machines from the US. With them, he braids the conductor, shields and jackets. He makes elements by himself then he layers them to make cables. Needless to say, Chris himself solders the connectors.

The cable is nearly 100% handmade by Chris, and it is indeed

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intricate and full of creativity. The headshell-leads, "XOX Matrix Ultra", have been the talk of the town. This has a single pure silver strand in the center of braided pure copper. The Matrix structure was initially developed by Chris for toseam cables used inside the Australian Continuum Audio toseam, and phono cables made from Matrix have been sold. Both products have taken off to the next dimension and set apart from most of headshell-leads which are in the market, and it shows Chris' creativity.

Much Increased Evolutionary Cost to Performance Ratio and Reliability From the Former Brand

I indeed had an astounding experience from "The Matrix" line cables and speaker cables. For these, there is no silver line in the center but only 16 braided, enamel-coated copper strands. They create a highly pure sound, as if the cables did not exist. It made me believe for a second that the amplifier and speaker had been connected directly - without cables - because the sound was highly pure and filled with life force. Black Cat has evolved even more from former Stereovox: Since the brand became "Made In Japan," it has increased in its cost/performance ratio and reliability. No wonder this is a popular brand.



"Audio Accessory Award 2017"
Award Winner Model *Silverstar 75m*

Pictures Model from left bottom to clockwise:
RCA Interconnect Cable
The Matrix
RCA/XLR 200 JPY/m pair
RCA/BNC Digital Cable
"Silverstar 75"
(28,000 JPY/m)
interchangeable BNC/
RCA, RCA/BNC Digital
Cable "TRON" (290,000
JPY/m, interchangeable
BNC and RCA), Speaker
Cable "The Tube (66,000
JPY/1.5m pair), Phono
Cable "Matrix Arm
Cable" (155,000 JPY/m)

My Journal of Installing Black Cat Cables

Sharp Clear Transmission:
Realistically Describes the Space
Where the Performance Was Made

I normally do not write about audio accessories such as cables, but I am always interested in the newest cables for my system. By reading this magazine, Black Cat Cable was brought to my attention. I prefer a cable with excellent transmission and slim and beautiful design. This cable seemed to be an ideal match and immediately I called the distributor for my B&W "902D3". By actually replaying, I was amazed by the precise depiction of the space which singers and musicians were in without the coloring features (quirks) of machines. And it had a startlingly speedy response, and it reproduced the rich overtones of voice and instruments in a manner that gave me the impression the musicians were performing right in front of me. It sublimated the coaxial structure with the unique technology. "The Tube" must have been named because it uses a very thin, hollow pure copper tube for RCA center conductor, and using Teflon pipe in between shield (inf.0).

Installing the Cable for Nagra Systemst transfigures to Lively Portrayal World

By being charmed by this transmission character and the sound, I also decided to install the cables as follows. "The Matrix" RCA cable for Nagra pre-amp to Power Amplifier 300P and Analog Player which connector to PL-F to dCS Vivaldi System. When I switched all the

Also Installed Digital Cable: Result Was Astounding Sound Field With High Resolution

Mr. Kiyuchi, who is the distributor, said that "These cables are also good at digital playback." Then he let me listen to the "TRON" digital cable. I used "TRON" for CD transport by Metronome and the "DAVE" DAC by Chord. There was almost no jitter for SPDIF signal clock, and it enabled the playback of the high resolution sound field and sound shapes. There is no way to go back once you have heard this sound. I entered up buying "TRON" also. Mr. Chris Sommovigo and I saw each other at the International Audio Show and greeted briefly. He makes everything including conductor structure and beautiful jacket at his own workshop. He also designs connectors. Also he signs the back of the box and finishes the beautiful wooden box with red wash-paints. He makes his cable as his own artwork, as haute couture, and sends his products to order. Finally I have come to meet such a wonderful cable.



Text by Kyo Tsunoda



Well-talked-about Shell Leads "XOX Matrix Ultra" (55,000 JPY, excludes tax)

Main Line-ups of the Black Cat Cable

- The Tube**
- RCA Interconnect Cable = 46,000 JPY (1m Pair)**
Speaker Cable = 66,000 JPY (1.5m pair)
Conductor: 0.2mm thin wall "Micro Tube", Pure Copper/Monocoque Conductor Jacket, Original nylon fiber jacket, Shield: 256 Braided pure copper strands Insulator : "Teflon tube with Air-insulating layer RCA Terminal: High precision Lovcraft Connector Speaker Terminal: Banana Plug or Lovcraft Sleeve
- Lupo**
- RCA Interconnect Cable = 80,000 JPY (1m Pair)**
Speaker Cable = 104,000 JPY (1.5m pair)
Conductor: 99.999% pure single silver wire Jacket: Original nylon fiber jacket, Shield: 256 Braided pure copper strands Insulator : Teflon tube with Air-insulating layer RCA Terminal: High precision Lovcraft Connector Speaker Terminal: Banana Plug or Lovcraft Sleeve
- Matrix**
- RCA/XLR Interconnect Cable = 88,200 JPY (1m Pair)**
Speaker Cable = 128,200 JPY (1.5m pair)
Conductor: 16x36AWG braided enamel coated pure copper strands Jacket: Original nylon fiber jacket, Shield: 256 Braided pure copper strands Insulator: Teflon tube with Air-insulating layer RCA Terminal: High precision Lovcraft Connector XLR Terminal: Made by NEURIK Speaker Terminal: Banana Plug or Lovcraft Sleeve