

Black Rhodium

Operetta RCA interconnect

AT THE TOP end of recent additions to Black Rhodium's range of interconnects is the Operetta. A new design based on the company's previous Opera interconnect, but with a simplified design, it has 99.99 percent pure silver conductors. The dielectric is a combination of PTFE and air, and the conductors are screened with a closely woven silver-plated copper braid.

Gold standard

The 5.7mm cable is covered in a translucent blue sheath that shows off the silver-plated braid inside. It also has a ferrite tube in the middle to reduce noise arising from RFI and arrows printed on the tube sleeving point to the amplifier end of the connection. The Operetta is terminated with gold-plated RCA plugs as standard, with BNC connections available on request.

I fit the Operetta between my preamp and monoblocks and give it a good period of running in for several hours using a cable burn-in CD. Playing Vivaldi's *Concerto For Violin, Oboe, Strings & Continuo in F major* by La Serenissima. The *allegro* is energetic and sprightly and with a really full sound. Instrument imaging is superb, as I would expect from a set of silver interconnects. The soundstage is wide and deep – certainly not confined to the space between the speakers.

Pink Floyd's *Money* is equally great and the cash registers in the opening section show off the top-end response particularly well. When the electric bass guitar takes over, all of the individual notes are played with fantastic clarity. Pink Floyd's hallmark

edgy vocals are absolutely spot on throughout the track.

Playing the Jan Harbeck Quartet's rendition of Cole Porter's *Too Darn Hot*, the Operetta cables carry me beautifully through this fast-paced piece, which swings into action right from the opening drum roll. The energy and excitement is still very much in evidence when the saxophone and piano take over. I love the sound of this interconnect and it comes at a fair price for a silver cable. **NR**



DETAILS

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£360 for 1m
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