

## **Clearer Audio Copper-line Power Cable – £95.00 / 1m**

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Clearer Audio, not to be confused with the similar-sounding German producer of gorgeous turntables, are a small family-run company, based in the UK and founded in 2003.

Manufacturing and selling a range of interconnects, loudspeaker cables and mains leads from entry-level to high end, Clearer Audio state that they aim to make use of, "innovative conductor materials, high performance dielectrics and geometries, advanced multi-layer and ferrite technologies, together with high performance audio-grade connectors" in order to achieve the best performance possible.

The Copper-line is the entry level range with the Silver-line, Silver-line Optimus and Silver-line Optimus Reference taking the product collection into more high end territory. The mains lead under consideration here is from the Copper-line range and makes use of 6 nines multistrand copper conductors with thick audio-grade copper foil shielding and further 6 nines braid shield. The connectors used are the chunky Wattgate 320i IEC plug and a swanky Clipsal mains plug that features a silver plated fuse holder and fuse, both of which are treated with CAIG DeoxIT contact cleaner before assembly. The fuse value fitted can be specified on ordering, as opening up the plug to change it will invalidate the cable's warranty.

Each cable is run for 48 hours using an Audiodharma Pro 2.5 Cable Cooker before despatch, which sends special dynamic waveforms at high current through the cables in order to burn the cable in and make them sound "more dynamic, detailed and transparent" straight from the box.

Performance, when compared with a standard lead, showed improvements in terms of background silences becoming more pronounced, most likely due to the quality of the shielding, and this gave good advances in terms of low level detail resolution to the music. Overall, the Clearer Audio Copper-line is a thoughtfully designed and very well made cable that won't break the bank. Impressive stuff.

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