

# Clearer Audio™

## **Silver-line Interconnect Installation / Care Instructions**

The Silver-line Interconnects are very delicate and must be handled with great care to avoid damaging them.

When handling the interconnects ensure that you do not over-bend them as this will stress the conductors and the multi-layer foil shielding. In addition, the interconnects have a natural bend angle. When bending the interconnects do so gently and in keeping with the natural bend angle as much as possible.

The Eichmann Silver Bullet Plugs are extremely delicate. Before you plug the Silver-line Interconnects into your hi-fi components you need to shape the Silver Bullet Plug flange polymer to the size of the RCA sockets on your hi-fi components. This is a simple procedure: simply heat the Silver Bullet Plug flange (red or black section of the plug) gently with a hairdryer. Once heated, support the Silver Bullet Plug and the cable (trying to keep them as straight and parallel to each other as possible) and gently plug into the socket trying to avoid any twisting. If you need to twist the plug to aid installation (or removal) this may be done but always turn the plugs clockwise as to avoid loosening the flange collar; a simple quarter clockwise turn is usually sufficient. Then simply allow the special polymer to cool.

The Silver Bullet Plug and cable must be as straight and parallel to one another as possible as any bending at the plug end will stress the Silver Bullet Plug, the solder connections and the conductors.

Furthermore, as the Silver Bullet Plugs are made of pure silver, they are protected with a preservative called CAIG Shield. This pure silver and thin layer of preservative is prone to scratching with removal and insertion. This is quite normal and does not affect performance.

Due to the shielding technique, the Silver-line Interconnect is directional. The writing on the heatshrink on the cable goes from "left to right" and also has an arrow after "*Silver-line*" indicating directionality. The Silver-line Interconnect should be connected in this way; from "output to input" (i.e., from CD player to amplifier).

Please note that the Silver-line Interconnect Cable sheathing is silver-plated and is therefore prone to oxidation when exposed to air. Consequently, you may notice colour changes over time. This colour changing and oxidation does not affect the shielding performance of the sheathing. However, you may wish to

clean the sheathing to restore the shine. This can be done using a plain cotton cloth; do not use any kind of cleaning product as this could damage the sheathing or the interconnect as a whole.

We recommend that you clean the Silver Bullet Plugs every 6 months for optimum long-term performance. For best results use CAIG DeoxIT and then CAIG Shield. If your RCA sockets are gold or silver-plated use CAIG Gold then CAIG Shield.