



Black Rhodium

Intro DIN-to-RCA tonearm cable

DESIGNED TO OFFER high-quality cables at an affordable price, Black Rhodium's Intro tonearm cable is terminated with a 5-pin mini DIN on one side and two RCA phono connectors and a small spade for the tonearm earth connection on the other. Other variants terminated with XLR or RCA connectors at both ends are also available.

The cable is fitted with a large ferrite core close to the RCA end to attenuate radio frequency interference that can cause distortion, is finished in black braid and is very flexible.

I use it to connect my valve phono stage to my Jelco SA-750 tonearm, which is fitted with a Vertere Mystic (HFC 499) MC cart. I kick off with a direct-cut LP by Chasing The Dragon of the Syd Lawrence Orchestra playing Joe Garland's *In The Mood*. This well-known piece that was popularised by Glenn Miller in 1939

shows off the excellent clarity and timing provided by the Intro cable. When the brass really lets rip during the track, there is no sense that the music is being constrained in any way and the joy of this exuberant tune is beautifully conveyed.

Glorious introduction

Next up is an LP of Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No.4 In F Minor* played by the Cleveland Orchestra. The lively presentation of the full orchestra is handled beautifully by the Intro cable and the powerful trumpet blasts during the opening movement are strident and clear, but not at all harsh and edgy. The powerful bass drum is punchy, tight and very well controlled.

For a change of pace and to see how the Intro fares with some female vocals, I turn to a recording of Barbra



Streisand singing *Songbird*.

Streisand's melodic voice soars effortlessly throughout the track and is positioned well in front of the orchestral backing. The strings are smooth and flowing and the tonal balance of the whole recording is perfect. In summary, this is a really excellent tonearm cable that competes very well with other rival options at this price point. **NR**

DETAILS

PRICE

£160 for 1m cable

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OUR VERDICT

