Choice EXTRAS

Black Rhodium Intro Power Cable

DESPITE BEING DESIGNED as

an upgrade power cable, the Intro is surprisingly competitively priced meaning that an entire system using many cables can be upgraded at a more reasonable cost than you might perhaps expect.

The cable is available in lengths of 1.5m and can be supplied fitted with a standard C13 10A IEC connector that is suitable for most audio equipment or with a C19 16A IEC connector at the same price for use with multi-way extension blocks and mains power conditioners.

Black magic

The Intro Power Cable is finished in a black braid and fitted with a large ferrite core close to the IEC connector end. The ferrite is intended to attenuate radio frequency interference to offer a more detailed and clearer sound by attenuating any high-frequency noise signals picked up that would otherwise cause unwelcome distortion across the audio spectrum.

I connect the Intro Power Cable 10A version to my valve preamp power supply in place of a standard lead and play a recent reissue of the 1965 LP by the Don Rendell and Ian Carr Quintet, Shades Of Blue. The opening track on side one, Blue Mosque, with the tinkling of the hi-hats that accompany the trumpet playing the main theme is wonderfully clear. Swapping between a standard supplied kettle lead and the Black Rhodium cable, there is a clear improvement with a greater depth to the soundstage evident as well as an overall feeling of intimacy to the performance.

With a lovely recording of John Williams and the English Chamber Orchestra playing Rodrigo's *Concierto*



De Aranjuez, there is a good sense of spaciousness and depth to the soundstage while the instrument focus is impressive. With the famous second movement, I am drawn into Williams' intimate guitar playing right from the very start of the piece. This power cable is great value for money and offers clearly audible improvements over the cheaper ones so often supplied as standard. **NR**

DETAILS

PRICE £195 for 1.5m cable WEBSITE introbyblackrhodium. co.uk