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## Ultimate MKIII speaker cable

**THIS ROBUST AND** high-quality cable is manufactured in Japan and is shielded to prevent the cable acting as an aerial and injecting RFI back into the amplifier. The review sample is fitted with Furutech cryogenically treated Z-Plugs at both ends, but the standard configuration is for the cables to be terminated with spade connectors for the speaker end and Z-Plugs for the amplifier end. The ends of the main section of cable are fitted with nicely finished wooden collars. The cable is directional, which is shown by arrows printed on the connectors' heatshrink sleeving. The Ultimate MKIII is available in lengths ranging from 1.5m to 7m.

Connecting the Ultimate MKIII between my valve monoblocks and transmission line speakers, I listen to a delightful copy-master tape of Saint-Saëns' *Danse Macabre* from UltraAnalogue Recordings of Toronto,

with Tatsuki Narita on the violin and Yun-Yang Lee on the piano. My first impression is the violin is slightly edgy, but that disappears after running the cables in for a few hours. All cables need at least a few hours of running in before they sound their best, and the Ultimate MKIII is no exception.

### Attention seeker

The recording reveals itself to be really quite spectacular and exhilarating, and the image placement of the two instruments is spot on. Narita's opening chord on the violin is quite startling and grabs my attention. Meanwhile, all of the complexities of the two instruments are elegantly

conveyed by the Ultimate MKIII.

A 45rpm LP of Lyn Stanley singing *Blue Moon* comes across as smooth, effortless and detailed, resulting in a performance that is scarily realistic in my listening room. The soundstage extends well beyond the width of my speakers with great depth and superb instrument focus.

This fabulous loudspeaker cable has an excellent build quality and really turns out refined and detailed performances with both wide and deep soundstages. **NR**



### DETAILS

**PRICE**  
£450 for 1.5m  
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### OUR VERDICT

