

Ecosse Cables

ES2.23+ loudspeaker cable

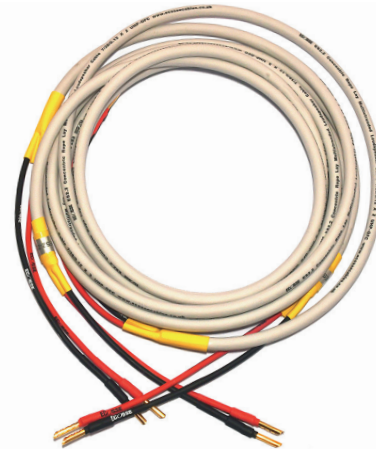
WITH ITS WHITE PVC outer jacket, the ES2.23+ speaker cable should glide around the edges of your room inconspicuously. Inside the 9.5mm circular cross-section jacket is a pair of Ultra Hi-Purity-OFC multi-stranded conductors with a 3mm² conductor cross-section. Each conductor has around 400 0.07mm diameter copper strands woven together to form the wire. The conductors are insulated in a low-loss polypropylene dielectric insulation arranged in a rope-lay twisted pair configuration. Also, the cables are filled with yarn and cotton paper to minimise microphonic vibrations that can degrade the audio signal. The ES2.23+ can be supplied terminated in z/x copper spade or banana plugs.

I kick off with a recording of Vivaldi *Sonatas For Flute* and am instantly aware of a performance that has

masses of detail and excellent clarity with no strain or unpleasant edginess to the sound. The flute and the individual instruments comprising the *basso continuo* are separately identifiable and do not blur into a wall of sound. Overall, the performance balance is natural and realistic.

Easy rider

Beethoven's *Symphony No.4 in B flat major* by the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra and conducted by Rudolf Kempe engages from the outset with the opening *adagio*. This is quiet and tense, leading nicely into the *allegro vivace*, which is both powerful and exhilarating. All the complexities of the music are handled with ease and the performance is stirring and majestic.



Returning to some more Vivaldi and *The Four Seasons*, but jazzed up by the Raymond Fol Big Band, the ES2.23+ conveys the excitement of the *allegros*, which really sparkle with exuberance. The performance has great energy and gusto. Trumpet solos are clear and strident, without sounding abrasive, and the guitar in the second movement of *Spring* is very moving and involving.

In conclusion, the ES2.23+ really delivers on sound quality and is excellent value for money. **NR**

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PRICE
£180 for 3m terminated pair

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