

# Atlas Cables

## Element Integra tonearm RCA interconnect

**CONSTRUCTED TO OFFER** a superior performance over the standard cables typically supplied with entry-level turntables, the Element Integra comes with the choice of either a right-angle or straight-entry 5-pin SME-type mini-DIN tonearm connector on one end and Integra non-magnetic RCA plugs on the other. There is a separate black earth lead running from the tonearm connector fitted with a spade-terminated earth tag. The low-mass Integra RCA plug features a solder-free, cold-weld connection optimised to create a coherent, continuous signal path. The 5-pin tonearm plug is precision-turned and hard gold-plated with PTFE insulation. There are two separate cables leading from the

5-pin tonearm plug – one for each channel. Each employs a signal conductor made from OCC copper, which is fully shielded with a braid of oxygen-free copper to provide maximum resistance to RFI. The conductors are insulated with a PEF (Polyethylene) dielectric and the cables are finished off in a pearlescent white sheath.

### Refined sound

With the cable fed from a moving-coil cartridge and connected to my valve phono stage, I am immediately impressed by the refinement of the sound. A recording of Beethoven's *Symphony No.2 in D major* played by the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra has the authoritative opening section leading nicely into the joyful *allegro*,



which really shows off how well all of the complexities of the music are handled by the tonearm cable. Similarly, with vocal recordings, the soundstage is wide and deep and the music is well balanced between the singer and backing instruments. I feel that the extreme top end is a touch restrained at times, but it suits jazz tracks rather well and the Element Integra is a great step up from many supplied tonearm cables. **NR**

### DETAILS

**PRICE**  
£125 for 1m cable  
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### OUR VERDICT

