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ATLAS CABLES EOS 2.0 MAINS CABLE. £160.00

Although the mains cable supplied with most hi-fi equipment successfully channels power in, it rarely gets the best quality power supply into the equipment. Mains cables are usually made with cheap copper in the cable and fitted with plugs that fall into the “cheap and cheerful” category. Amongst the many aftermarket options available, Scottish manufacturer Atlas Cables have developed and launched a new range of cables, the Eos series.

These come with a choice of conductor size ranging from 2sq. mm. to 4sq. mm and in 10 or 16 Amp variants. The Eos 2.0 reviewed here, as the name suggests uses 2sq.mm. OFC conductors that are insulated in a dielectric made of high pressure, low temperature extruded PTFE. This is housed in a PVC sheath with a fabric

cover. The conductors are twisted to reject EMI and are housed within an aluminium foil surround with a drain wire to reject RFI. At the mains end is Atlas’ own design of 13 Amp plug. This large cylindrical item is made of polycarbonate and contains a silver fuse (in this example, rated at 10 Amps) and copper bronze pins which are polished prior to plating with 1.25 microns of pure Rhodium. The IEC plug at the other end is also made with Rhodium plated copper pins.

After a suitable running in period, I plugged it into the Leema Acoustics Tucana II amplifier in my front room system. I tried comparing it to a standard mains lead and the performance difference was significant. With the Eos in charge there was a dramatic extension to the range of the sound in both treble and bass areas, and a whole wealth of the small details that flesh out a sonic picture came

to the fore. I also compared it with other similarly priced leads that I have around the house, and I was particularly impressed with the smooth and intimate detailing to the mid range and treble. It wasn’t a sudden “oh wow” difference, but I realised that I was becoming aware of a bit of extra shape and texture to instruments and vocals that had previously passed me by.

This cable is well thought-out and made, and produces a performance that once listened to, you will not want to be without. **TB**

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