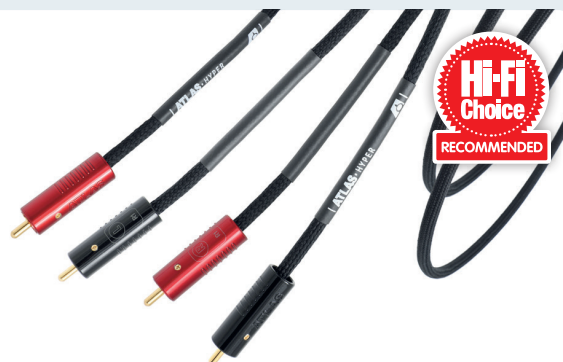


Atlas Cables

Hyper RCA R1 interconnect



BASING THE DESIGN on the company's Duo topology, Scottish-based Atlas Cables wanted to create a simpler form of RCA interconnect at a much lower price point. The result is the recently released Hyper RCA R1.

As expected, the RCA connectors are the usual red and black Achromatic plugs with OFC pins. The cable is a balanced design with two identical internal OCC copper conductors enclosed in a double-layer, woven OFC screen. The material used is a broadband expanded polyethylene dielectric. The stranded conductors are connected in a symmetrical pseudo-balanced configuration to improve screening effectiveness. This means that the screen is connected to the earth conductor at only one end. As a result, the cable is directional and should be connected with the arrow printed on the connector at one end of each pointing

away from the preamp. The cable is available in a variety of lengths from 0.5m to 3m.

Eye for detail

After connecting the Hyper RCA R1 between my valve preamp and valve monoblocks, I first listen to a 1961 15IPS copy-master tape of the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra performing Prokofiev's *Cinderella*. Listening to the sprightly movement *Variations Of The Nymph Of Spring* shows off all the detail of the piece. The twittering of the strings is not a cacophony as it so often can be, instead they are clear, precise and

full of life. All of the emotion of this recording is beautifully conveyed, transitioning from the lively opening and middle sections to the more contemplative mood of the ending.

Next I spin a 2019 reissue LP of *Shades Of Blue* by the Don Rendell and Ian Carr Quintet. First track *Blue Mosque* has a totally realistic opening piano while the bass and drums display wonderful clarity in the listening room. The trumpet and saxophone which take on the melody are equally clear and open.

Overall, the Hyper RCA R1 is an excellent-sounding interconnect and great value for money. **NR**

DETAILS

PRICE
£400 for 1m

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OUR VERDICT

