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Hyper Integra Tonearm RCA cable



BASED ON THE company's latest generation Hyper range of analogue interconnects, this cable is designed to offer extremely low noise, making it ideally suited to the very low signal output levels of phono cartridges.

The five-pin tonearm plug is precision-turned and hard gold-plated with FEP insulation. It can be supplied as either a side-entry right angle or as a straight-entry type. Emerging from the plug are two coaxial screened cables that use an OCC high-purity copper conductor with foamed polyethylene dielectric. The cable is covered in a black braid shortly after the tonearm plug and splits into two again at the phono stage end. Each cable is terminated with Atlas' self-cleaning Integra RCA plugs that clean the contacts every time they are removed or reinserted. These low-mass RCA plugs have solder-free, cold-weld connections

optimised to create a coherent and continuous signal path. There is also a separate black earth lead running from the tonearm connector, fitted with a spade-terminated earth tag.

Flexible friend

The cable is very flexible and will be easy to route from the turntable to the phono stage. After connecting the Hyper Tonearm cable to my tonearm (fitted with a moving-coil cartridge) and plugging in the RCA connectors to my valve phono stage, I am greeted with a lovely sound that instantly draws me into the performance. Oscar Peterson's *Swing – The Great Standards* exemplifies this perfectly. The racy piano in *Pick Yourself Up* really pulls me into the piece. The tuneful bass alongside the piano, which is so much more than a simple rhythmic accompaniment, is tight and well controlled without being overly

reigned in. The Hyper handles orchestras equally well. A great recording of Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No.5* performed by the Virtuosi of England is beautifully paced and full of excitement. The flute in the opening allegro is melodic and flowing while the tinkling of the harpsichord is clear and precise. In short, the Hyper Integra is a sophisticated-sounding cable that represents great value for money. **NR**



DETAILS

PRICE
£190 for 1m cable

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