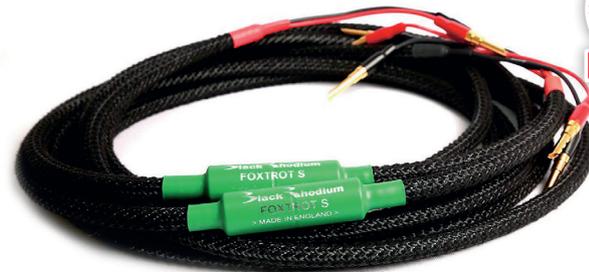


Black Rhodium

Foxtrot S speaker cable



HAVING REVIEWED THE original Foxtrot in 2016 (*HFC 412*), I'm keen to try the latest version. The 'S' stands for supercharged and incorporates some of the new design techniques and materials that have trickled down from the company's Charleston cable, which costs considerably more. The cable is available in 3m and 5m lengths.

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Terminated with gold-plated Z plugs, the Foxtrot S includes a large ferrite core that's attached near the loudspeaker end to attenuate any RFI picked up by the conductors. The cable is finished with a black braid designed to dampen mechanical vibrations. The result, according to Black Rhodium, is a much cleaner and clearer quality of sound.

Having connected the Foxtrot S cable between my transmission line loudspeakers and my valve monoblocks,

I commence my listening tests with a fantastic 45rpm audiophile LP of some jazz from Yarlung Records entitled *Yuko Mabuchi Plays Miles Davis Volume 2*. Listening to the first track of side two, *So What* really sparkles with energy. While Mabuchi's interpretation still retains her own style and charm, the music remains true to the Miles Davis original. With the other track, *Ikumi's Lullaby*, I get a real sense of Camilleri Hall in Los Angeles – where it was originally recorded. The stereo imaging in particular is excellent with each of the musicians clearly occupying a defined space within the soundstage.

To check out the vocal handling of the Foxtrot S, I opt for some Vivaldi performed by the soprano Mhairi Lawson and La Serenissima. Lawson's exuberant verbal articulations in *Cantata Elvira* are both commanding and cheerful. Of particular note is the overall brightness and superb level of clarity that's brought to the recording, coupled with an excellent tonal balance.

As with its predecessor the Foxtrot S is a resounding success, delivering all the sophistication of my setup's sound combined with excellent imaging, timing and detail. **NR**

DETAILS

PRICE
£350 for a 3m pair

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