
Quality Cables?

Posted by jsrockit - 2006/10/27 21:38

I think it is time for me to get some quality cables... I live in the US, I don't want to make my own, and was wondering what brand names I should be looking for? or if anyone who is making their own quality cables is selling some?

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Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by crixmadine - 2006/10/27 22:34

I use Mogami cable with Neutrik connectors but I make my own. But of course you can get pre-made ones. In the U.S. Guitar Center and Musician's Friend carries them.

<http://www.guitarcenter.com/shop/home/navigation?q=mogami&x=9&y=6>
<http://www.musiciansfriend.com/home/navigation?q=mogami>

They cost more than your average Hosa cables and the like, but they will hold up for years longer.

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Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by sensorium - 2006/10/27 23:34

This guy wires neutrik plugs on to Mogami wires, but costs about half what the stores charge. Can't beat their price/service.

<http://cgi3.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewUserPage&userid=proaudiocables>

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Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by Allerian - 2006/10/28 00:17

I never realized how much noise and static I was getting from Hosa cables until I started replacing them. Look for deals on Mogami and Monster .

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Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by - 2006/10/28 00:56

Planetwaves are

worth checkin out, cant say if they're the best tho I havent compared them with other brands.

I'd like to check out zaolla cables next time

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Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by jsrockit - 2006/10/28 14:34

Ok, I'm not looking to spend \$40 per cable...where 10 cables will cost me \$400. However, there has to be something better than Hosa. Where's the middle ground? Anyone familiar with the lower range of supposedly "high end" cables from this site?

http://www.lavacable.com

Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by Allerian - 2006/10/28 17:02

Yea, I hear ya on spending \$400 on cables. I've been on a year-long cable replacement strategy, buying just a couple a month, searching for deals. The Planetwaves stuff is pretty nice, been using it on my guitar rig for about a year now. The connectors fit very firmly and don't move around or crackle - cable looks top notch.

Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by papertiger - 2006/10/28 19:09

i'm in the same mindset as you JS, but at the end of the day I think that it doesn't make sense to have really nice gear (i.e. elektrons, etc.) and then not use really nice cables. it's like having an amazing stereo and connecting lame/bad speakers to it.

that being said, i like Allerian's idea of buying a few or couple every month rather than doing it all at once and seeing a \$400 tag. Then again, maybe there are places that offer discounts on bulk?

I suppose, like most things, there is a premium to be paid on purchasing constructed things rather than going the DIY route. I'm surprised DIY cablers on this board have never offered their wares for purchase. . . :-D

Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by jsrocket - 2006/10/28 19:44

Well, I'm not sure hosa cables are the equivalent of bad speakers / great system...but I should step it up. I may drop \$100 on some soon and see what I think.

Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by arsey_rob - 2006/10/28 20:15

i've been gradually replacing all my cables. i get any i need from this guy (uk)

top quality stuff in any length i may need (the 1m ones are very useful for a live setup so there's not piles of cabling all over the floor)

Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by cchocjr - 2006/10/28 20:38

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Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by - 2006/10/28 21:01

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Posted by jsrockit - 2006/10/29 13:54

cchocjr wrote:

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Hmm...sounds like you should be providing me some cables. ;)

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Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by zart - 2006/10/29 14:18

How much of this is theory vs practice ? I've had some issues with connectors crackling over the years but never thought that cabling made a huge difference due to most synths having an output a zillion times stronger than any potential interference.

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Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by kuniklo - 2006/10/29 17:11

If you've ever opened up an Elektron machine (or just about any other synth) and seen the crappy little wires that patch it all together you'd immediately stop worrying about buying boutique cables.

As long as your cables are making a clean electrical connection and the connectors aren't causing crackles and you're not picking up radio interference your cables are doing all they can for you.

Anybody trying to tell you different cables have a different tone or sound is trying to scam you.

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Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by arsey_rob - 2006/10/29 18:24

these two articles are pretty interesting

(about power cables but still a good read)

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Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by cchocjr - 2006/10/29 18:26

Good cabling is a 'best practice' in audio applications. It is not always necessary, and its benefits vary from situation to situation, but it is generally a good idea. Dirty power, long cable runs, and so forth greatly benefit from good cables. Of course, the law of diminishing returns is in full effect here in terms of top 'o' the line cables, so there is no need to get crazy with the cash expenditure.

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Re: Quality Cables?

Posted by monofever - 2006/10/29 22:28

All cables are not equal, but I have some that cost less but I like them more, and if I see a pile of cables I would pick them out because I prefer them. That comes down to the way they feel, how easily they wind up when I've finished with them, what the connectors look like in the machine etc. etc.

Planetwaves feel nice and they roll up well, in the UK Soundcontrol do a Control Cable Range which is half the price, Neutrik connectors have a good reputation, so I use them on the homemade stuff.

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