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EVIDENCE AUDIO LYRIC & SIREN INSTRUMENT AND SPEAKER CABLES

High-spec cabling for noticeably superior results.
By Craig White

I HAVE to admit something about the way my mind works – I have left and right socks! Not out of the packet, but after I have worn them for a while, it becomes apparent which sock has been stretched out by which big toe, and that becomes its orientation, left or right. People have suggested that it is symptomatic of something that may well respond to medication, but it is quite obvious to me that they are just not looking at their socks close enough.

Similarly, audio cable is directional, if you only look close enough. As the literature with the Evidence Audio Lyric cable we have for review states, "Drawn copper elicits a grain structure with a chevron shape, clearly visible under a microscope." This implies a more efficient operation in one direction, and all of the company's

cables are inspected and identified for directionality. Once directionality is established, shielding and a red plug end are attached to the destination end, which is the jack that you will plug into to your amplifier. Properly aligning cable in this manner means that extraneous noise is drawn to the end with the greatest ground potential, almost invariably the amp end (which is also the case when attaching a pre-amp to an amplifier using directional speaker cable such as Evidence Audio's Siren cable).

Evidence Audio cable is also solid-core, rather than stranded like cheaper cable. Not only does that have an impact on the longevity of a cable, it affects the way that the cable performs from day one. Take the time to A/B your old cable and a length of Lyric instrument cable, and there does

seem to be an appreciable difference, even through a less than stellar amplifier. The literature suggested using the cable to play a recording and listen as you swap cables, and in this situation, with a far greater range of sound to investigate, the results were fairly conclusive.

There is a lot of expensive cable around these days, and it is a common ploy to attempt to differentiate a product by attaching a premium value to it via retail price. In certain cases, demand can increase for a product as the price rises, apparently in defiance of classic economic theory. It all comes to nought unless the product is as great as the price suggests – luckily, the Evidence Audio cable is one of those great products.



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SPECS

- Made USA
- Price
Lyric \$105 (12ft)/\$120 (15ft)
Siren \$68 (3ft)/\$77 (5ft)
- Lyric Instrument Cable Features
IGL copper conductors, solid-core conductors, foamed polypropylene insulation, 20 AWG conductor size, high-density copper braid shield, carbon skins
- Siren Speaker Cable Features
IGL copper conductors, solid-core conductors, polypropylene insulation, 18 AWG conductor size, spiralled geometry, durable PVC jacket, cloth braid

WHAT WE RECKON

PROS

- ▲ It is great that somebody is putting this much effort into cable optimisation
- ▲ These Evidence Audio cables really do seem to perform audibly better
- ▲ Solid-core design promises longer life, as well as better sound quality

CONS

- ▼ Price may well be an issue for some...