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**EVIDENCE AUDIO
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The Evidence Audio Lyric HG (\$81 retail for 10' length; other lengths available) is primarily designed to minimize the microphonic shrieks that can occur when

you plug into a high-gain amp. The cable features two solid-core, high-purity copper conductors (for enhancing midrange and high-end clarity) surrounded by a braided-copper "umbrella" shield (to maximize transfer of your guitar's source signal) that's attached only at the amplifier end. The soft, woven-nylon outer jacket minimizes handling noises, and a slippery triboelectric noise-barrier surrounds each of the conductors to inhibit the pops and crackles often produced by internal electrostatic charges.

Tested with a variety of guitars and amps, the Lyric HG exhibited excellent tonal balance, and conveyed firm and focused lows, detailed mids, and sweet,

chimey highs. While the HG is intended for high-gain applications, it excels in a broad range of gain settings. Overdriven chords exhibit exceptionally complex grind and kerrang, and cleaner tones sound warm and lively, with excellent string-to-string note separation when playing complex chords. The leading-edge attack is always immediate and crisp, and fast runs sound articulate and precise. In short, the Evidence Audio Lyric HG delivers all the goods in an impressive fashion, and it earns a well-deserved Editors' Pick Award. —Terry Buddingh

**EBTECH SWISS ARMY
6 IN 1 CABLE TESTER**

A cable tester may not be the sexiest tool in your kit, but when you're dealing with an intermittent cord, it can rescue your gig, rehearsal, or studio session. And a truly flexible tester—such as the Swizz Army

6 In 1 Cable Tester (\$179 retail/\$129 street)—can practically terminate all fears of inopportune electrical failure. The Swizz Army can ferret-out shorts, determine how a cable is wired, detect phantom power (for condenser mics and active direct boxes), generate test tones (for ringing out cables, mixer inputs, and sound systems), identify grounded shields in XLR cables, and even check cables installed in walls (or underground) for permanent P.A. or studio systems. That's flexibility, baby! In addition, the battery-powered unit handles just about all the cables you'll ever use: XLR, ¼" (mono or TRS), RCA, ⅛" (mono or TRS), TT, and MIDI.

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