

QED

XT40i loudspeaker cable

REPLACING QED'S XT40

loudspeaker cable (HFC 394), the XT40i features several upgrades intended to enhance its performance. The company appreciates the importance of the cable dielectric for its sonic performance. To this end, it uses QED's Air Gap dielectric construction and X-Tube Technology, to reduce capacitance and dissipation factor. By increasing the separation of the conductors inside the cable and the amount of air between them, QED has created a low-loss air gap dielectric.

The X factor

The X-Tube Technology forms the cable conductors into a tube-like shape around a hollow insulating rod in the centre that claims to equalise current densities and offer a low inductance load. The conductors are made from 99.999 percent oxygen-free copper and have a 4.0mm² cross

section to minimise resistance. The aim of all this is to improve overall performance, especially with the timing and imaging of the sound.

Hans Zimmer's *Wheel Of Fortune* impresses with a performance that is powerful and lively. The drums are forceful and unrelenting and propel you through the piece. The sinister section towards the end of the track is very intricate with masses of detail.

Mozart's *Clarinet Concerto in A major* by the London Symphony

Orchestra is exciting and energetic while the violins are commanding and realistic. When the clarinet solo kicks in, it flows melodically and with confident authority.

Cecilia Bartoli's complex vocal gymnastics while singing a Vivaldi *Aria* are entrancing and captivating. Her sonorous voice is clear and well positioned in front of the orchestra. The excellent-value XT40i delivers well-balanced performances across a wide range of music. **NR**



DETAILS

PRICE
£130 for a 3m pair
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OUR VERDICT

