

The FIRST[®] Ultimate

Six years after introducing the world's first carbon hi-fi interconnect, van den Hul delivers an improved version, the FIRST[®] Ultimate. The new, metal-free cable, which uses Linear Structured Carbon[®] conductors, promises to deliver better focus, greater dynamics and more realism, especially in the areas of staging and three-dimensional imagery.

The company details many areas in which the FIRST[®] Ultimate demonstrates its superiority. These include: providing a strikingly natural sound with an ability to make the music more "real"; enhancing vocal intelligibility; offering low dynamic compression on high signal levels, which increases system headroom and dynamic range; delivering extended low-level information and detail; and affording a total lack of harshness. van den Hul also points to the new cable's wide usability, observing that carbon cables seem more system-friendly than conventional metal cables.

It further states that the FIRST[®] Ultimate's "sheer transparency is a revelation. It's not a cheap cable, but it's worth every penny for the quality of sound it delivers in appropriate high-end systems. Its application is universal and, in addition to analogue usage, the FIRST[®] Ultimate makes a superb digital audio/video interconnect."



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