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@bloor@bloor.tw

What the, and I cannot overstate this, fuck?

HighEnd Audio Power Supply 🐼❤️



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Tony Hoyle
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🌐 10h

@bloor Audiophile stuff is usually bizarre but this...

Designed by someone who doesn't understand how **anything** works.

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David Sommerseth
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🌐 9h

@tony @bloor Oh, I believe you're slightly wrong here.

The designer behind these cables knows a thing or two about psychology and how business economy works 😏

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The Doctor

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4h

@dazo @tony @bloor I wish I'd thought of it.

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David Sommerseith

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10m..*

@drwho @tony @bloor

Oh, there are plenty of possibilities to "improve" this design further - or coming up with something else being even more absurd, shifting the revenue stream in your direction. There are always room for "improving" cables and it will always sell.

But you need to be quite cynical playing on the psychology aspects related to making people *believe* they hear a difference - and have some quasi research papers supporting what they "hear". The rest is plain marketing and marketing strategies.

And don't forget: In this user segment - the sound always gets better the more expensive the cables or equipment is.

Good luck! 😊

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Matera the Mad

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8h

@bloor

yea, verly! 😊🔧

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of nothing

@apropos@fsebugoutzone.org

8h

@bloor >reduce interference
>also reduce shielding
as long as he's having fun and not buying solid gold cables

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Psy Chuan 
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🌙 8h

@bloor audiophiles are the biggest marks. they fall, in large numbers, for the "gold plated TOSLINK" trick.

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Senil
@senil@gts.social.senil.me

🌙 8h

@PsyChuan @bloor The gold plating improves the digital sound transmission by making the light pulses more resilient to damage in the fiber smh, you just need twenty thousand dollars in equipment to notice that it's there (sarcasm)

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inamruzui
@Kuniti_shino@pounced-on.me

🌙 3h

@PsyChuan @bloor yea I found it funny running across them when I was trying to find minitoslink to toslink

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David Cantrell 
@DrHyde@fosstodon.org

🌐 9h

@bloor #Audiophools are so funny

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me·ta·phil, der
@metaphil@chaos.social

🌐 9h

@DrHyde @bloor plain voodoomb

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Peter
@PeterLG@theblower.au

🌐 9h..*

@bloor

Here's the rest of that setup. Those are *mains power* cables — no bloody way that's legal.



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Nazo
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9h

@PeterLG @bloor Oh. My. God...

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Peter
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8h

@nazokiyoubinbou



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The appropriate response.

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Turi



@Turi@kinkycats.org

1h

@PeterLG @bloor

What's also pretty telling is the "power comes from the wall" mindset underlying this setup.

Unless they added these cables into the walls. And added a ton of filtering and smoothing.

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Peter

@PeterLG@theblower.au

33m

@Turi

Yup. The whole shebang is useless, and (I'm guessing here) probably crazy expensive, too.

Silver wires (high-end audio nearly always uses silver), woven by hand through separators, then all wrapped together and terminated... \$\$\$.

I'd love to see inside that distribution box. A couple of coils and caps, maybe? 🙄

@bloor

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SomeVeganCheeselsOk

@SomeVeganCheeselsOk@mastodon.social

6h

@PeterLG @bloor oh goodness I needed this chuckle. Bless you for posting other people's nonsense.

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Stryder Notavi

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8h

@PeterLG @bloor And that's enough to move me from "That's harmlessly stupid and overpriced" to "Nope, couldn't pay me to take that from you and I want to be well away from this fire hazard".

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Peter

@PeterLG@theblower.au

8h

@StryderNotavi @bloor

I just don't understand through mindset that would look at those and say "Yeah! Perfect!"

I would die laughing if one of my mates proudly showed me his audio setup and they were included.

Then I'd leave and never return.

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Nazo

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9h*

@bloor I've seen some crazy crazy stuff for audiophile applications (especially the usage of actual high amounts of silver — spending an enormous amount to supposedly make it actually sound different just because of the cable) but this is just... Stupid... Like there's a reason you do twisted pair! Twisted pair actually will have *better* sound due to this probably picking up more noise, so whoever came up with this is a nut.

EDIT: Ok, apparently those are mains wires. So maybe not twisted pair unless really really well insulated, but still, this absolutely turns it into an antenna, which is exactly what you don't want...

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LR

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9h

@bloor david cronenberg gets a boner from these cables



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C64Whiz

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🌐 9h

@bloor

Drop a paper clip and cross the streams!

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Nazo

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🌐 9h.*

@c64whiz @bloor Turns out those are mains. (And I guess that's 240?)

Dropping a paper clip might just literally cross the streams. 😊

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GunChleoc

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🌐 8h

@nazokiyoubinbou @c64whiz @bloor You mean the Styx?

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Nazo

@nazokiyoubinbou@urusai.social

🌐 8h

@gunchleoc @c64whiz @bloor ???

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GunChleoc

@gunchleoc@mastodon.scot

🌐 8h

@nazokiyoubinbou @c64whiz @bloor Styx is the river you cross into Hades

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Nazo

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@gunchleoc @c64whiz @bloor I know that. And there is a band named after it and other things as well.

But what does that have to do with it?

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GunChleoc

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8h*

@nazokiyoubinbou @c64whiz @bloor Well, I was just thinking which stream you might cross when messing with a mains cable



2 2 3 4 5



Nazo

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8h*

@gunchleoc @c64whiz @bloor ...

I have never heard anyone call (what is supposed to be) a huge river a "stream" but ok.

I believe it means "don't cross the streams*" which is a reference to the original Ghost Busters movie. (No clue why it's resurrected these days as a modern Internet meme, but it shows up a lot, lol.)

(* except that one time)

Or maybe it just means audio streams or something. I don't know.



Most of us didn't know these were mains cables originally until that other post.

0 2 3 4 5



there is beauty in simplicity

@kinsale42@mstdn.games

7h

@gunchleoc (I got it, lol)

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Grendel

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9h



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@bloor

Could it be a misguided attempt at preventing the wires from interfering with each other?

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Crystal_Fish_Caves

@Crystal_Fish_Caves@mstdn.party

🌐 4h

@grendel84 @bloor isn't that what shielded cable is for (says the old bitch that has built about a million of them but doesn't know engineering) ?

« 1



Grendel

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🌐 4h

@Crystal_Fish_Caves

oh I'm not saying what they did is actually effective 😂

It's just the only possible explanation I can come up with!

@bloor

« 0



Thomas Claburn

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🌐 9h

@bloor I think that's treatable with antibiotics.

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Cassandrich

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🌐 9h

@thomasclaburn @bloor I think you mean antifungals. Antibiotics can exacerbate a fungal infection by reducing competition from harmless bacteria. 🙄

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Bastian 🦊

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🌐 9h

@bloor no ground lifters... i am shocked!



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Flipper 🐦🏳️‍🌈

@flipper@mastodonapp.uk

9h

@bloor audiophile usb cables hurt my brain too.

I would like one of these power cables for my toaster, though, ngl

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veetee

@vt52@ioc.exchange

8h

@flipper @bloor I'm a big fan of optical interconnects with gold-plated connectors

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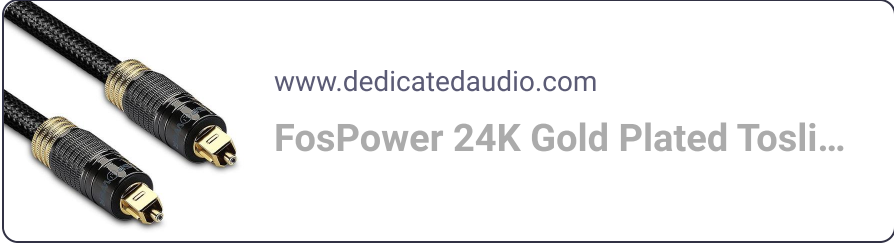
veetee

@vt52@ioc.exchange

51m

@flipper @bloor (not even joking)

[dedicatedaudio.com/products/fo...](https://dedicatedaudio.com/products/fospower-24k-gold-plated-toslink-cables/)



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The Turtle

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9h

@bloor whew. Fuck "Monster cable," that's Cthulu Cable.

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Roy -- the dull one

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9h.*

@bloor



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I'd guess this person smokes some really interesting stuff while listening to some very strange music.

And has a lot of spare time.

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Wendo 🇺🇦

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9h

@bloor Wut kinda crazy assed spider sht is this?

0 2 0 0 0



Sophie Schmieg

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9h

@bloor ah yes, the maximally untwisted pair, for that extra interference on the signal lines. It greatly improves audio quality, or something.

2 2 0 0 0



AB

@bloor

9h

@sophieschmieg hello "cage dipole".

0 2 0 0 0



mit_scharf

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1m

@sophieschmieg @bloor looks like a antenna to me 😊

0 2 0 0 0



Paul Cantrell

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9h

@bloor @catsalad

That's pretty sweet tbh. Once they're passé with the audiophile crowd, maybe I can get them cheap and put googly eyes on them

0 2 0 0 0



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The Secretbatcave

10h

@secretbatcave@don.secretbatcave.co.uk

@bloor we bought some shitty shielded cable for the theatre. It felt quite nice, very flexible and thick.

It was bulked out by string. Ok for strain relief, and was reasonably hard wearing. The down side was the shielding made long runs quite capacitive. So if we had phantom powered mics, and someone stomped on the cable, it'd pick it up and make a loins booming noise.

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FeloniousPunk

9h

@FeloniousPunk@beige.party

@secretbatcave @bloor "Loins booming" now there's a description

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The Secretbatcave

1h

@secretbatcave@don.secretbatcave.co.uk

@FeloniousPunk @bloor haaa, that was a typo, noise still stands

Probably best to imagine it as Lord flasheart from Blackadder

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fraggLe!

10h

@fwaggle@moodoo.org

@bloor I've personally tested these, they sound warm, but dry and with a hint of walnut.

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rhempel

8h

@rhempel@mstdn.ca

@fwaggle @bloor I found the soundstage was slightly improved at the mid frequencies, but the bass was really muddy.

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lp0 on fire

@lp0_on_fire@social.linux.pizza

🌙 10h

@bloor, I think that I'll just note that "wired" is an anagram of "weird" and leave it at that.

(Also of "I drew", but I don't think that that's relevant.)

↩️ 1



Loïc Denuzière

@tarmil@tarmil.fr

🌙 1h

@lp0_on_fire

This cable is actually also "wider".

@bloor

↩️ 0



Greem (Graeme. Not Graham!)

@greem@cyberplace.social

🌐 10h

@bloor it probably harmonises the electron wave function so they collapse at the same time as they enter the synergistic flux capacitor interface.

Or some such bollocks.

↩️ 2



Steve James

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🌐 9h

@greem @bloor

Sure that's all very well, but if you don't make those isolation discs out of 3.7 mm high density PTFE, you're not going to avoid subspace resonance above 67 GHz.

Also you still won't hear the full stereophonic effect unless you sit in that cupboard.

↩️ 0



BoloMKXXVIII

@BoloMKXXVIII@mastodon.social

🌐 8h

@greem @bloor youtu.be/Ac7G7xOG2Ag?si=zfEQZA...



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YouTube

"Turbo Encabulator" the Original

By Dave Rondot

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Greem (Graeme. Not Graham!)

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@bloor @BoloMKXXVIII 🙌🙌🙌

I did wonder if one of the Encabulators would make an



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