

QED Performance Graphite Optical

Best optical digital cable, Awards 2012. It's well made and robust, and tweaks have improved the sound **Tested at £40**

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Our Verdict

Best optical digital cable, Awards 2012. Fantastic value for money.

★★★★★

👍 For

- Accurate and competent

👎 Against

- Nothing at this price

📅 Reviewed on **7th August 2008**

Optical cables are key in various audio set-ups, from Sky+HD 5.1 sound to digital music, and in our experience you can buy better quality than a free bundled wire.

The Performance Graphite is a well-made cable, with a flexible but tough body, and beautiful, high-quality plugs. The sound it conveys is versatile and balanced, equally adept at expressing bass and treble.

This sturdy little cable worked well with our reference CD and DAC set-up, allowing them to reveal verve and punch when needed, together with transparency and a pleasing sense of detail.

With both movies and music, we heard improvements in system sound when using the QED, including greater detail and dynamics

Play Rodrigo y Gabriela's *Hora Zero* and delicate nylon strings are pronounced and authoritative, while drums pack a visceral punch. It is also startlingly clear, conveying a real sense of texture and painting a detailed aural picture.

And the price is great for the quality. That's why it's won awards two years in a row.

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