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When looking to upgrade, these handy extras can give your hi-fi system a cost-effective boost

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■ **AudioQuest Rocket 11 £12.50/m**

AudioQuest is back with a tremendous speaker cable which claims top spot as our Product of the Year for accessories, knocking previous winner Chord Clearway off its perch.

What appeals to us is how flexible the Rocket 11 is. Even more so than rival cables, it's easy to bend around those tricky tight corners to reach your kit, without worrying that you'll break or damage the cabling.

AudioQuest has taken care with the configuration and quality of the conductors used inside the Rocket 11 cables, too. It uses semi-solid true-concentric conductors and long-grain copper to improve performance and reduce any interference that might degrade the sound.

Thoughtful touches such as marking the left and right cables, labelling which end goes into the amplifier and which end plugs into the speaker, and designing it so that you can use the cables in a single-wired or bi-wired configuration if your system demands it, all add up to make the Rocket 11 all the more easy and appealing to use.

Of course, none of these crowd-pleasing notes would make a jot of difference if the Rocket 11 cable didn't have a positive impact on your system's

performance. Happily, that's not the case. The best thing this AudioQuest cable does is get out of the way and simply let you enjoy the music.

Whatever song you play, our system sounds sparkling clear, incredibly detailed and is propelled by the kind of rhythm that keeps you toe-tapping all the way through an album. Leading edges of notes are stunningly crisp and clean, and vocals are packed with nuance and emotion.

The Rocket 11 guides our reference system into performing with a pleasing and punchy sense of dynamism that's a joy to listen to. Compared with the Chord Clearway cable it has eclipsed, the Rocket 11 helps our system knit musical

To release your hi-fi's potential, these cables are worth investing in

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elements together with that bit more confidence and alacrity. The sense of space is bigger and more apparent, too.

At £12.50 per metre (before termination), the AudioQuest Rocket 11 is a touch on the pricey side. The costs begin to add up when you take into account how many cables and the length you'll need, but if you're spending hard-earned cash on your hi-fi components, you'll want cabling that doesn't inhibit their performance.

The Rocket 11 speaker cable is an ideal way to let your hi-fi reach its full potential. If you want to inject a new lease of life into your system, these impressive cables are worth investing in.