



AFFORDABLE REFERENCE

QED was one of the first firms to recognise the importance of interconnects in a hi-fi system. Now, after forty-five or so years, we have the latest incarnation of QED's "Reference High Resolution" USB cable – that one would use to, for example, connect a PC to a DAC.

Intended to deliver an "enjoyable, musical performance over long listening-sessions" it is claimed to "exceed all the requirements for high-resolution audio...DSD, MQA and PCM beyond 24-bit/192kHz". The new interconnect's high-tech refinements include an "impedance-controlled data-lane" that behaves "within strictly-defined parameters", complete isolation between the USB power and data lanes for "more accurate audio transmission" and a "unique" zinc-manganese floating-ferrite jacket to keep unwanted high-frequency noise at bay.

The Reference High Resolution uses 24 AWG twisted-pair OFC conductors and foamed-polyethylene dielectrics, uniformly-bound by an aluminium/mylar wrap for double-shielding (uncommon in USB cables, QED assures us). Pricing is sensible at £75 (0.6m), £80 (1m), £90 (2m) and £100 (3m).

Further details: www.qed.co.uk