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The Chord Company Clearway Digital

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PRODUCT
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ORIGIN
UK

FEATURES
Oxygen-free solid
copper central
conductor with
polyethylene
insulation; silver-
plated VEE 3 phono
plugs

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THE CLEARWAY DIGITAL cable has been designed around The Chord Company's flagship Sarum Super ARAY Digital interconnect, although the Clearway costs considerably less. It uses the company's ARAY conductor design to reduce both interference and internal reflections to maintain a constant characteristic impedance. The solid oxygen-free copper conductor is insulated with a gas-foamed polyethylene insulation and screened by a high-density braided copper shield. The outer blue jacket seals and protects the signal conductor from interference.

Terminator too

Standard terminations are Chord's direct silver-plated VEE 3 RCA plugs, but silver-plated BNCs or a 3.5mm mono jack at one end can also be supplied. Custom cable lengths are also available with all terminations. Directionality is indicated by an arrow printed on the black heatshrink label.



Even though it has a solid central conductor, the Clearway is nevertheless a very flexible cable. The thing that first strikes me when using it is the believability of the musical performances. With an orchestral piece such as the Rosetti symphony, the orchestra has a real presence in the room. Tonal balance is perfect and instruments are well defined. The David Gilmore track really packs a punch and the lively performance is well conveyed. The bass is well extended and beautifully controlled, the vocals are clear and easy to

understand, and the Clearway certainly takes jazz music in its stride. A recording of Eva Taylor singing *Everybody Loves My Baby* is bright without being at all strident and the atmosphere is all there, from the relaxed singing style of Eva and the jovial banjo playing, to the clear trumpet notes ●

VERDICT

Provides a very believable sound that seems to suit a wide range of musical styles

