

Chord Company

C-jack mini jack interconnect cable

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expanded its cost-effective C-series to include devices that have a 3.5mm mini jack output. The C-jack connects devices such as phones, tablets, laptops and digital audio players to home audio systems.

Although an entry-level cable, the C-jack employs many of Chord's proprietary technologies, such as the ARAY conductor usually found on the company's flagship products. The cable is shielded to reduce RFI and available in three lengths and terminated in 3.5mm-to-3.5mm jack plugs or 3.5mm jack plug-to-twin RCA configurations – as reviewed here. The connectors have gold-plated contacts with over-moulded bodies and a narrow profile so it is more easily able to fit into difficult-to-access 3.5mm sockets.

I use the C-jack to connect my mobile phone to my valve preamp

and commence listening with Nicola Benedetti playing Korngold's *Violin Concerto*. The expressive first movement is really involving and the violin is well positioned in front of the orchestra. The tremendous excitement and exuberance of the Finale is brilliantly conveyed by the C-jack and it is hard to believe I am listening to an MP3 file from my phone.

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Cécile McLorin Salvant's *Mad About The Boy* is a relaxed piece sung in front of a small audience, and the piano, double bass and drums are superbly clear. The piano is very believable and quite sophisticated, especially in the Bach-like solo section of the track. The soundstage is very well laid out in front of me with Salvant and each instrument in the ensemble having their own very clearly defined positions.



Next up, Torelli's *Concerto For Four Violins* played by Musica Antiqua Koln comes through as a rich and full performance that is both exciting and involving, with a wide soundstage. There is a lot of depth on show, which is quite a surprise considering the price.

In conclusion, Chord Company's C-jack is very affordable and will deliver significant sonic benefits over rival low-cost adapter cables. **NR**

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PRICE
£50 for 1m, £40 for 0.75m, £70 for 3m

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