

# Chord Company

## C-lite optical cable

**AVAILABLE IN A** variety of lengths and terminated with various combinations of Toslink and mini-jack optical plugs, the version of C-lite Optical cable reviewed here is the 1m Toslink-to-Toslink.

This is an original Chord design that uses a wide bandwidth PMA optical cable with polished ends to improve transmission. The conductor is protected by an internal jacket of soft PVC and the cable is sheathed in a hard skin PVC outer jacket to provide enough flexibility to allow a reasonably tight bend radius without risk of damage to the conductor. The Chord C-lite is available in 1m, 2m, 3m, 5m, 8m and 10m lengths in both Toslink-to-Toslink and mini-jack-to-Toslink configurations. Lengths of 15cm and 30cm come in Toslink-to-mini-jack and mini-jack-to-mini-jack configurations to support portable equipment.

### Flexible friend

The C-lite is nicely made and is reasonably flexible for an optical cable. I connect it between a PrimaLuna ProLogue Eight Mk.2 CD player and an optical digital input of a Cambridge Audio Azur 851N acting as an external DAC. The quality of the Toslink plugs is very good and I experience no problems plugging them into my equipment. I kick off my listening tests with a CD of Addinsell's *Warsaw Concerto* played by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with Cristina Ortiz on the piano. The powerful opening really grabs my attention right from the start and as the piece progresses into the melodic theme, the beauty and refinement of the performance proves to be really quite captivating.

Playing a full orchestral recording of Hans Zimmer's *Wheel Of Fortune* demonstrates how well the C-lite



transports everything to the 851N, including the quieter sections of the piece and the powerful drums that propel you through the music. The slightly menacing section near the end of the track has lots of detail and all of the intricacies of the piece are very well conveyed.

This is a very nicely made and affordable optical cable that will suit most systems well. **NR**

#### DETAILS

**PRICE**  
£45 for a 1m cable  
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#### OUR VERDICT

