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Clearway Streaming Ethernet cable

WITHOUT DOUBT, THE best way to connect your streamer or digital music player to your network is via a cable connection and only a high-quality Ethernet will support the higher speeds required to transmit hi-res audio. This helps eliminate cable-induced jitter of the digital audio signal. The Clearway Streaming Ethernet cable has been designed to reduce the pick-up of external high-frequency noise that can result in such jitter, which the digital processor in the DAC then tries to correct, as it can result in unwanted degradation of the audio signal.

The cable contains four pairs of oxygen-free high-speed conductors, which are all individually shielded. There's an overall shield below the outer jacket to provide extra protection against high-frequency noise. The

insulation is a low-loss, low-density polyethylene. The cable is terminated with new RJ45 slim connectors with zinc connector jacket and 24ct. gold-plated signal contacts, and the connector is fastened using a non-compression strain relief system. 0.75m, 3m, 5m, 10m, 15m and 20m lengths are also available.

Take the strain

I use the cable to connect a Cambridge Audio Azur 851N network player to my gigabit switch. The cable is well made and the slim connectors are superior to the usual all-plastic RJ45 plugs fitted to standard computer-grade Ethernet cables that squeeze the wires for strain relief. The plugs are easy to click into the RJ45 ports on both the sockets on my Azur 851N and the network switch.



With a 24-bit/192kHz WAV file of Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No.5* played by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, all of the piano's detail is very real and present in my listening room. The orchestral backing is open and full throughout while the bass is well controlled and very much what I have come to expect from this excellent recording.

This is a great-quality Ethernet cable at the price, offering everything you could want for connecting high-quality audio equipment to your music network. **NR**

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PRICE
£130 for 1.5m

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