

# Chord Company

## C-USB cable

**TO CATER FOR** those of you that use phones, tablets and laptops as a music source, Chord Company has now added a selection of USB-C cables to its range of C Series cost-effective interconnects.

Although this is the budget-friendly option, it offers distinct improvements over standard cables. A low-quality lead will potentially cause negative effects on the digital signal, which can result in errors that the DAC has to then correct. Although these errors are less important for computer connections, they invariably introduce jitter and other issues that will degrade the audio signal.

The cable features high-purity heavy-gauge oxygen-free silver-plated conductors that are insulated with a high-density dielectric. It is screened with lapped foil shielding to provide good protection from high-frequency interference. The cable is terminated

with a USB-C connector at one end and either a USB-A, USB-B or USB-C at the other. These are precision gold-plated to prevent tarnishing and other forms of corrosion. It is finished in a white outer sheath and is available in lengths from 0.5m to 3m.

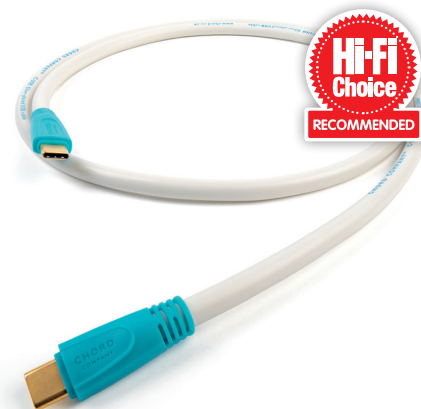
### Rich and full

I use the USB-B-to-USB-C variant to connect a Samsung mobile phone to a Furutech ADL Stratos DAC and then play a WAV of Charles Avison's *Concerto Grosso No.10 in D major*, from my phone. The sound quality is surprisingly good and I find myself enjoying a very rich and full presentation. The double basses are well controlled and the top end is clear and precise.

I then use the USB-C-to-USB-C cable to connect the phone to my car and play an MP3 file of Lyn Stanley

singing *Blue Moon* from her album *Black Dress Ballads*. The soundstage is very good, given that I am listening in the car, and Stanley's vocals are very clear and real. The robust connectors provide a reliable connection, which I have not always experienced with some of the USB-C leads that I have used in the past.

Overall, the C-USB is a very well-made product with excellent quality connectors and is a real step up compared with many cheaper computer-grade USB cables. **NR**



### DETAILS

**PRICE**  
£70 for 1m

**WEBSITE**  
chord.co.uk

**OUR VERDICT**

