

Tara Labs Prism Nexa

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The Prism Nexa looks quite conventional, with two quite stiff insulated conductors and a round section outer sheath finished in a neutral grey tint. Specific claims for this cable concern the 'super annealing' process, which gives the copper conductor a very long grain crystalline structure, and a novel dielectric called Aerospace Polyethylene, which is extruded at an unusually low temperature, with what is claimed to be less effect on the conductor.

Music from the Prism Nexa is creamy and polished, though not very tactile, and it perceptibly rolls off in the extreme treble. Overall, though, this is a very sweet and enjoyable cable - the bass seems almost to float on a cushion of air.

A Ravel test recording sounded more impressionistic than ever, though some rock recordings were distinctly laid back. The bottom line is that this is a cable to buy for its warmth and subtlety rather than for its dynamic range.