

FURUTECH

HiFi Choice (UK) – ADL Formula 2

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Furutech Formula 2 USB cable

Furutech has established itself as the go-to brand for connectors and is making good headway with its electronics, so it's not surprising that the company has moved into the latest generation of digital interconnect.

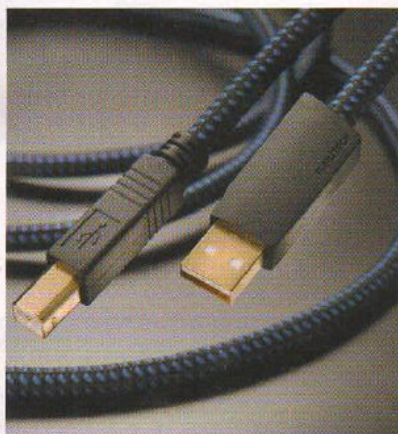
Formula 2 is Furutech's entry-level USB cable and comes in three variants depending on which USB plug you need, I had a 5m sample of the USB A to B type that works with most DACs. The cable is built with silver-plated OFC conductors and a three-layer shield with high-density polyethylene insulation, it comes wrapped in a blue braid and the plugs are Furutech-engineered gold-plated types.

Sound quality

Used to connect my iMac to a Resolution Audio Cantata DAC, the Furutech delivers a well-controlled but revealing sound that is strong on detail, dynamics and timing in the context of a relaxed presentation. It's not as sharp at timing as The Chord Company's like-priced competitor Silver Plus, which is also a little better at projecting an image into the room, I feel.

The flipside of this is that when the musical going gets dense the Furutech remains calm under fire; it is intrinsically neutral and there is never a sense of congestion. You can easily follow different instruments in an ensemble, be it a quartet or a brass-backed electric band and this indicates that distortion is very low.

This is a well made USB cable that represents a major upgrade on standard types and will suit those who enjoy their music in full effect. Yes, that means loud! *JK*



DETAILS

PRICE: £70 (0.5M)

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