

FURUTECH

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GROUP TEST

ADL Formula 2
Made by: Furutech Co. Ltd, Japan
Supplied by: Sound Foundations
Telephone: 01276 501 392
Web: www.furutech.com
Price: £82/1.8m

AUDIO FILE

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Made by: Kimber Kable, USA
Supplied by: Russ Andrews Accessories Ltd
Telephone: 01539 797300
Web: www.kimber.com
Price: £60/1.5m

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Constructed rather like a four-core version of one of its analogue interconnects, Furutech's Formula 2 USB cable also employs multistranded Alpha-OFC conductors, one 28-gauge pair for the differential data and a 24-gauge pair for ground and power. The data lines are distinguished by their silver-plating and superior HDPE dielectric and additional aluminium foil screen.

All four cores are shielded via a braid and inner foil wrap, although such arrangements are typically discouraged by EMI design guidelines (for full speed cables, at least) due to the series inductance of the

drain wire. Nevertheless we couldn't fault the build quality or termination of its 24k gold-plated USB connectors. Furutech's ADL Formula 2 is clearly built to last.

BASS TEXTURE

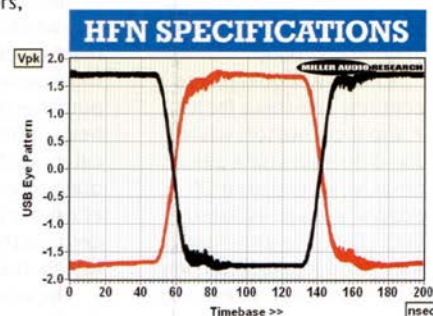
In terms of its very tidy musical presentation, its very well-balanced and comfortable sound, Furutech's ADL Formula 2 is a subjective match for Kimber's Copper. Neither cable provides an over-hyped bass, strident treble or exaggerated sense of drama.

By way of example, The Eagles' 'Hotel California' was eminently 'listenable' but neither was it especially

'live-sounding' – the audience air-brushed into the recesses of the soundstage.

Its bass, however, played directly into the hands of our resident B&W 802 monitors, allowing us to hear the subtlest differences in bass textures without sacrificing any weight or energy. As one listener remarked, 'It was easy to pitch the notes and describe the character of double-bass (Oscar Peterson), the ensemble working to deliver great musical intensity without sounding, well, intense.'

This is a good all-rounder at an agreeable price.



Sound Quality: 80%

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