

Tellurium Q

Black II RCA interconnect



WHEN CREATING ITS cables Tellurium Q prioritises research that focuses on the nature of electric signals, physical phenomena and choice of materials. The Black II is an evolution of the Black interconnect and features a number of design changes, the details of which the company is keeping under its belt as it wants the performance to speak for itself. The price remains unchanged from its predecessor and for review purposes, we have both the original Black and new Black II.

After connecting the original Black interconnect between my valve phono stage and valve preamp, I start off with some cool jazz music from German harpist Jonny Teupen. His version of Handel's *Harp Concerto In B Flat Major* starts conventionally enough, but when the double bass, drums and scat female vocals join in the music soon transforms into

energetic jazz. Each instrument occupies its own well-defined position within the spacious soundstage. I then swap to the Black II and immediately sense an increase in the size of the soundstage with a feeling of more space around each player, which really contributes to the realism of the performance. The music is reproduced with superb clarity and precision.

Black magic

Leaving the Black II in place, I play Bach's *Cello Suite No.1 In G Major* from Chasing The Dragon's recently released audiophile boxed *JS Bach Cello Suites*. Right from the opening bars, the *Prelude* really grabs my attention. The presence of the cello in my listening room is quite incredible



and all the detail of the instrument, together with the acoustics of the church where the recording was made, are brilliantly conveyed by the Black II interconnect. If I close my eyes, the music is exactly as I remember it when I heard it at the actual recording sessions in person.

As a definite step-up from the original Black interconnect, the new and improved Black II really serves up sophisticated performances that are very involving and refined throughout, making this new interconnect even better value for money. **NR**

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£285 for 1m
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OUR VERDICT

