



CRYSTAL CABLE PICCOLO CABLES

Reviewed by Roy Gregory



"Less is more", is an aphorism that crops up with alarming regularity when it comes to hi-fi, more often in optimism than in reflection of the facts. But when it comes to the vexed question of cables, then physically at least, it's definitely hard to get less than you do with Crystal's Piccolos – or to get more music than they deliver at the price. Nor are these simply stock conductors pared back to the bare minimum or "me too" designs, following a trend. Instead, they apply unique metallurgy (shared only with their Siltech stable-mates), kapton insulation (which I've yet to find in any other cable) and consistent conductor geometry across a range that embraces every conceivable (non-optical) configuration, from power cords to iPod cables. Add in the excellent Crystal distribution block and a readily available upgrade path via the other cables in the range, which also use the same materials and basic configuration, and you've got a product that takes the pain out of cabling your system. Engaging, fluid and unfailingly musical, there's nothing hyped, false or exaggerated about the Piccolos. They make beautiful music based on the music's beauty – and sound, for all the world, like they love doing it. We love what they do too. Install them in place of those heavy-weight, mix and match cables you've been using for years and you'll be falling in love as well.

Price: Various

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