

Nordost

Norse 2 bi-wire jumpers



IF YOUR AMPLIFIER doesn't support bi-wiring or if your wallet doesn't stretch to running double strands of good-quality cables to your speakers, these jumpers offer a viable and affordable alternative.

Bi-wireable loudspeakers usually have low-cost metal links installed for use with single-output amplifiers. The Nordost Norse 2 is made from a silver-plated 99.99999 percent solid-core OFC conductor wrapped in a spiral of micro mono-filament, which is then covered in an outer layer of FEP insulation. The jumpers are cut to a specific, mechanically tuned length for optimum performance and low loss. They can be supplied with either gold-plated spade connectors or Z-plug banana plugs.

The review samples are fitted with spade connectors at both ends and have a thick heat-shrink insulation that extends neatly over the spades.

Playing Eleanor McEvoy's *The Meeting Of The Waters* from *Forgotten Dreams*, the duet on the piano played by McEvoy and accompanist Damon Butcher blends beautifully with her husky vocals, while *Carolan's Concerto* with McEvoy on violin and Butcher on piano has great energy and clarity.

Jump start

Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* performed by the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam, sees the powerful opening move quickly into a

gentle section played on solo violin. As the piece builds to a climax with the whole orchestra joining in, the amazing dynamics and deep bass are elegantly reproduced as the jumpers do a great job of conveying this power to my loudspeakers.

The Norse 2 may not be the cheapest jumper, but it matches its task very well, offering all the refinement you would expect from a set of high-end cables and so is a sensible upgrade to the metal links fitted to so many speakers. **NR**

DETAILS

PRICE
£160 for a pair
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OUR VERDICT

