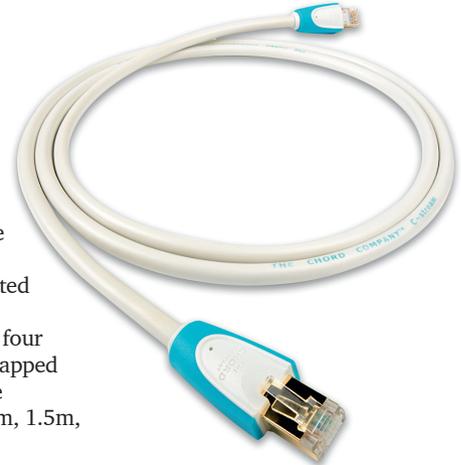


# Chord Company

## C-stream Ethernet cable



**AUDIOPHILES REALISE THE** quality of the audio signal is influenced by many factors – not only within the analogue domain, but also the digital one. It is, therefore, important not to neglect the quality of digital interconnect cables, including those connecting your streamer to your local area network.

Following the update of its analogue cable range, Chord Company has now launched a new range of Ethernet cables, some of which incorporate its proprietary Tuned Array cable-tuning technology. All the cables are designed to bring noticeable sonic benefits and maximise the performance of DACs, transports and high-quality Ethernet-enabled audio components. The cable here is the C-stream entry-level Ethernet cable.

The C-stream has gold-plated signal contacts with an over-moulded plug surround with a non-compression

cable strain relief. Inside the cable are OFC conductors and low-density polyethylene insulation. The twin conductors are precisely twisted with each pair featuring an overwrapped foil shield. The four pairs are additionally overwrapped with a further foil shield. The C-stream is available in 0.75m, 1.5m, 3m, 5m and 10m lengths.

### Stream lover

This cable is certainly well made and the connectors are noticeably superior in construction to the usual all-plastic RJ45 plugs that are often fitted to Ethernet cables and which squeeze the cable for strain relief. The C-stream, on the other hand, has a firm plastic clip and a gold-plated metal screen around the pins. As expected, the plugs are really easy to click into the RJ45 sockets on both

my Squeezebox Touch and my network hub.

When I play music streamed from my PC, I can clearly detect a subtle improvement in spatial positioning of instruments, compared with a standard computer Ethernet cable. I attribute this to the minimisation of cable-induced jitter, which can so easily be introduced through cables that have poor or non-existent screening. Nice one Chord! **NR**

#### DETAILS

**PRICE**  
£40 for a 0.75m cable, up to £90 for a 10m cable

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