

Chord Company

Sarsen speaker cable

APART FROM SOUNDING great, the cables that connect your power amp to your speakers often have to be routed inconspicuously around the edges of a carpet. Therefore, something that can handle the power from the amplifier has to be balanced with a cable that is both flexible and thin.

Loudspeaker cables don't get much more discreet than the Sarsen, which combines a clever mixture of materials to produce a high-performance speaker cable with a diameter of less than 4mm. Chord says not to let the diminutive size of the cables fool you. The company believes that when the correct choice of materials is used for the construction of the cables, then the result can be a tight bass that is well defined and properly tuneful, thus giving the music a real sense of drive and rhythm.

The Sarsen uses FEP (Fluorinated Ethylene Propylene) conductor insulation, housed in a 3.8mm white PVC jacket. Chord notes that the right choice of insulation makes a big difference to performance. The conductors comprise two 18 AWG multi-stranded oxygen-free copper in a twisted-pair configuration.

Bananas and spades

The cable can be terminated in 24 karat gold-plated banana plugs, direct gold-plated copper spade connectors or BFA Camcon connectors. Banana plugs are fitted to the sample on review here. As with all good-quality cables, directionality is important and the correct connection from the amplifier to the speakers is marked with small arrows on the heatshrink that is fitted to the ends of the cables and banana plugs.



In use, I find that the Sarsen delivers a very clean and open sound to my loudspeakers. Bass response does not feel constrained either. In no way do I get the feeling that the output from my amplifier is being squeezed through restrictive conductors.

So if you really have a problem with the size of a speaker cable, but don't want to compromise on performance, the Sarsen is well worth considering – and represents great value for money too. **NR**

DETAILS

PRICE
£8 per metre, plus
£96 for 8 banana
plug terminations

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OUR VERDICT

