

Black Rhodium

Overture mains power cable

BASED ON THE design principles of Black Rhodium's Charleston mains power cable, the Overture has a simplified design and uses less components. As a result, it costs over half of the price.

The Overture employs carefully selected and cryogenically treated conductor wires and is damped to minimise distortion from externally induced physical vibrations. It is a screened power cable and contains several layers of braided metal shielding to minimise the effects of external RFI. It is sheathed in a flexible black material and is quite flexible for such a meaty mains lead. It weighs 715g and is supplied in a length of 1.7m – the size that Black Rhodium considers offers the best sound quality. It is fitted with an MS HD audiophile-grade UK mains plug at one end and BR's own

rhodium-plated IEC C13 connector at the other. It can also be supplied fitted with Power Schuko or UL plugs and IEC C19 sockets.

Power ranger

After fitting the Overture to the power supply of my valve phono stage and valve preamp in place of a standard 'kettle' lead, I'm immediately aware of an improvement from my system. Playing a Chasing The Dragon LP of Rimsky Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol* performed by the National Symphony Orchestra, the powerful finale has a significantly greater impact and clarity. When I revert to a kettle lead, the sound from each instrument is slightly more blurred. Switching back to the Overture improves the sense of realism and, as a result, I have a greater involvement with both the music and performance. I am able to perceive a noticeable improvement to



the imaging and clarity when listening to Giuliani's *Op.30* guitar concerto played by Karl Scheit with the Chamber Orchestra of Vienna. I also have the impression that the music is lifted further from the background silences between tracks.

The Overture power cable is a beautifully made high-end mains option that offers real sonic improvements over standard cables supplied with audio equipment. **NR**

DETAILS

PRICE
£1,200 for 1.7m

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OUR VERDICT

