



**Brit classic**  
Rega revamps popular  
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Bluetooth headphone



# Hi-Fi Choice

**PASSION FOR SOUND**

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## Rock star!

**EXCLUSIVE:** Roksan's blak series integrated amp is a smash hit

**WIN!**  
Leema  
Acoustics' hub worth  
£1,695

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**PRODUCTS ON TEST:**

Astell&Kern, DALI,  
Marantz, Oppo,  
Spendor & Yamaha

**Dealer visit**

Three real-world setups  
to make your music sing



ROKSAN blak INTEGRATED AMPLIFIER



**GROUP TEST**

**Portable perfection**

Six hi-res music players fight  
it out for sonic supremacy



**Technics micro**  
Stylish CD system with  
24/192 & DSD playback



## IsoTek EVO3 Initium power cable

**OPALESCENT GREEN IS** not a colour that one would usually associate with a mains cable, but it does look rather good on the new EVO3 Initium. This is IsoTek's entry-level power cable, designed to offer a high-quality performance at an extremely keen price.

The 1cm diameter cable consists of three 2mm<sup>2</sup> conductors arranged in a parallel construction with a slight rotational twist to reduce the effects of RFI and EMI. The conductors are made from 99.9999% oxygen-free copper (OFC) and insulated with a polyethylene (PE) dielectric. In order to reduce microphony and improve the internal strength, a cotton filler is used and a paper wrap secures the construction of all this prior to the application of the PVC opalescent green outer jacket. Together with the cotton filler, the paper wrap forms a buffer with the

PVC to maintain the overall dielectric properties of the cable. The cable is terminated in IsoTek's audiophile-grade moulded connectors featuring solid OFC conductors with robust nickel plating. The 13A mains plug is fitted with a 10A SEM fuse.

### Flex appeal

The EVO3 Initium has a nice, robust feel to it and is very flexible. The extra half metre over a standard 1m cable is useful, easily accommodating the longest runs in my hi-fi rack.

When connected to my valve preamp power supply, it certainly improves the clarity of the sound and there's a noticeable step up in the quality of instrument focus. In addition, the background seems quieter and the bass is more extended and fuller sounding. The silences in the solo vocal of Todd Rundgren's *Wailing Wall* and the super-deep bass



### DETAILS

**PRICE**  
£65 for 1.5m cable  
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### OUR VERDICT



line demonstrates this particularly well. The EVO3 Initium is a great value for money cable that provides excellent build quality. **NR**