

# IsoTek

## Evo 3 Sequel mains cable

**AS A SPECIALIST** manufacturer of mains conditioners and filters, it is not too surprising to find that IsoTek has a partnering range of mains cables. The Evo 3 Sequel is on the second rung of a range of four and is double the price of the entry-level Premier cable. Internally the Sequel has a fair bit in common with its sibling, as both are built around a trio of individually shielded silver-plated 99.9999% OFC conductors.

Where the Sequel differs is in terms of the shielding and jacket for the cable. The cable still uses cotton as a filler (not least because it is extremely effective), but wraps this with a mylar coating prior to the jacket being applied. The jacket itself is a more complex affair with an earthed OFC shield inside a PVC outer. While there is extra material used in the cable, the Sequel

remains usefully flexible and has fairly sensible exterior dimensions making it easy enough to fit in a tight space. It is also 50cm longer than a Premier which may or may not be useful to you.

### Refined taste

Using the Sequel, interchanging with a Premier into a Naim ND5 XS (*HFC 352*) streamer – the most receptive of items I use for mains treatment – highlights that the revisions to the cable lend the Naim a smoother and more refined performance than without. Listening to the boisterous *Colour Map Of The Sun* by Pretty Lights with the Sequel in place give the performance a control and refinement that is otherwise lacking. There is no sense of smoothing off or loss of fine detail, simply there is more signal and less noise. Using the Sequel with a Naim Supernait 2 and



Avid Pellar phono stage (*HFC 363*) yields slightly less distinctive results, although there's still the same over-riding impression of extra refinement without affecting detail.

The differences between the Sequel and the Premier are never going to be as pronounced as those between a bundled cable and an entry-level one, but the Sequel is well built and keenly priced and gives source equipment in particular a performance boost. **ES**

### DETAILS

**PRICE**  
£200

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### OUR VERDICT

