

Xtreme Cables User Testimonials

“My system has primarily been centered around large speakers that produce great bass without any sacrifice what so ever in accuracy. Essentially a large speaker that sounds like a mini monitor until the first bass note hits. Detail and resolution are a key element in my listening tastes; I want to hear every nuance in the music yet maintain the body and texture of the music.

Until I experienced Xtreme Cables, I thought that I had the finest cables in existence to obtain the sound that I wanted from my Music and home theater systems. I have tested Cardas, Tara Labs, Nordost and ZCable to name just a few. All of these cables had their strengths, but none of them could get me the openness and sense of space that I felt existed in a live listening experience.

The first few bars of music that I heard after putting in just one set of Xtreme Cables, I knew that I had something special. There was a huge sense of space, the placement of instruments that we read about in Audio Publications I had finally experienced. The artist was now closer and pinpoint; images were large but not over exaggerated or stretched; there was a sense of space behind the artist that was not there at all with my other reference cables.

Detail came from nowhere... it just was not there before! The breath of an artist... it wasn't there with my reference cables. You read about quietness and a low noise floor... well the floor fell out! There was no floor. What was there is totally black... black that seemed to have no boundaries. I was totally in awe as I sat in my normal listening position – with goose bumps for the first time in literally years. I finally had a cable that had wonderful detail and still maintained the midrange texture and full-bodied sound that I wanted. There was no compromise, something that I had to deal with in all of my reference cables.

I immediately got on the phone and contacted Brian at Xtreme Cables, as I needed a 3-meter set to run from my preamp to my amps. After a long conversation and a great deal of help from Brain, he had me a set on the way. Installing the second set was as much as an improvement as the first. I could not believe it! As I normally sit alone listening... I wanted someone to hear this... someone to witness the sound and experience the musical involvement coming from my speakers. The sound was like nothing I have ever thought was possible with modern playback equipment and cabling. My music had so much life and sense of realism, I could literally listen for hours and be totally consumed in the music. It was no longer thrust toward me... it was enveloping and emotional. I changed disc after disc, reference CD's that I have used for years... yet it was as if I were hearing them for the first time. Notes that weren't there, the fingering of a sax, the breath of the artist, all appeared as though they were just waiting to be extracted.

In one word... UNBELIEVABLE!!! Unless I had experienced this myself, I would not have believed that an audio cable alone could make this much difference. In the past, I have changed components that didn't make this much of an improvement.

Kenan Noble's Follow-up Email: Since I emailed you after first listening to your cables, the X4's have really broken in. When I sent you the first email about their initial sound, I was so ecstatic about their performance that I didn't take into account that they perhaps needed some additional break in. They sounded so good initially that I totally overlooked their potential after break in. Well it has been a couple of months now, and the X4's are sounding even better!!! My system has never sounded this open and realistic.

After talking to a good friend of mine that owns a high-end store about your cables, he volunteered to let me audition a pair of Audioquest's reference Interconnects, the Sky's. These cables are priced at \$1800.00 per meter, and are the reference Interconnects of the store in Lubbock – and of their employees as well. They only recently discovered the Sky's and replaced Tara Labs Zero's in their reference listening room with the Sky's.

I received the Sky's and immediately put them in my system for break in. After several days of constant music through the Audioquest's, it was time to listen. They Sky's were open, but they did not have that totally black presentation that the X4's did. The Sky's also seemed to have slightly tighter bass, but not as much. The Sky's seem to make images smaller and less rounded, maybe more defined, but to a point where I felt like the images were too small. The Sky's were very detailed, but I didn't get that sense of no boundaries, and the music seemed to have a stopping point or sense of confinement.

After going back and forth on numerous reference tracks, I still prefer the X4's to the AudioQuest Sky's. The Sky's are a great Interconnect, and they would work well in most every system, but they lack that totally black, no noise floor that the X4's have. The X4's have that micro-detail that I have never experienced with any other Interconnect, including the Sky's. The X4's seem to have no boundaries... no limitations front to back or side to side... an unlimited open space. I never knew that this kind of sound could be obtained until I experienced the X4's. Brian, I think you are on to something... and for what you are asking for them... they are an absolute steal!!! Next, from what you told me about how the X4 Speaker Cables open up the music equally as much as the X4 Interconnects, I need to try them. Let me know when you can send a 6-foot set!!!!"

DVD Player:	Esoteric DV 50S	Subwoofer:	Montana Custom 18"Sub
Processor:	Theta Casablanca II	Rear Speakers:	B&W 602's
Preamp:	Pass Labs X1	Center & Rear Amp:	Adcom 5503
Amplifiers:	Pass Labs X600 Monoblocks	Subwoofer Amp:	NAD 218
Main Speakers:	Montana KAS	Television:	Pioneer Elite 64" Projection
Center Speaker:	Montana Custom EPX		

Kenan Noble - Dalhart, TX

"I have tried lots of high end cables, and kind of settled with the Nordost Valkyrja interconnects (at \$2,000 per meter). Brian's Xtreme Cable Interconnects are truly amazing – and I tend to favor the X2 Silver Interconnects in my system. Other Interconnects I have tried include the Kimber Select 1030, Pure Note Cerulean, AudioQuest Sky, Cardas Golden Reference, Synergistic Research Reference, Nordost Quattro Fil, Nordost Valkyrja and the Nordost Valhalla.

The X2 Silver Interconnect is dramatically more open; the soundstage grew bigger with better placement of the instruments; and is much more quiet with extension on top and bottom. It's a more neutral cable. At times, I do miss the sweet sound of the Nordost Valkyrja, which has a colored sound, but still very pleasant to listen to.

The X4 Speaker Cables have the same sonic signature. When comparing the X4 Silver/Copper Hybrid Speaker Cables to the Kimber Select 3035 (at \$3,500 per set), the Kimber 3035 sounds muddy, compressed and noisy – with a more 2-dimensional soundstage. The Xtreme Cables I have tried are great cables for the money – and definitely worth a lot more than what he is asking for them!"

Khoi Tran - Fountain Valley, CA

“I have received your X5 cable on Wednesday of this week. And even though I quickly auditioned them during the week, this weekend gave me the opportunity to put them to the test. And I can say with some certainty that these cables are amazing products! Initially it was so different from what I have come to expect performance wise from my system, that I did not appreciate how these cables just let the music come through without coloration. As audiophile goes, sometimes we come pre-disposition to a certain type of sound and anything outside that realm of that normalcy tends to be quickly dismissed as incorrect or just plain old wrong. WELL, IN THIS CASE I WAS WRONG...IN A BIG WAY!!!

From the X5's I heard absolutely zero time smear in the bass frequencies, the best high airy and open highs of the series, and killer 3-D like soundstage. It was truly the first time I heard images just POP into a 3-D relief separate from the background. And once hearing that, it is something no one could or would be willing to live without! If possible, I would like to get the X4 again and try the combo of the X4/X5 in the system. If things gel well there I will be ordering a 3-meter pair for my system. Thanks for lifting my listening experience to a higher level!!”

Aaron Hardy's Follow-up Email: Thanks for sending me the X4 Silver/Copper Hybrid and the X5 Gold/Silver Hybrid Interconnects for evaluation. Things are going fine, except the X5 1.0-meter length I requested was too short for evaluation in my system. However, I still think that the only way to go would be to run another X5 between my Brinkman preamp and power amplifier. In the context on my setup, the X4, although an excellent cable overall, seems to tip my system a bit more towards the highs rather than presenting a completely neutral sound. Plus, I have to say, I am in love with X5 Gold's ability to expose the macro and micro levels of details without being obvious... and it's ability to let the music play...period. So when you get an opportunity, just email me the cost of the 3.0-meter X5 Single ended Interconnects... and I'll make the payment arrangements. Thanks again.”

Aaron Hardy - Puyallup, WA

“Thanks for sending the X5 Xtreme Cable Interconnects. I can't say enough about the X5 Xtremes! For the past two days, I've been test-driving them on every point and category I can think of – and they perform superbly! The X5 Xtremes blew right past my AudioQuest Cheetahs in every way! I'm getting all my friends to throw out whatever they're using now and pick up the X5 Xtremes. Thanks for a fresh new sound!!!”

Tim - WA

“I have the X2 (Silver), X4 (Silver Copper/Hybrid) and the X5 (Gold/Silver Hybrid) evaluation Interconnects in my car... and I'll ship them to Craig today. It's weird, after I remove all of your Xtreme Cables, I can't seem to enjoy my system at all with the older ICs that I have. I ended up tearing my system apart last night so I didn't have to worry about audio for a while until I get my new Supratek preamp. I'll let you know when the Supratek gets delivered so I can try (and most likely buy) your X4 cables to use with it. Hopefully, it won't be very long :-)”

Long Ho - Broomfield, CO

“After listening to some of Brian’s earlier Xtreme Cables interconnect prototypes, about 8 months later, I called Brian one night to see how the cable business was going. The first thing he said was, “Dude”, you got to hear these new cables! The production model cables I’m offering now will take you deeper into the music and offer much more extended highs – and bring out the lower to mid-bass that was missing in my earlier prototype cables. I said, “Convince me”. On that note about three days later, his now in production model X4’s and X5’s showed up at my door.

I must say, I did not know how much of the overtones from a Piano or an Acoustic Guitars I was not getting from my system until I tried the X4 or the X5. All I can say is, “WOW”. I sat emotionally involved with my system for several hours and had a grin from ear to ear. It seemed that with each CD I played, I was rediscovering them all over again. What I mean to say is that I was getting music from my CD’s that I’d never experienced before. I found the X5 to be about 20% lighter in the lower bass and feel; although this has something to do with the way my system is set up. Since I do not use a preamp, and I run my source direct to my amp, I believe I may lose a little lower end bass if I don’t have copper wire in the chain. But that’s just what the X4 offers, as it is a Hybrid production made up of both Silver and Copper conductors – where as the X5 is made up of Silver and Gold conductors.

If you have been looking for that interconnect that will transform your system into a room of music with a deep sound stage – and have the singer breathing in your ear – then you really should give these cables a listen. I do not believe you will find this quality of natural performance in any other interconnects being marketed today – especially at Xtreme Cable’s attractive prices!”

Mark Walker - Puyallup, WA

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