

# True Colours Industries

## Herald Constrictor mains cable

**AS AN UPGRADE** to the 'kettle leads' usually supplied with audio equipment, the Herald Constrictor is TCI's entry-level mains cable from its Constrictor range. The company has been making reasonably priced audio equipment cables since 1997 and the Herald offers a degree of filtering due to its design, which uses eight cores of PE-insulated, silver-plated, oxygen-free copper conductors to act as a natural filter to eliminate mains interference. The cable is finished in a brown protective PVC outer jacket and terminated with high-quality TCI-engineered UK mains and IEC connectors.

Connecting the Herald to the power supply of my valve preamp and phono stage, I spin an LP of Stravinsky's *The Firebird Suite* performed by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. The drum roll during the opening sequence is noticeably

fuller and deeper than with the kettle lead fitted. This is something that is felt rather than heard and the Herald has no problem conveying the power to the listener. The dynamics are excellent and the silences between the musical segments have an inky blackness that seems to vanish when the mains cable is swapped out again. In addition, the strings have greater clarity and focus.

### Perfect placement

Next up is a recording of *Don't Misunderstand* sung by Thelma Houston. This demonstrates the perfectly proportioned front-to-back positioning of the performers with the singer out in front and the instrumentalists playing behind. The sheer energy and enthusiasm of the performance is splendidly conveyed.

A lovely recording of Elgar's *Enigma Variations* with Vernon Handley

conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra shows off a great dynamic range with the Herald fitted. The sound of the violins manages to achieve that perfect balance of being both bright and lively, yet smooth, which is a tricky thing to get right. The Herald is great value for money and offers real sonic improvements over the mains cables supplied with audio equipment as standard. **NR**



### ► DETAILS

**PRICE**  
£100 for 1m cable;  
£160 for 2m

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### OUR VERDICT

