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The INTEGRATION HYBRID



A fascinating conjunction of different metals, this interconnect employs a completely new class of conductor based on unique production technology that combines several advanced processes. Extremely pure copper, zinc and silver are blended via complex technical processing, into a shiny gold-coloured conductor with an amorphous structure free from inter-crystalline boundaries. As per all vdH wires, it employs the company's Linear Structured Carbon technology; the core design is based on the highly acclaimed D-102 III Hybrid, but in the Integration, the two stranded metal cores have been replaced by four stranded Fusion Technology conductors in star quad configuration. Triple layered shielding is employed, and the gold coloured jacket is made of high performance, halogen free Hulliflex which is great to the touch and thankfully flexible too.

Although not the very best interconnect we've heard, this isn't far off and is cheap by comparison! It has an extremely self-effacing sound - the whole frequency spectrum, from bottom to top, is carried with almost no colouration. It's rhythmically very snappy and dynamically committed too - the overall effect being an extremely musically engaging interconnect that still manages to capture the original tonality and textuality of whatever music it plays. Compared to our reference LFD's Spirolink 3, it's just a touch on the bright side - but as this is the 'darkest', most neutral cable we've heard, this suggests the vdH is close to absolute neutrality, but with just a subtle touch of 'lighting' across the midband. Superb - users of most high performing real world hi-fi systems will simply never require anything better...

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