

SLiC Innovations

Eclipse C interconnect



BEING SOLD IN the UK via MCRU, SLiC Innovations is a brand new cable company. Often, these come and go like ships in the night, so does the world really need another?

Well, perhaps. The first encouraging sign is it is well made and terminated, standing up to the rigours of a reviewer's system where wires are constantly being pulled out and pushed in.

SLiC is rather bashful about 'sharing' any details about the cable. It will not specify what's inside, aside from the fact that its name stands for Super Low Interference Cable, and it sets out to "drastically reduce signal disturbances created when current flows through conductors". The manufacturer says it has been optimised to work across an ultra-wide frequency range, up to 300MHz – so it should cope with CD's 20kHz nicely, then! The price is a not

inconsiderable £492 for a 1m run, with £75 per extra half metre from then on. Other terminations and lengths are available; for details see www.slicinnovations.co.uk.

Total Eclipse of the heart

I have heard umpteen mid-price cables this year, but can't help but be impressed with the Eclipse C. Initial impressions are that it's unearthing vast amounts of detail, throwing out large amounts of bass and has a lovely swing to it. UB40's superb *Signing Off* is on another level to the band's later more commercial fare, but is not a great recording. But the SLiC seems to unearth an extra half octave of bass and make it sound wonderfully fluid and bouncy. It's so detailed that it also pulls out all kinds of hum and analogue tape print-through sounds out of the mix that

I've not heard before. This is startling for a £500 cable, it's usually wires twice the price that dig this deep.

Tonally, it is superb. Smooth but never bland, it handles the slightly edgy vocals on 4hero's *Give In* with aplomb. Vocals sound searingly transparent yet tonally smooth and dark. Soundstaging and depth perspective is excellent, low level detailing is beyond reproach and the way it plays music in a rhythmic, dynamically expressive way is compelling. Don't be put off by the company's lack of pedigree, this brilliant cable will soon win it a great reputation. **DP**

DETAILS

PRICE
£492 per 1m
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OUR VERDICT

