Experiment between hub and streamer

Ethernet cable with improved transient characteristics and improved sense of air in the field

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Hidden Treasure Cat7 Ethernet Cable by Audience

The audience is an American manufacturer, whose history dates back to 1972.

The company develops and manufactures for the Loudspeakers that combine with full-range units and passive radiators, also the various Cables and the Power conditioners.

I have previously interviewed Mr. John McDonald, who presides over it. He is a music lover, an audio files and a very friendly person.

One of the new products is a LAN cable. Category 7 Ethernet cable with RJ45 terminals.

To briefly introduce the specifications, there are 4 sets of conductors made of 23 AWG single wire copper twisted pair. The shield also pays attention to EMI, RF, and noise and crosstalk of the system itself such as routers and hubs. When I bend it, it certainly feels taut, and it feels like a middle wire between a single wire and a twisted wire. Not so thick but solid structure. The terminals also look like those of a well-established manufacturer.

The test was conducted using my home reference system. It is connected between the switching hub and the streamer (blue sound NODE2i).

This time, I listened to both 50 cm (actually 64cm from end to end of the terminal) and 2.0m, but the first thing that impressed me was the strong energy, high density, and strong sense of substance. The tendency is clear, drawing a clear warm storage, and the outline of the sound is clear. The sound is also good.

Clapton's "Unplugged" applause is moderately loose, and the timbre is highly reproducible. The applause itself feels like a human palm, but at the same time, the acoustic guitar and metal percussion make you feel the texture of each.

The S/N feeling is also quite good, but 2.0m was better at expressing a quieter feeling. The rising transient is also quite good. The feeling of air and presence at the site was also high.

It felt like a remarkable product as a cable in this field.