



CrystalCable®

Art Series



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"Music... is the shaping of the invisible."

– Leonardo da Vinci –

Crystal Cable - bridging art, music and engineering

Since the advent of audio cables in the late nineteen seventies, interconnects, loudspeaker cables and power leads have been getting larger, heavier, harder to handle – and less easy on the eye.

Although their sound has improved markedly over the years, other considerations have fallen by the wayside. Until the launch of Crystal Cable in 2004, that is...

This exclusive premium brand was conceived with the express aim of delivering the finest possible performance in the most attractive and easy-to-use package. No longer did cables need to spoil the look of the hi-fi systems they were made for.

To achieve superlative sonic performance, Crystal Cable products use the very latest and best conductor, shielding and insulation materials, packaged together in a visually attractive way that doesn't compromise on sound.

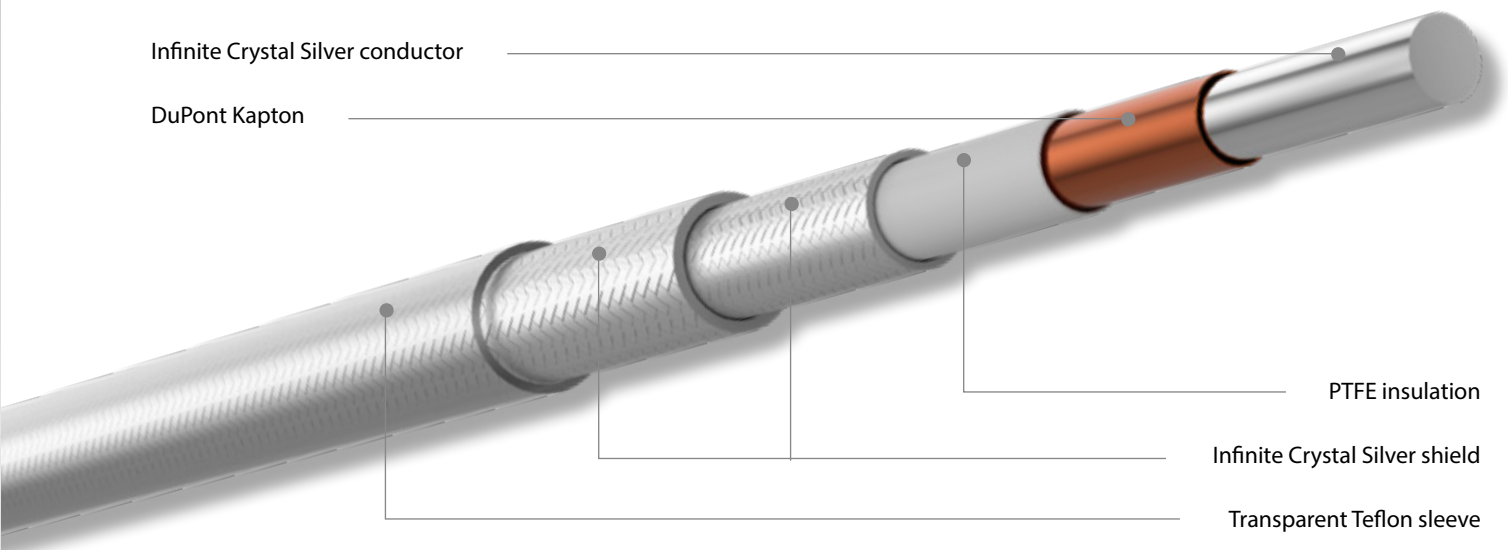
Using our finest, custom-designed, Infinite Crystal Silver (ICS) conductors, set inside DuPont Kapton and PTFE insulation, the spectacular sonic results are clear to hear. The performance is sublime, capturing the music's power, scale and emotion in all its glory.

The Art Series is the flagship range in the brand's line-up, with sound quality to match. Yet it's also beautiful to look at, and far more flexible than rival designs which are often too unwieldy for domestic listening environments.

The range comprises three cable families – Monet, van Gogh, and da Vinci. Each is named after an artist who fathered an aesthetic revolution and set new standards of artistic expression. The Crystal Cable Art Series products do the same thing too, in the high-end hi-fi realm – taking you closer to the beauty and majesty of music, they personify the art of sound.

The heart of the Art Series: unique Crystal Cable construction

Art Series single coax cross-section view



Painting music with passion

Art Series is where advanced design, engineering and materials science are creatively and artfully combined to produce an exquisite looking product that reproduces music to the highest possible standard. Nothing else compares to its combination of superlative aesthetics, sheer ease of use and state-of-the-art performance – underpinned by Crystal Cable's unmatched engineering and bespoke technology.

Art Series is unique in the high end cable world, because it has been expressly designed to enhance the appearance of the music replay system that the cables will be used with – as well as its sonic performance.

This flagship range uses Crystal Cable's unique Infinite Crystal Silver (iCS) conductor, plus DuPont Teflon and PTFE insulation to deliver

unmatched sound quality, packaged into a cable that's unusually flexible and pliable – and therefore easy to use – and which also looks beautiful. The translucent jacket alludes to the glass-clear sound that it offers and a window to the music as the central conductor forms almost the entire cable.

The striking looks of Art Series are no happy accident. Instead, it's a case of form following function. Designed to perform without compromise, the cable only looks as it does because of the superlative materials used, and the ingenious way in which they are packaged together.

The range was conceived by Gabi Rynveld – a highly accomplished, classically trained female pianist with an eye for beauty and a singular vision to make a cable as easy on the eye, as it is on the

*"No one is an artist unless he carries his picture
in his head before painting it."*

– Claude Monet –



ear. Traditional audio cables tend to be very plain and technical looking, with aesthetics very much an afterthought.

Crystal Cables on the other hand, are fashioned for people's lives and their living environments. Yet they must perform to the very highest standards, with no compromises made to the overall sound quality. Gabi's unique aesthetic sensibility demanded that both style and performance had to be combined in a flawless package.

This makes Art Series ideal for the increasing number of high end hi-fi separates that seek to bring these two aspects together. Cost-no-object statement audio systems no longer need to have their appearance ruined by ugly, utilitarian looking interconnects, power cables and loudspeaker wires.

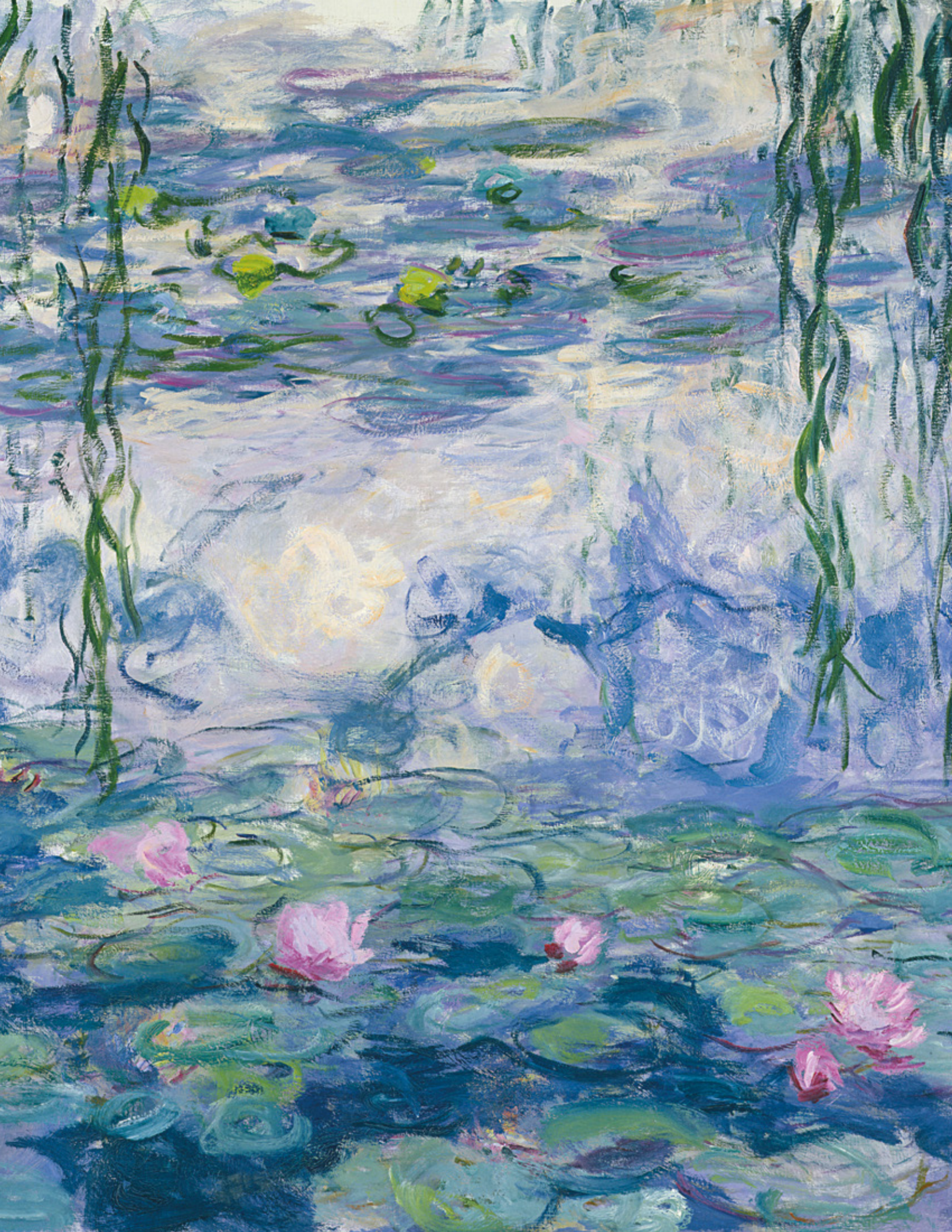
All the same, these are not mere fashion accessories. Rather, they are designed for people who are passionate about sound and who expect the very finest sonic results – as well as aesthetic beauty and ease of use.

A musical performance by an orchestra or band is only as good as the least able musician playing in it. In the same way, cables make or break the sound of a premium quality hi-fi system. This is why absolutely no compromises are made in the technical design of the Art Series.

"Visual art and music have a closer connection than written art", says Gabi. "Both musicians and hi-fi systems perform the role of translating music to the listener. As a concert pianist taking part in live performances, I have often felt like a bridge to the music for the audience. And, in a way, our cables serve the same function within a hi-fi system. There is a parallel."

Hi-fi cables are the bridge that makes it possible for a high end system to achieve its full potential, then. Only by understanding the science behind cable design can Crystal Cable build such a high performance product in such a small package. In other words, the artistry is in getting the balance right – while the science is knowing how to make this possible in the first place.







"I would like to paint the way a bird sings"

– Claude Monet –

The first cable in the Art Series range, Monet is – like its legendary impressionist painter namesake – a specialist in the use of light and colour. Its transparency illuminates the music, letting its natural warmth and lustre shine through. There is great delicacy too. Able to capture the gentleness and subtlety within a recording, Monet renders the grain of the human voice or the timbre of an orchestral instrument in all its natural glory.

The result is a cable that takes you uncannily close to the original performance, and communicates its real emotional feel. It unlocks recordings that you may previously have thought to be poor, and opens up great ones with new levels of detail.

Like the great French master, Crystal Cable's Monet has a magic to it that surpasses the work of its peers. It is amazing to hear such a full-bodied recreation of the musical event, from such a diminutive and unobtrusive cable.

This is only possible due to its use of our Infinite Crystal Silver (iCS) conductor – with even fewer impurities in this latest generation – and an improved insulation package. Our special spiral construction further optimises performance, as well as delivering very low ground impedance for stark dynamic contrasts.

Monet uses just two Infinite Crystal Silver (iCS) conductors, which makes it especially pliable – not just compared to cables further up our range, but compared to rival high end cables which tend to be far less user-friendly. It personifies the values of the Art Series – it's a beautiful, stylish and flexible design that delivers superlative sound.

Reflecting the diversity of modern hi-fi sources, Monet comes in a wide range of configurations, offering Network and USB types in addition to analog interconnect, power leads and loudspeaker cables.



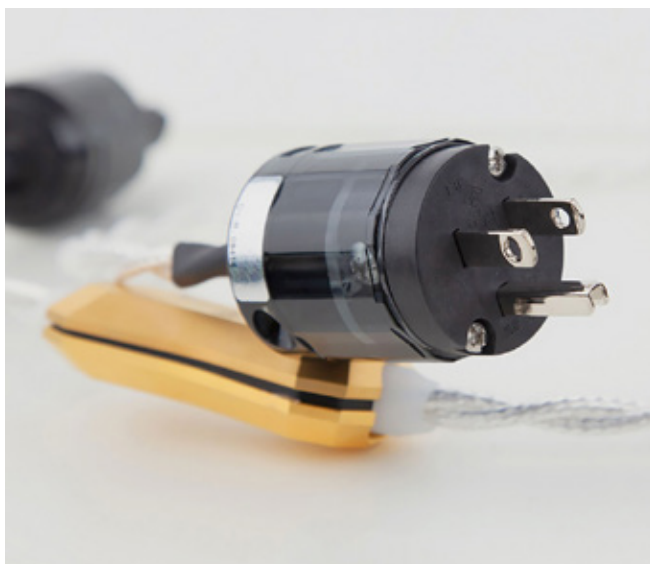
Monet Interconnect cable

In RCA form, this flexible, small-footprint analog interconnect uses one signal and one ground conductor made from our proprietary Infinite Crystal Silver (iCS), while the balanced XLR version uses twin conductors. DuPont Kapton and PTFE insulation get the best from the conductor metallurgy. The result is a cable with superb conductivity and ultra low distortion, for an exceptionally pure sound – all in an unobtrusive and aesthetically pleasing package.



Monet Speaker cable

A highly attractive yet super-discrete design, you won't want to hide Monet loudspeaker cable away – yet it's much easier to run under carpets or in walls if your domestic considerations dictate this. As with the rest of the range, the Infinite Crystal Silver (iCS) conductors, and DuPont Kapton and PTFE insulation package, deliver superlative sonic results. Excellent conductivity makes it particularly suited to long cable runs, too.



Monet Power cable

Considering its relatively compact form factor, this power cable packs an almighty punch. It uses a special twin triaxial configuration, with our proprietary Infinite Crystal Silver (iCS) and silver-plated copper, for the most effective performance possible at this price point. The iCS and silver-plated copper shielding minimises electrical interference, joining Kapton and PTFE insulation to further improve noise suppression. It delivers excellent sound quality, as a result.

Monet USB cable

Custom-designed to give the best possible signal transmission of digital audio between computers and DACs, this is also an attractive, compact and user-friendly package. Naturally, it uses our superb Infinite Crystal Silver (iCS) conductor in double twisted pair configuration with a single ground, plus silver-plated copper shielding and PTFE insulation. Monet USB is terminated with Type A and B connectors at either end.



Monet Network cable

This specialized application demands a unique configuration for the most reliable transfer of high frequency digital data. A twisted pair of Crystal Cable's own Infinite Crystal Silver (iCS) conductors is joined by dual-layer HF foil and silver-plated copper shielding with a silver-gold drain wire for improved conductivity, and premium PTFE insulation. Fully shielded RJ-45 connectors complete the picture. This compact yet beautiful cable delivers superb data integrity, for an audible improvement over other designs



Monet Speaker cable cross-section microscopic view







*"Great things are not done by impulse,
but by a series of small things brought together."*

– Vincent van Gogh –

Who doesn't adore the striking, vivid colours of Vincent van Gogh, and his bold and bracing evocation of mood? This legendary Dutch post-impressionist is one of the world's great painters – a master artist whose work was like no other.

Yet what is less well known is that he was a polymath, a man of many talents across the board – including the written word. Eloquent and expressive, his letters to his younger brother Theo are essential reading for those interested in his wider life.

In the same way, Crystal Cable's van Gogh is genuinely multi-faceted. It builds on the strengths of its junior brother in the Art Series – Monet – to offer even more performance, even lower distortion and less noise.

Its sound is as arresting as a canvas masterpiece by its namesake, and no less exceptional. Music is rendered in a realistic scale, undeniable in the listening room with all its

power and majesty conveyed. The world's finest high end hi-fi systems are allowed to breathe, and do their best work unhindered.

Van Gogh achieves such remarkable results through the use of the world's finest materials, best suited for the job of carrying electrical signals down a wire. But in this application, twice as many Infinite Crystal Silver conductors are employed, alongside an upgraded shielding and insulation package. That means even more of the purest silver conductors and shielding, and extra DuPont Kapton and PTFE insulation.

Despite this, no compromise has been made to its ease-of-use. It remains flexible, pliable, pleasant to handle and simple to route in a listening room. And the essential beauty of the Art Series is retained – this is a cable you show off, not hide. As with all Art Series products, van Gogh comes in a wide range of variants to cater for most audiophile needs.



van Gogh Interconnect cable

One signal and three ground conductors go into the RCA version of the van Gogh analog interconnect, made from purest Infinite Crystal Silver for superlative signal transfer and ultra-low distortion. These are complemented by the highest quality Kapton and PTFE insulation. Together, the result is a pliable, flexible cable that looks as beautiful as it sounds. There's also a Balanced XLR version that uses twin coaxial and twin ground construction.



van Gogh Speaker cable

Featuring four runs of coaxial Infinite Crystal Silver conductors and shielding, with an insulation package made from premium Kapton and PTFE, this high end speaker cable is at home in the world's finest hi-fi systems. Yet van Gogh's lustrous looks mean that it's something which audiophiles may wish to show off rather than hide away. Also, its relative suppleness makes it much easier to install than many rivals.



van Gogh Power cable

The exotic quad triaxial construction of our penultimate power lead shows how serious Crystal Cable is about the importance of clean AC mains to top-flight hi-fi systems. Naturally the conductors are made from Infinite Crystal Silver, and this is also used in the shielding, alongside silver-plated copper. This gives the best possible rejection of radio frequency interference, along with Kapton and PTFE insulation.

van Gogh USB cable

The finest USB interconnect that Crystal Cable knows how to make, van Gogh USB has a special double twisted conductor pair construction, with double ground lines. Silver plated copper shielding is used, together with PTFE insulation. Ultra high quality Type A and B USB connectors are fitted at either end. The result is a digital audio cable of exceptional performance, delivering remarkable sound from computer sources.

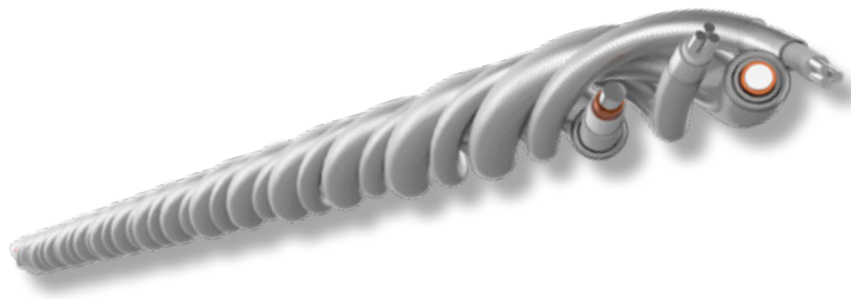


van Gogh Digital cable

Crystal Cable's best digital RCA, BNC and XLR interconnects deliver a transformative difference to any high end hi-fi system. van Gogh RCA and BNC have low noise coaxial construction with iCS centre conductor and triple screen consisting of silver-plated copper foil, mu-metal foil and silver plated copper braid. The XLR version has special double twisted iCS conductor pair construction, with double ground lines. Silver plated copper shielding is used, with PTFE insulation.



van Gogh Interconnect cable XLR cross-section microscopic view







"Music cannot be called otherwise than the sister of painting."

– Leonardo da Vinci –

One of the world's greatest artists of any generation, Leonardo da Vinci was the complete Renaissance man. As well as being a supremely gifted painter with a forensically detailed eye and exceptional technique, he was a brilliant scientist, musician, sculptor and writer too. Not so much a jack of all trades, as a master of all he surveyed.

His life's work was about bringing logic and order to nature, in a world where superstition was still rife. His credo was that only by perfectly seeing the world, can it be properly understood – nature, he argued, was built on universal physical principles, rather than being a random assemblage of things. His unique approach transcended the art world, and his influence is still being felt even today.

That's why Crystal Cable saw fit to name the very finest designs in our flagship Art Series after him. Da Vinci does to reproduced music what its namesake did for art and science, which is to reproduce its subject in all its glory, unlocking its inner beauty

for all to see. It offers an uncannily realistic and visceral sound, one where no excuses need to be made – and allows the world's very best hi-fi systems to do their best.

Whether it is analog interconnects, power leads or loudspeaker cables, in the da Vinci range everything is scaled up to use multiple Infinite Crystal Silver conductors, with suitably enhanced shielding and insulation to match.

Our premier Art Series cable delivers spectacular, world-beating sound quality with a technical performance that is second-to-none. It's a masterpiece that throws your treasured recordings into sharp relief, delivering unforgettable musical performances time after time.

Da Vinci is designed for cost-no-object, no compromise hi-fi systems. Not only does it greatly flatter their appearance, but it will unlock their true sonic potential. We believe it to be the finest audio cable ever made.



da Vinci Interconnect cable RCA

Our very finest unbalanced analog interconnect uses one signal conductor and five grounds, all made from the best metal that money can buy for audio transfer – Crystal Cable’s ultra pure Infinite Crystal Silver. This is complemented by the highest quality Kapton and PTFE insulation. The result is a world class cable which looks as good as it sounds, and is far more flexible than any other such top tier product.



da Vinci Speaker cable

The very best speaker cable that Crystal Cable knows how to make, this delivers the finest possible sound from a compact design that’s far more supple and easy to handle than other premium products. It employs six coaxial conductors in a spiral configuration, naturally using our purest Infinite Crystal Silver. The best shielding and insulation is of course specified, too. Nothing rivals its combination of performance and ease of use.



da Vinci Power cable

Crystal Cable’s flagship power lead employs six of our purest Infinite Crystal Silver conductors in a novel triaxial configuration, to deliver unsurpassed performance. The shielding package comprises both Infinite Crystal Silver and silver-plated copper, with the finest Kapton and PTFE insulation. Solid core iCS, and silver-gold and iCS screens are used for phase and neutral lines, along with silver-plated copper for ground and shield – as per Monet and van Gogh Power cables. This mains cable has superb rejection of Radio Frequency Interference and other such extraneous noise. The result is superlative sound quality, despite its relatively compact form factor.

da Vinci balanced Interconnect cable XLR

The XLR version of our top analog interconnect offers even better sound than its RCA counterpart, thanks to its balanced configuration and improved topology. Two coaxial and four ground lines are used, naturally made from Infinite Crystal Silver, (ground is Silver-Gold, same as for Monet and van Gogh) with a Kapton and PTFE insulation package. It delivers absolutely spectacular sound, with immense detail and dynamics – and is the logical choice for world class, cost-no-object hi-fi systems.

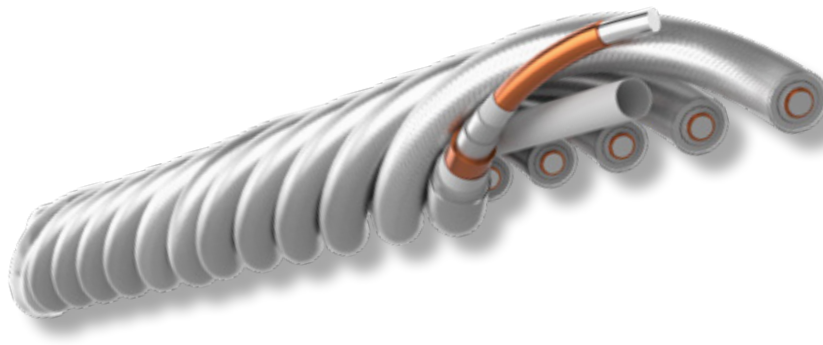


da Vinci Network cable

This specialized application demands a unique configuration for the most reliable transfer of high frequency digital data. A special quad twisted conductor pair of Crystal Cable's own Infinite Crystal Silver (iCS) conductors is joined by dual-layer HF foil and silver-plated copper shielding with a silver-gold drain wire for improved conductivity, and premium PTFE insulation. Fully shielded RJ-45 connectors complete the picture. This compact yet beautiful cable delivers superb data integrity at high transfer speeds of 1Gbps, for an audible improvement over other designs.



da Vinci Power cable cross-section microscopic view

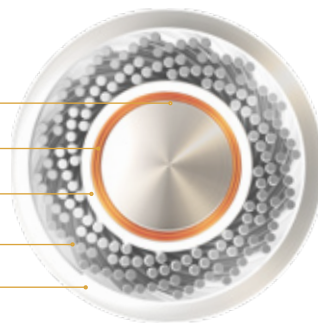


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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Core	Infinite crystal silver
Insulators	Kapton
	PTFE
Shield	Infinite crystal silver
Sleeve	Transparent teflon



Coax



Triax
Outer shield: Silver-plated copper



Ground

Crystal Cable Art Series Range

	Conductor	Insulation	Shields	Type	Diameter
Monet					
Interconnect XLR	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver	2 Coax, 1 Ground	
Interconnect RCA	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver	1 Coax, 1 Ground	
Ground Bridge XLR & RCA	Infinite crystal silver	-	Silver-plated copper	3 Ground	
Loudspeaker cable	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver	2 Coax	
Power cable	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver, Silver-plated copper	2 Triax	
USB	Infinite crystal silver	PTFE	Silver-plated copper	2 Twisted Pair, 1 Ground	
Network Cable	Infinite crystal silver	PTFE	HF foil, Silver-plated copper	2 Twisted Pair	
van Gogh					
Interconnect XLR	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver	2 Coax, 2 Ground	
Interconnect RCA	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver	1 Coax, 3 Ground	
Interconnect Phono TAC 5, RCA or XLR	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver	2 Coax, 1 ground	
Loudspeaker cable	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver	4 Coax	
Power cable	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver, Silver-plated copper	4 Triax	
USB	Infinite crystal silver	PTFE	Silver-plated copper	2 Twisted Pair, 2 Ground	
Digital cable 75 Ω	Infinite crystal silver	PTFE	Silver-plated copper, Mu-foil, Infinite crystal silver	1 Coax	
Digital cable 110 Ω	Infinite crystal silver	PTFE	Silver-plated copper	2 Twisted Pair, 2 Ground	
da Vinci					
Interconnect XLR	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver	2 Coax, 4 Ground	
Interconnect RCA	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver	1 Coax, 5 Ground	
Loudspeaker cable	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver	6 Coax	
Power cable	Infinite crystal silver	Kapton, PTFE	Infinite crystal silver, Silver-plated copper	6 Triax	
Network Cable	Infinite crystal silver	PTFE	HF foil, Silver-plated copper	4 Twisted Pair	



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