

## **Best Hi-Fi Components 2019**



## Tellurium Q Ultra Black II

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For as long as I have been interested in hi-fi, nothing has divided opinion more than the thorny topic of cables. In my role as a reviewer I have had plenty of opportunity to compare and contrast interconnects, loudspeaker cables and mains cables. To be honest, sometimes I do struggle to hear meaningful differences between one brand and another or one model and another within a manufacturer's offerings. However, I was genuinely taken aback when I first installed the Tellurium Q Ultra Black II speaker cables. I had been happily using this manufacturer's less expensive cable, Black II, and had found it to be more than I had hoped for at its price point.

The Ultra Black II simply did everything I liked about the Black II: pace, timing, even handed frequency response, but delivered an even richer musical experience, allowing extra micro- detail to be heard from whatever source I had selected. At £300 a metre this is not a casual purchase for most of us, but given just how much better my system sounded with it in place I actually feel that it is good value, since it may help to postpone or even cancel an expensive amplifier or loudspeaker upgrade. Find a retailer who will lend you a pair for home demonstration and make up your own mind.