Cables

Choosing a Quad loudspeaker cable

The most important thing about loudspeaker cables is that they should be long enough to reach the loudspeakers. The electrical parameters of the cable matter and it is important to get them right, but this is a simple matter of physics and not difficult. Electronics are short on emotion and behave in an orderly way to a set of known rules. Properly designed loudspeaker cable will carry the output voltage of your power amplifier to the input terminals of your loudspeakers with no audible distortion and Quad loudspeaker cable provides a properly engineered solution. For shorter runs and lower powers, Quad flat is ideal, it is easy to hide and comes only in beige. For higher powers and longer runs more copper is needed and Quad round should be

used. This is a beefy cable and cannot be easily hidden so comes in a choice of several colours.

Specifications

Parameter

Conductor area nominal

Conductor lay Conductor format

Principal conductor

Outer insulation

Conductor insulation Unit resistance at 25C Unit inductance

Unit capacitance Characteristic impedance

Size

Unit weight

QLSF2 Flat

2. sq mm

80 strands 0.2mm dia. Long weave braid

Drawn, annealed copper

with less than 0.1ppm hydrogen Low temperature nitrile alloy with

colour additives

Arctic flexibility grade, red and black

5.6mOhm/m 654nH/m

57pF/m 107 ohms 12 x 2.5mm

87g/m

QLSR4 Round

4.0 sq mm

126 strands 0.2mm dia.

7x18 counter wound rope weave

Drawn, annealed copper with less than

0.1ppm hydrogen

Low temperature nitrile alloy with

colour additives

9.68mOhm/m 560nH/m 141pF/m 63 ohms

12.5mm dia. 240g/m

This chart will help you pick the right cable for your system

Length of cable between amplifier and loudspeaker

Amplifier power	Up to 3m	3m to 6m	6m to 12m	12m to 24m	24m to 100m
Up to 30w	Flat	Flat	Flat	Flat	Flat
30w to 70w	Flat	Flat	Flat	Flat or Round	Flat or Round
70w to 150w	Flat	Flat or Round	Flat or Round	Flat or Round	Round
150w to 300w	Flat or Round	Flat or Round	Round	Round	Round
300w -	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round