

Chord Company Adds XLPE to More Cables

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The Chord Company adds XLPE technology to two more loudspeaker cables-- the Odyssey and Epic both receive an upgrade from the original PTFE (what most people know as Teflon) to XLPE (aka Cross-Linked Polyethylene).



The OdysseyX and EpicXL join several recently launched loudspeaker cables offering improved performance over the previous versions. XPLE promises improved phase properties over PTFE insulation, while offering a lower pricepoint compared to the flagship Taylon insulation. Cables featuring the technology also include silver-plated ChordOhmic speaker plugs.

OdysseyX is a version of the RumourX loudspeaker cable with a heavier-gauge conductors (as found in the Chord Epic and EpicXL speaker cables), allowing for more details and dynamics, along with greater control and definition, across a range of loudspeakers. The OdysseyX has silver-plated OFC conductors in a twisted-pair configuration, and the white PVC outer jacket has an 8mm diameter.

Meanwhile EpicXL combines the separately shielded conductor design from the SignatureXL speaker cables with the silver-plated XLPE-insulated 12AWG conductors of the Epic. The use of separate shields for each conductor gives greater neutrality, less noise and a more immersive soundstage. A soft PVC internal jacket spaces the shielded, while a translucent outer jacket protect a high-density braid and foil shield designed to reduce mechanical noise.

The OdysseyX and EpicXL cables are available now at both of-the-reel or terminated lengths.

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