

Neutrik plugs and quality cable, put together in England for under a tenner. If this was April you might be fooled

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ClearTone Cable

This isn't rocket science or advanced maths: just three metres of Klotz Pro Audio instrument cable and a pair of genuine Neutrik jackplugs for a mere £5.85, all professionally soldered up in Basingstoke – it has to be any musician's dream. Why struggle on with doggy leads that crackle, fart and pick up radio interference when you could swap for these? At this price

you could afford some spares, and you can order any length from one to 10 metres. They coil up properly, and come with colour-coded rings for 60p more. What could be better?

Well, one thing, maybe: the same lead with a Neutrik Silent Switch jack at one end for just £8.95. It's got a spring-loaded moving magnet and a reed switch, so when you unplug, the funky little shaft ring pops forward and the cable switches itself off. No horrible electrical thumps when you change guitars – fantastic!

SOUNDS

What can we say: they just work. The sound is universally clear and bright and noise-free; the Silent Switch option is

worth every penny of that extra £3.10, and while obviously we can't report on extreme long life after a mere week's testing, Neutrik stuff is about the best there is so you can expect years of service. After grabbing a guitar and an amp and comparing these with the contents of the *Guitar & Bass* lead box, a mixture of decent kit and overpriced crap, 50 per cent of the others went in the bin.

VERDICT

Giving up one night down the pub and buying a couple of these leads is the best thing you'll do all month. And you can order them over the internet, too.

RRP:
£8.95



FINAL SCORE

Build Quality	20/20
Playability	20/20
Sound	20/20
Value for money	20/20
Vibe	20/20
TOTAL	100%

Good for... connecting guitars and anything else you fancy to an amp

Look elsewhere... if you want fancy coloured leads or cheap options that fall apart

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Please note: Prises have risen a little since this review was first published