

Atlas Cables

Mavros Grun USB cable

USING A LOW-QUALITY USB cable can result in unwanted effects such as errors in the digital data stream. In recognition of these problems, Atlas Cables has developed its Mavros Grun specifically for audio applications. In order to maximise the available bandwidth for the digital signal, the company has addressed a number of factors, including attenuation within the cable, shielding and the characteristic impedance.

Big screen

When designing the Mavros Grun, Atlas set out to minimise reflective losses in the cable by using high purity OCC (Ohno Continuous Casting) copper conductors with improved termination. The screening is augmented by a direct external connection, which Atlas calls 'Grun', into the system ground.

The cable is available with USB type A/B and A/B micro connectors. The separate earth lead adjoins the Type-B plug with a special screw-in connector at one end and a spade at the other for hooking up to a suitable equipment earth.

I use the square section standard-B USB plug end of the Mavros Grun to connect a Furutech ADL Stratos DAC (HFC 455) to a Windows 10 PC with the flat section standard-A USB plug at the other end of the cable in order to play the music files stored on my PC through my hi-fi system. The Grun earth spade is fitted to the earth connection on the rear of the Stratos. A 24-bit/192kHz WAV file of Corelli's *Concerto Grosso Op6 No.4* performed by Interpreti Veneziani demonstrates superb accuracy of the instrument placement within the soundstage. The realism is impressive while the musicality is quite gripping.



A 32-bit/44.1kHz FLAC recording of Yo-Yo Ma playing JS Bach's *Suite No.2 in D minor* perfectly highlights an effortless and smooth-sounding performance on the cello, which is very sophisticated and captivating. In particular, the lower register resonances of the cello are extremely lifelike. Although the price is on the high side, this is a well-made USB cable that is worthy of consideration for any high-end system. **NR**

DETAILS

PRICE
£465 for 0.5m
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