

GYC NPX Stadium series instrument cable **£39.99**

Will the GYC lead to tonal Mecca?



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Welcome the newest member to the ever-expanding GYC cable range from John Hornby Skewes. This Stadium series instrument cable offers a new rugged construction with an ultra-strong-looking black nylon mesh sleeve and the introduction of the high-end Neutrik Silent Plug that enables you to unplug without any pops or bangs – very useful for switching guitars silently on stage. The low-capacitance 10-foot Stadium series cable on test also has gold-plated contacts with a chuck-type strain relief for high transfer efficiency and endurance.

In use

Sound tested against a Klotz LaGrange cable the GYC stands up well. It lets through a little more high-end sparkle which is either a good or a bad thing depending on whether you like your cables to rob some highs through capacitance or not. The Klotz also gets tangled quicker and seems to be weaker around the join. The GYC Stadium also has a trump card with these Neutrik Silent plugs. The design is more rugged and works better than pretty much all the other silent jacks we've tried,

particularly those that have a switch to cut the signal.

Verdict

The tonal benefits of different cables is difficult to quantify. Yet the ability to unplug and plug in silently is a boon and the quality construction here is obvious. Just under £40 for a good quality lead like this is money well spent. [DD]

The Bottom Line

We like: The rugged design; sound; Neutrik Silent jacks

We dislike: Nothing

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