

# FURUTECH

HiFi Choice (UK) – ADL Alpha Line Plus Review

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## Furutech ADL Alpha Line Plus

One of the more affordable products from a respected high end name...

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**T**his Japanese cable sports copper conductors with 'special grade' polyethylene foam insulation, running via two twisted cores with cotton filler, wrapped with resonance suppressing unwoven tape. Build quality is excellent and finish commensurate.

### Sound quality

After the Black Rhodium, this was quite a contrast. Whereas the last cable had been rather smooth and seductive, this had firecracker dynamics, lightning reflexes and a stark openness to its sound that impressed but didn't always please. It certainly did not sugar the musical pill – which will be what some want from cables, and others don't.

One panelist praised its "fabulous top end, which started fast and finished fast". The ripple of the solo trumpet in the Mahler piece was easy to hear, as was the rhythm guitar work on Steely Dan, whereas a good few other cables subsumed them into the mix. Vocals were cohesive and precise, and the Furutech gave a decent account of the music's rhythmic flow, even if it wasn't as funky and the Black Rhodium or Mark Grant, for example.

Some slight congestion was noted on complex orchestral crescendos, although generally

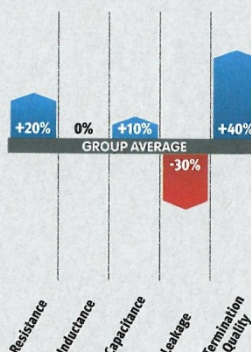
the spry, crisp and dry Furutech held things together fairly well. There was some brightness too, the rasp of the Mahler trumpets could turn to stridency in some more upfront systems.

Although in the final analysis a tad analytical, everyone on the panel respected the Furutech's big, fresh detailed, open sound.

### ON TEST

Key to the performance of all Furutech cables is its cryogenic treatment of conductors and plugs. This version has a symmetrical geometry with a pair of 30x0.18mm stranded conductors, insulated with a high density polyethylene, and packed in a cotton filler. The loop resistance of the 'alpha conductors' is a low 60mohm, but the close packing results in a moderate 40Mohm leakage. Build and solder quality is excellent. PM

### RESULTS AT A GLANCE



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#### OUR VERDICT

**SOUND QUALITY** ★★★★★ **LIKE:** Powerful, open, crisp, detailed sound; superb build and finish  
**VALUE FOR MONEY** ★★★★★ **DISLIKE:** Slightly stark tonality won't suit all  
**BUILD QUALITY** ★★★★★ **WE SAY:** A powerful performer, this slickly presented cable will suit those craving a super-clean, spacious sound  
**FINISH** ★★★★★

#### OVERALL

