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IsoTek EVO3 Ascension

IsoTek is perhaps best known for its power filters and conditioners, but in fact it has long made mains cables, often highly prized for their performance-to-value ratio. But, although it has long had the wherewithal to go for a more up-market design, it’s only now – with the launch of EVO3 Ascension – that the brand shifts into higher gear. This is not simply a ‘wingman’ mains cable, that one might buy because of the high performance of other devices, EVO3 Ascension is a fine power player in its own right.

Ascension uses deep cryogenically treated silver-plated Ohno continuous cast copper conductors, wrapped in a dielectric of air, with partial FEP contact, with a secondary extruded FEP sleeve. Each conductor assembly is wrapped in Mylar with a further OFC shield before being given a slight rotational twist with FEP tubes of air. We were the one of the first outside of the IsoTek secret design bunker to have a chance to experiment with the EVO3 Ascension, and after 24 hours of running in, it can really deliver the musical goods. This £2,750 cable really lowers the noise floor and lets the soundstage breathe!

Review pending