

Produkt of the year  
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## Purple Flare Speaker Cable



### Nordost Purple Flare

**Speaker cable, \$518/2m; Interconnect, \$260/1m**

Nordost's Purple Flare is a rung below the current incarnation of its Blue Heaven but you'll hardly notice a difference. The overachieving PF—dressed in classic Nordost flat-line style—really shines in the midband with a slightly forward, driving energy that imparts a dynamic liveliness to all genres of music. The PF offers significant macro-dynamic punch, resulting in stunning orchestral crescendos and percussion and brass section blasts of impressive authenticity. It's got the transient speed of a sprinter yet avoids any serious tonal balance discontinuities. Its treble range is wonderfully free from constrictions. On balance, as open and as transparent as any cable in its class—and a little trip to heaven all on its own. (NG, 236)