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**BEST POWER  
 AMPLIFIER**  
 TELLURIUM Q  
 IRIDIUM

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**H**ere is one of 2012's more extraordinary products, even as hi-fi goes. The Iridium is a transistor power amplifier that is 'Single Ended'. That makes it different to all others, with just a few exceptions world-wide. No one does this! Designer Colin Wonfor managed to overcome some technical obstacles by employing a special tracking power supply, allowing it to be direct coupled to the loudspeakers. "For a solid-state design" we said, "the Iridium was open, approachable and lacking hardness or harshness, but it still had bite". Its bass was "tight, characterful and deep". Although delivering just 18 Watts into 8 Ohm loudspeakers the Iridium was "a mighty power amplifier that possesses immense clarity and detail" we said. "Single Endeds are rare and their sound unique". One reason is that this highly unusual amplifier runs hot and costs £4500, but if you want to hear just how good high fidelity can get, little else gets close.



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**BEST POWER  
 CABLE**  
 TELLURIUM Q  
 BLUE POWER

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**T**ellurium Q introduced the Blue, power cable, a budget version of their Black power cable. Although the Black offered a "meaty bass quality" we felt the Blue was best value. It had "a focused, punchy bass, offered a better balanced presentation for the vinyl front-end, injecting more air into the upper frequencies while draining some of the more claustrophobic bass. This gave the Blue a breezy presentation. Upper mids seemed to relax, taking their time to consider detail and tonal colour".

"Playing jazz, via CD, the effect was more accentuated. The Blue almost decluttered and cleansed the midrange to produce an outstanding clarity, adding a tremendous sense of balance". Priced at £399 for a one metre length this power cable is not cheap but it isn't the most expensive by any means either – and it worked better than most we found. With top quality, high resolution systems costing thousands, quality mains cables make a difference, gently smoothing and focussing the sound, and this one was fine value we felt.