Subject: Tape or what?

Posted by Hoptoit on Sat, 29 Jan 2011 21:44:58 GMT

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I want to bundle all the wires together and run them down the wall. I also have to run a cable wire under the carpet to get to the other side of the room. Should I use tape or what to make them all stay together and hidden?

Subject: Re: Tape or what?

Posted by Adveser on Sat, 29 Jan 2011 22:24:39 GMT

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Since you are doing that, you might consider twisting the wires together loosely so they create a magnetic field that will eliminate Electromagnetic interferance. I'm not going to claim this does a whole lot to improve things, but it's yet another paranoid idea audiophiles have that I like to do. It works marvelously in Ethernet cables, so why not speaker wire?

Yeah, tape will do fine as long as it isn't made of any sort of metal, which doesn't make sense anyway. Personally I think masking tape works better than electrical tape in almost every instance and is just as much of an insulator, so long as it isn't wet and isn't being used to seal out moisture. Use 3M tape if you wanna go that route, it does not leave goop or any other crap anywhere where it "used to be." You can pay 4 dollars a roll now or pay more later when the tape gets all over everything.

Subject: Re: Tape or what?

Posted by Jorel on Sun, 30 Jan 2011 18:46:52 GMT

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Adveser wrote on Sat, 29 January 2011 16:24Personally I think masking tape works better than electrical tape in almost every instance and is just as much of an insulator, so long as it isn't wet and isn't being used to seal out moisture.

Now I don't the real explanation to this but it doesn't really matter. My experience with masking tape is that the stickiness will be gone after some time. Unlike with electrical tape that sticks to the wires for a very long time.

Twisting the wires together is good idea even though it won't improve anything because you will have a neat and clean setup.