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Subject: Just got my SME arm back from re-wire. Hubba Hubba!

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 10:19:13 GMT

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I'd been without vinyl 'cause of arm troubles. My SME had a stripped screw on the cage that holds the RCA's and as a result a headshell wire broke. At about the same time I discovered that the importer of the KR Audio amp I had for review refurbishes SME arms as well as Thorens and Oracle tables. So I sent him the arm. Now it's back with 6 feet of Cardas wire that runs in one piece up through the arm to the headshell and terminated with Cardas RCA's. I don't know about the "golden section" part of the wire alchemy but it's double shielded like Belden 1505 and I'm hearing a better defined soundstage with quieter backgrounds. Pretty reasonable cost, \$175, for me who can't see to thread the fishing line through the bias weight!

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Subject: Re: Just got my SME arm back from re-wire. Hubba Hubba!

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 08 Sep 2006 16:16:48 GMT

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That's a very fair price! What's the name of the importer?

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Subject: Re: Just got my SME arm back from re-wire. Hubba Hubba!

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Fri, 08 Sep 2006 19:27:37 GMT

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Alfred Kayser who imports the KR Audio tubes and amps. He's in Toronto. Bill Martinelli introduced us. Terrific guy.

Web site

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Subject: Re: Just got my SME arm back from re-wire. Hubba Hubba!

Posted by [Russellc](#) on Sat, 09 Sep 2006 00:42:39 GMT

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I bumped into him on Audiogon, and scored some new "bed grommets" for my Infinity Black Widow, which uses a SME Mount just like the SME arm does. They were a perfect replacement! Russellc

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Subject: Re: Just got my SME arm back from re-wire. Hubba Hubba!  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 09 Sep 2006 16:25:20 GMT  
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Thanks for the reference. I'll put this in my Rolodex.

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