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!

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?

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

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

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.