Subject: Should I blow the budget on getting expensive cables?
Posted by Clint on Fri, 17 Apr 2026 04:54:34 GMT
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I've been wondering if those expensive cables affect sound production in a way that the normal cables can't? I've seen some ads concerning those expensive cables, and I am considering blowing my budget to get those.

Do you think it is a wise idea to do so? What has been your experience with using expensive cables? Is there a big difference between them and the normal ones?

Subject: Re: Should I blow the budget on getting expensive cables?
Posted by Hank on Sun, 26 Apr 2026 19:27:54 GMT
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So, using an expensive cables rarely make any big upgrade in sound quality. The big differences are noticed with upgrades on amps, speakers and in some cases, room treatments.

For that reason, I won't advise that you spend above your budget getting expensive cables when you can spend that on upgrading the speakers, for example.

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Posted by Clint on Mon, 04 May 2026 15:06:59 GMT
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Thank you for your input. I will be reconsidering my plans of changing the cables to an expensive one. Possibly, I should work on making upgrades on the amps that I use at the studio because it's been a long time overdue!

Subject: Re: Should I blow the budget on getting expensive cables?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 05 May 2026 13:52:49 GMT
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I agree. Good cables aren't expensive. This is the description of a good quality cable: Quality insulator of uniform thickness and pure copper with uniform strands terminated at each end by good connectors. Everything needed to achieve that is fairly inexpensive.

Subject: Re: Should I blow the budget on getting expensive cables?
Posted by Bercle on Wed, 06 May 2026 04:33:34 GMT
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I understand that many might be leaning towards the direction of cables, not having a major impact on sound quality, which I won't dispute that much. My take is that when you spend enough to get quality cables at a higher cost, there are chances that it will last longer than the normal cables.

This consideration is what some don't look at as the focus is always on the end part. I can't imagine changing cable wires every seven months when I can get one, which is going to last for two years or more.

Subject: Re: Should I blow the budget on getting expensive cables?
Posted by George on Mon, 18 May 2026 05:13:46 GMT
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Aside from the aesthetic designs, I can't pick a thing that makes an expensive cable better than a normal quality cable. I mean there is no guarantees that you will get extra benefits from buying an expensive one.

Subject: Re: Should I blow the budget on getting expensive cables?
Posted by Prince on Sun, 24 May 2026 04:57:34 GMT
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Some of these expensive ones are like that because of the brand and not necessarily about being far better than the less popular cheaper ones that were built well.

I don't also agree that there is a difference even in the sound quality of a setup done with an affordable wire that is well built and an expensive one that costs more.

Subject: Re: Should I blow the budget on getting expensive cables?
Posted by Clint on Fri, 29 May 2026 04:45:09 GMT
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You are totally correct. I believe that the bigger problem is mainly on getting an affordable one that was built well. Possibly, that is the reason a lot of people focus on buying the popular ones even when they are pricey.