



Sweet spot

Analogue interconnect named after classic US snack

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RUSS ANDREWS IS re-introducing the original Kimber Kable analogue interconnect, PBJ, to its product portfolio. It was a staple of the company's cable offering until the launch of Kimber's Timbre in 2003, which replaced it in the selection of interconnects available from the UK company.

The cable being re-introduced today is essentially the same as the original, but with one difference – the purity of the copper. RA explains: "Kimber Kable is a company that doesn't make changes to its products and introduce mk2 versions for the sake of it – we will only revise a product if a significant performance upgrade is possible now, with a much purer copper having been introduced in PBJ, the time is right for us to make it available to our customers again."

"No copper is totally free of oxygen as an impurity, but new and very expensive

manufacturing techniques have enabled many more impurities to be removed, so the new PBJ features exceptionally pure copper."

Stop interfering

Carried over from the original PBJ is the use of braided VariStrand conductors. As different wire gauges favour different audio frequencies, Kimber employs seven individual strands of differing gauge for each conductor in a bid to ensure a more accurate representation of the overall frequency of the music. The three conductors are arranged in a woven tri-braid construction, which acts as a Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) filter, removing both airborne RFI and that which is conducted by the cable from one piece of audio equipment to another. The company says the result is a much cleaner audio signal for enhanced musical presentation.

Explaining the unusual origin of the cable's name, RA says: "During WWII, American GIs were given peanut butter sandwiches to get protein into their diets – they added the jelly (jam to us) to sweeten it and thus the acronym was created. Today PB&J is a staple of American cuisine and has become ubiquitous with anything staple – so the perfect name for a cable that is the staple of so many audiophiles."

PBJ replaces the Kimber Tonik and Kimber Timbre interconnects in the Russ Andrews range and is available with standard nickel-plated RCA connectors, upgraded Kimber UltraPlate RCAs or Switchcraft studio-grade XLRs. Prices are: nickel-plated RCA 0.5m £75; 0.75m £89; 1m £103; UltraPlate RCA 0.5m £130; 0.75m pair £144, 1.0m £158; Switchcraft XLR 0.5m £145; 0.75m £159; and 1m £173 (all per pair).