

CARDAS Bandon, Oregon

George Cardas received U.S. Patent Number 4,628,151 for the creation of Golden Section Stranding Audio Cable. It is so unique, the industry's best designers, constructors and reviewers, The Academy for The Advancement of High End Audio, gave George the award for "The Most Significant Contribution to the Advancement of High End Audio in Cable and Accessory Design."

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Lonductive strands of different cross-sections,

conductive strands of different cross-sections,

i.e. cross-sectional areas, arranged in ascending,

order of strand cross-section from the center

toward the outer circumference of the cable

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toward the outer circumference with an irrational and

toward in accordance with an irrational and

and sized in accordance with an irrational and

preferably golden ratio progression in such a

and sized in accordance with an irrational and

toward the cable circumference relative to

use that larger strands are located outwardly

toward the cable circumference relative to

toward the cable circumference relative to

and stabilize the smaller strands

and stabilize the smaller strands

against resonant vibration in a manner such as

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to reduce cable resonance produced by

fluctuating current flow through the cable.

You see things that are and say "Why?"

I dream of things that never were and say "Why not?

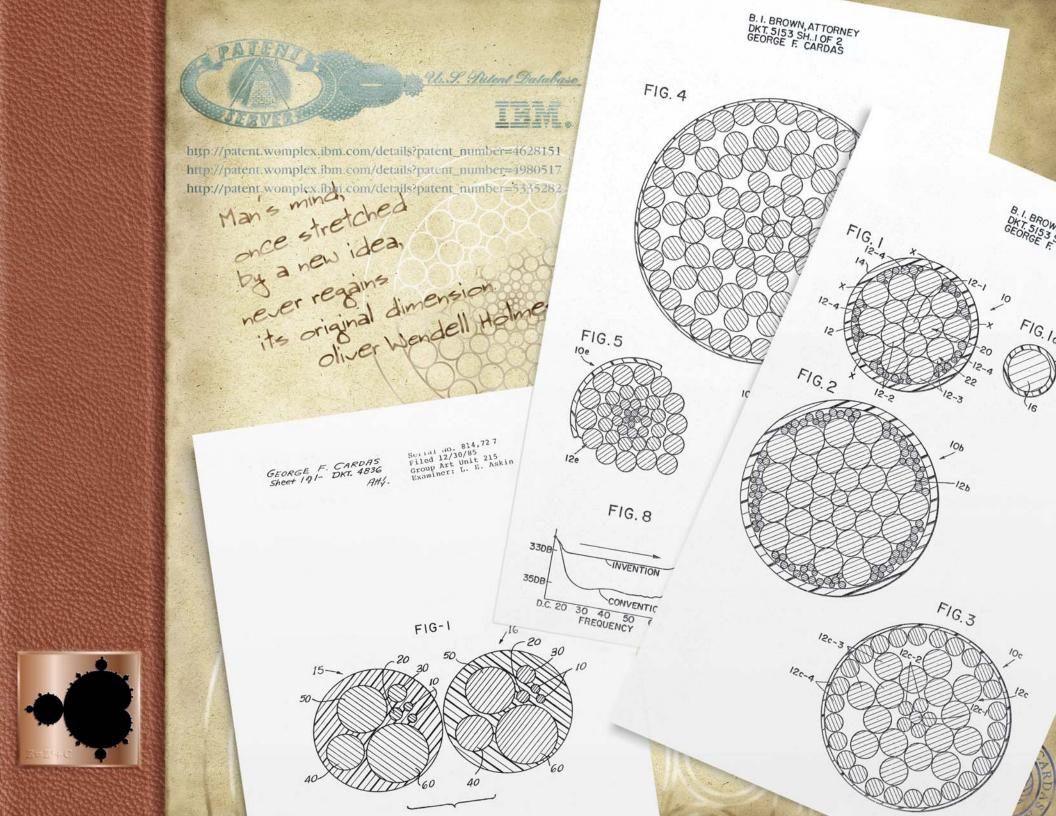
George Bernard Shaw



## Golden Multi

optimum signal/power transmission characteristics are realized in a cable containing a plurality of individually insulated conductors which vary in size one to another wherein the ratio of the size of one conductor to the next larger conductor is about 0.62. Normally, at least three different sizes of conductors which vary in different sizes of conductor of the next larger classification different sizes of conductors will be amplicated in a cable wherein and size classification different sizes of smaller size classification by the specified ratio. This particular ratio is often called the Golden section and is the ratio between the two sizes in which the lesser of the two is to the greater as the greater is to the sum of both.













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Golden Cross is the finest expression of the Cardas design. It features Cardas patented, "Golden Section", multi-gauge, Litz stranding in a symmetrical, hex-axial design. Thin wall, Teflon air tubes are used as dielectric and air suspension for the conductors.

Cardas patented, "Constant-Q" construction places the smallest of the Golden Ratio strands at the center of the conductor to reduce stored energy, signal time delay and conductor resonance.

Cable resonance is further reduced with Crossfield construction, which alternates the layering direction of each electrical and mechanical component. This stabilizes the conductor matrix and effectively reduces radiation and re-absorption of RFI and EMI.

All conductors are individually coated to insulate and prevent oxidation. Golden Cross is also double shielded using a 100% coverage, copper spiral shield with a unique Teflon® and graphite composite.

only the heart knows the correct answer.

Deepak Chopra-

Like all Cardas cables, Golden Cross cables are individually inspected, then hand terminated using Rhodium plated connectors and Cardas formulated Quad Eutectic solder. Golden Cross is designed and manufactured for a lifetime of listening pleasure.

#### **Golden Cross Interconnect**

Outside Diameter: .415"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®, Air
RCA Capacitance pf/ft: 25.5
XLR Capacitance pf/ft: 15.5
No. of Discrete Conductors: 174

Cable awg: 16.5
Shield Type: Double

Conductor Type: Golden Ratio,

Constant Q, Crossfield, Pure RDA Copper, Litz

## Golden Cross Speaker

Outside Diameter: .600"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®, Air
Inductance uh/ft/loop: .0368

No. of Discrete Conductors: 752

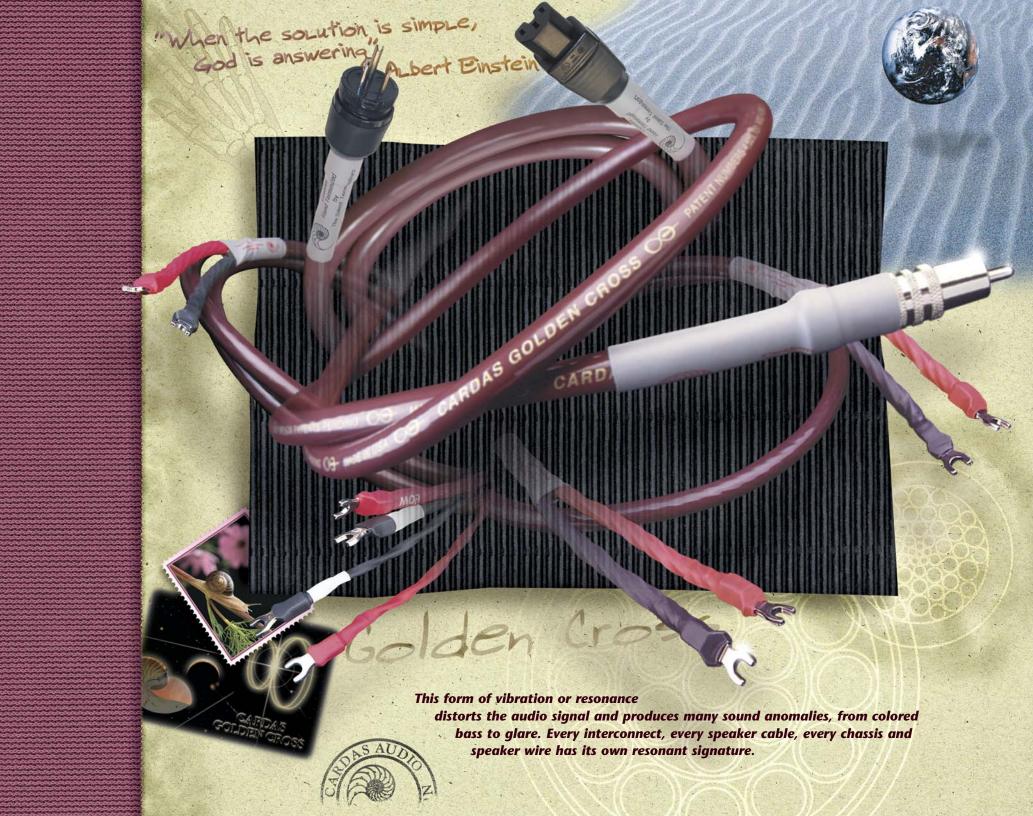
Capacitance pf/ft: 154

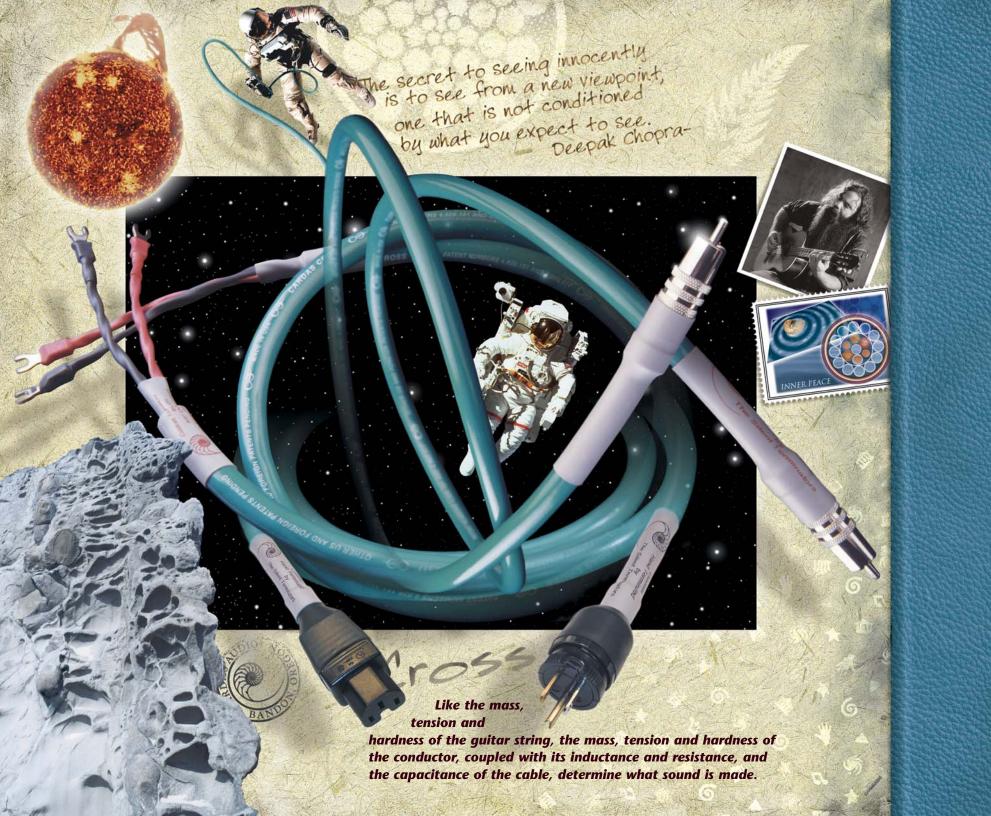
Cable awg: 5.5

Internal Bi/Tri-Wire Options: Bi/Tri
Conductor Type: Golden Ratio,
Constant Q, Crossfield, Pure
Copper, Litz.

#### **Golden Power Cord**

A large diameter cord, the optimum for any audio component where flexibility and cable weight are not an issue. Cardas power cords provide a very low noise path from the wall plug to your components, eliminating internal noise generation/radiation and attenuating component generated noise (clock signals etc.).





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#### **Cross Interconnect**

Outside Diameter: .415"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®, Air
RCA Capacitance pf/ft: 26.4
XLR Capacitance pf/ft: 16
No. of Discrete Conductors: 136
Cable awg: 17.5
Shield Type: Double
Conductor Type: Golden Ratio,
Constant Q, Crossfield, Pure
Copper, Litz.

#### **Cross Speaker**

Dielectric Type: Teflon®, Air Inductance uh/ft/loop: .11
Capacitance pf/ft: 34
No. of Discrete Conductors: 238
Cable awg: 10
Internal Bi/Tri-Wire Options: Bi
Conductor Type: Golden Ratio,
Constant Q, Crossfield, Pure

Outside Diameter: .585"

Copper, Litz.

#### **Cross Power Cord**

A medium diameter cord suitable for high powered pre-amps and low powered amplifiers.

Cardas Cross is a relatively new series of cables which have gained instant popularity. The 17.5 awg Cross interconnect is light and flexible. Cross speaker is a medium size, 10 awg cable that is internally bi-wireable and may be used on virtually any speaker.

Both Cross interconnect and speaker are symmetrical, quadaxial in construction. Both feature Teflon® air dielectric, air suspension, Golden section, Constant Q, Crossfield, Litz conductors and double shielding.

The Cross power cord is a slightly larger version of the Quadlink power cord.



The Chambered Nautilus

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,

As the swift seasons roll

Leave thy low-vaulted past!

Let each new temple, nobler than the last,

Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,

Till thou at length are free,

Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

Diver Wendell Holmes

Each strand in a cable has its own note or beat. When strands are combined in a conductor they interact with other same sized, near unison, and multiplistic sized strands. This creates beats the same way a cube listening room would, or one with multiplistic dimensions like 8' x 16' x 32'.

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Quadlink Interconnect is our popular, mid-line interconnect. It features 16.5 awg, quad-axial construction, Teflon® air dielectric, Golden Section, Constant Q, multi-gauge, Litz conductors, double shielding and a urethane jacket.

Quadlink Speaker is great for small, efficient, home audio speakers to 88db. It has 12.5 awg, quad-axial construction, Teflon® air dielectric, Golden Section, Constant Q, multi-gauge, Litz conductors and a urethane jacket.



Outside Diameter: .375"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®
RCA Capacitance pf/ft: 55
XLR Capacitance pf/ft: 34.3
No. of Discrete Conductors: 200

Cable awg: 16.5
Shield Type: Double
Conductor Type: Golden Ratio,
Constant Q, Crossfield, Pure
Copper, Litz.

**Quadlink Speaker** 

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Outside Diameter: .495"

Dielectric Type: **Teflon®**, **Air** Inductance uh/ft/loop: .16

No. of Discrete Conductors: 200

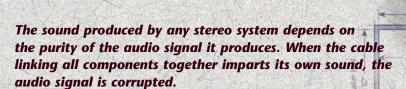
Capacitance pf/ft: 19
Cable awq: 12.5

Internal Bi/Tri-Wire Options: Bi
Conductor Type: Golden Ratio,
Constant Q, Pure Copper, Litz.

**Quadlink Power Cord** 

Quadlink is a medium size power cord which is suitable for small amplifiers or large power supply preamps, etc.

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Cardas created a multiple strand conductor, where every individual strand is coupled to another, sharing no common mathematical node or resonant point, which in effect, absorbs or cancels the noise that each strand creates. This is the same reason The Standard Listening Room is  $10' \times 16' \times 26'$  (read:  $10.00000' \times 16.18033...' \times 26.18033...'$  or Golden Ratio).





Don't be afraid to be amazing Andy Offutt Irwin

#### **Micro Twin Interconnect**

Outside Diameter: .295"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®

RCA Capacitance pf/ft: **42.9** XLR Capacitance pf/ft: **26.5** 

No. of Discrete Conductors: 88

Cable awg: 18.5 Shield Type: **Double** 

Conductor Type: Golden Ratio,
Constant Q, Pure Copper, Litz.

#### **TwinLink Speaker**

Outside Diameter: .345"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®
Inductance uh/ft/loop: .10

No. of Discrete

Conductors: 136
Capacitance pf/ft: 29

Cable awg: 11.5

Internal Bi/Tri-Wire Options:

**External Only** 

Conductor Type: Golden Ratio,
Constant Q, Pure Copper, Litz.

## **TwinLink Power Cord**

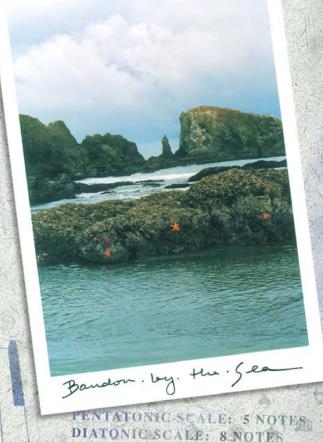
Twinlink is a small power cord that is light weight and flexible. It is designed for front end components such as pre-amplifiers, CD players, turn tables, etc.

300-B Micro-Twin is our entry level interconnect. It is flexible, light weight and easy on the budget. 18.5 awg, quad-axial construction, Golden Section, Constant Q, multi-gauge, Litz conductors are used. Teflon® and cotton create the

dielectric, with double shielding and a neoprene jacket.

Twinlink is a small speaker cable for automotive applications and very efficient (96db+) home audio speakers. 11.5 awg, twin-axial construction, Golden Section, Constant Q, multigauge, Litz

conductors
have Teflon®
and cotton
dielectric, are
shielded and have a
neoprene jacket.



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In Golden Section Stranding, individual strands are arranged so each strand is coupled to another, whose note or beat is irrational with its own, thus nulling interstrand resonance.

Crosslink is our entry level cable. It is the only Cardas cable sold in bulk, and it can be terminated by a Cardas dealer. It is very flexible and light weight. Multi-gauge, Golden Section, Constant Q conductors are used. Teflon® and cotton create the dielectric, with double shielding and a neoprene jacket.

Crosslink is great for automotive installations and small home audio systems.

Elephant Rock/ Bondo.

#### **Crosslink Interconnect**

Outside Diameter: .305"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®

RCA Capacitance pf/ft: **36.9** XLR Capacitance pf/ft: **22.8** 

No. of Discrete Conductors: 68

Cable awg: 20.5
Shield Type: Double

Conductor Type: Golden Ratio, Constant Q, Crossfield, Pure

Copper, Litz.

## **Crosslink Speaker**

Outside Diameter: .365"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®
Inductance uh/ft/loop: .11
Capacitance pf/ft: 55

Cable awg: 12

Internal Bi/Tri-Wire Options: Bi Conductor Type: Golden Ratio,

Constant Q, Tubular

Crossfield, Pure Copper, Litz.

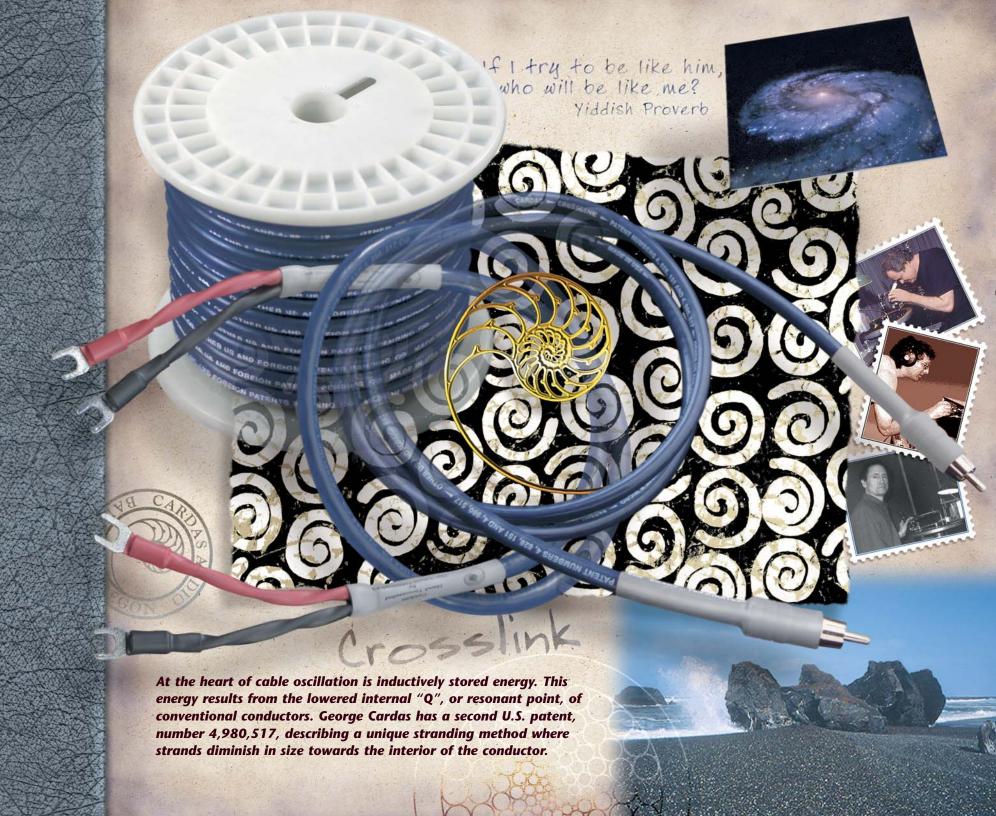
This is the famous
"Silent Conductor".
It is the silence of
Cardas conductors

that allows them to be so uniquely musical and pure.











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#### **Lightning Digital Cables**

Dielectric Type: Teflon®, Air Impedance: 75 ohm (+.5 -0) Shield Type: Double Conductor Type: Golden Ratio, Constant Q, Crossfield, Pure Copper, Litz.

#### Lightning

Outside Diameter: .280"
No. of Discrete Conductors: 21
Cable awg: 20.5

## Lightning 18

Outside Diameter: .324"
No. of Discrete Conductors: 41
Cable awg: 18.5

#### **Lightning 15**

Outside Diameter: .481"
No. of Discrete Conductors: 57
Cable awg: 15.5

## **High Speed Data Digital Cable**

Outside Diameter: .265"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®, PE
Impedance: 75 ohm (+.5 -0)
No. of Discrete Conductors: 41
Cable awg: 20.5
Shield Type: Single
Conductor Type: Golden Ratio,
Constant Q, Crossfield,
Pure Copper, Litz.

## **AES/EBU Digital Cable**

Outside Diameter: .330"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®, Air
Impedance: 110 ohm (+.5 -0)
No. of Discrete Conductors: 82
Cable awg: 20.5
Shield Type: Double

Conductor Type: Golden Ratio, Constant Q, Crossfield, Pure Copper, Litz.

Cardas Lightening is a 75 ohm coaxial design for RCA, BNC and other digital applications. It features 20.5 awg, Golden Section, Constant Q, multi-gauge, Crossfield, enameled Litz conductors and constant impedance construction. Teflon®-air dielectric, air suspension and urethane jacketing are used.

Cardas High Speed Data/Video is a 75 ohm cable for RCA, BNC and other digital information. The design is 20.5 awg, coaxial, Golden Section, Constant Q, multi-gauge, Crossfield, enameled Litz conductor construction, with Teflon® foam dielectric and urethane jacketing.

Cardas AES/EBU is the industry standard for digital transmission. It is a 100 ohm, balanced cable using 20.5 awg, twin-axial construction, with Teflon® dielectric, air suspension, Golden Section, Constant Q, multi-gauge, Crossfield, enameled Litz conductors, and a urethane jacket.



which reverses every other stranding layer to defuse the di-pole effect.

You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore



Cardas Neutral Reference is a perfectly neutral reference cable. It sounds the same at any length, whether one or thirty feet, between any component, at any originating or terminating impedance. Neutral Reference is perfectly symmetrical and non-directional. It can be terminated either single-ended or balanced. Neutral Reference has extremely low capacitance, inductance and reactance.

Our Neutral Reference Video cable is an excellent digital transmission cable for both AES/EBU and SPDIF applications. It is currently being used for that purpose by Bernie Grundman, one of the largest mastering houses in Los Angeles.

Cable resonance is further reduced through the use of ultra pure copper, air dielectrics and quad-eutectic solders.

**Neutral Reference speaker** Outside Diameter: .600" Dielectric Type: Teflon®, Air Inductance uh/ft/loop: .034 Capacitance pf/ft: 117 Discrete Conductors: 272

Cable awg: 8.5 Internal Wire Options: Bi **Conductor Type:** Matched propagation, Golden Ratio, Constant Q, Crossfield, Pure Copper, Litz

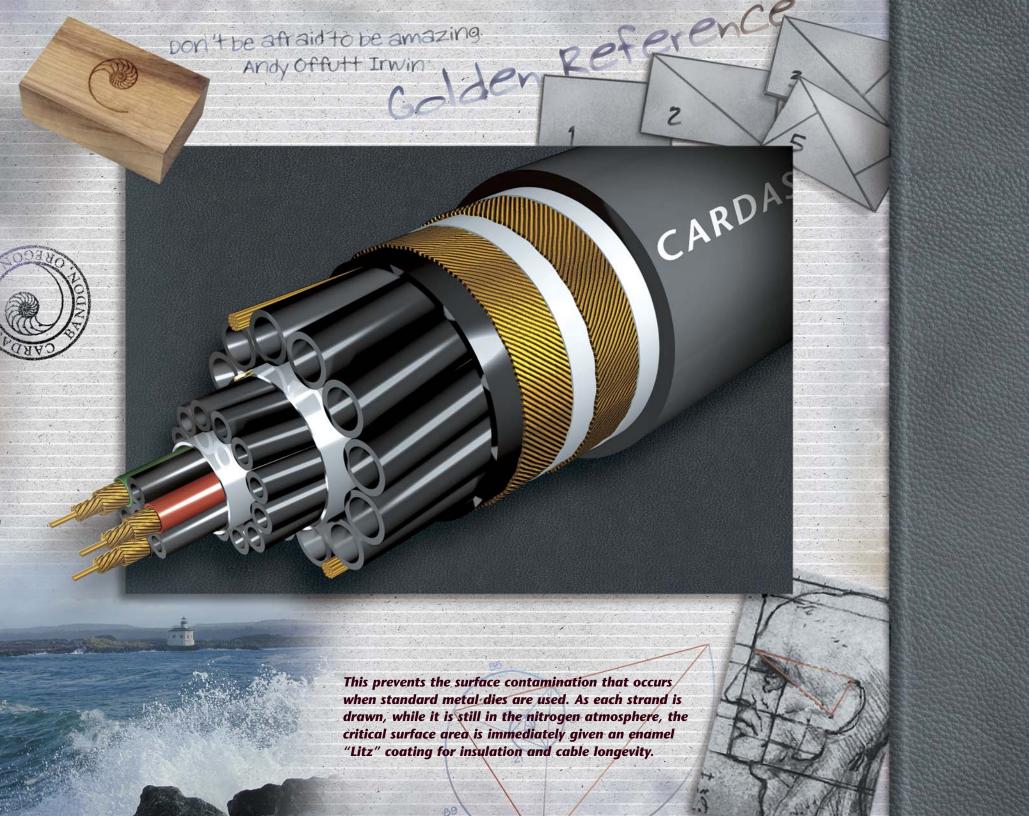
**Neutral Reference** Interconnect Outside Diameter: .355" Dielectric Type: Teflon®, Air RCA Capacitance pf/ft: 19 XLR Capacitance pf/ft: 9.7 No. of Discrete Conductors: 77 Cable awg: 23.5 Shield Type: Double Conductor Type: Matched propagation, Golden Ratio, Constant Q,

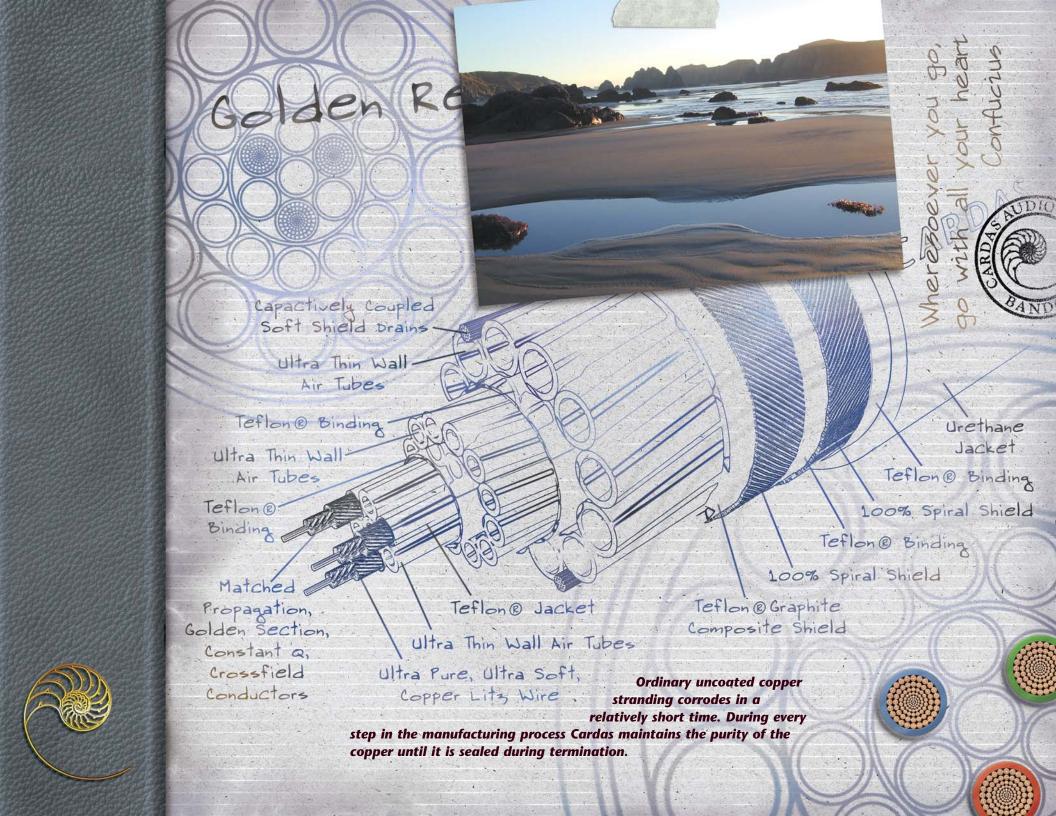
Crossfield, Pure Copper, Litz

**Neutral Reference Video** Outside Diameter: .355" Dielectric Type: Teflon®, Air Impedance ohms: +.5 -0 constant impedance, transfer impedance matchs originating impedance +/- .5 ohms, from 0 to at least 50 ft. of cable No. of Discrete Conductors: 77 Cable awg: 26 7 T A S Shield Type: Double Conductor Type: Matched propagation,

Golden Ratio, Constant Q, Crossfield, **Pure Copper, Litz** 







Golden Reference interconnect and speaker are the latest evolutionary cable designs by George Cardas. They feature patented "Golden Section", multi-gauge stranding in a symmetrical, 12 conductor, helical triad of quad-axial planetary arrays of golden ratio, constant Q conductors.



Cardas patented, "Constant-Q" construction places the smallest of the Golden Ratio strands at the center of the conductor to reduce stored energy and conductor resonance. Cable resonance is further reduced with controlled propagation, Crossfield construction, matching conductor and cable loop characteristics with ca

conductor and cable loop characteristics with carefully computed strand layering. Cross layered conductors reduce EMI and RFI to a new low. All conductors are individually coated to insulate and prevent oxidation.

Golden Reference is a perfectly neutral reference cable with unmatched transient purity. Golden Reference is perfectly symmetrical and non directional.

**Golden Reference Interconnect** 

Outside Diameter: .415"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®, Air
RCA Capacitance pf/ft: 12
XLR Capacitance pf/ft: 7

Cable awg: 26.5

No. of Discrete Conductors: 109

**Shield Type: Double** 

Conductor Type: Matched propagation, Golden Ratio, Constant Q, Crossfield,

Pure Copper, Litz

**Golden Reference Speaker** 

Outside Diameter: .702"
Dielectric Type: Teflon®, Air
Inductance uh/ft/loop: .0031
Capacitance pf/ft: 36.9

Resistance: 10k .00079 ohms per foot, 100~ .00076 ohms per foot

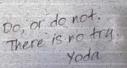
No. of Discrete Conductors: 816

Cable awg: 5 awg

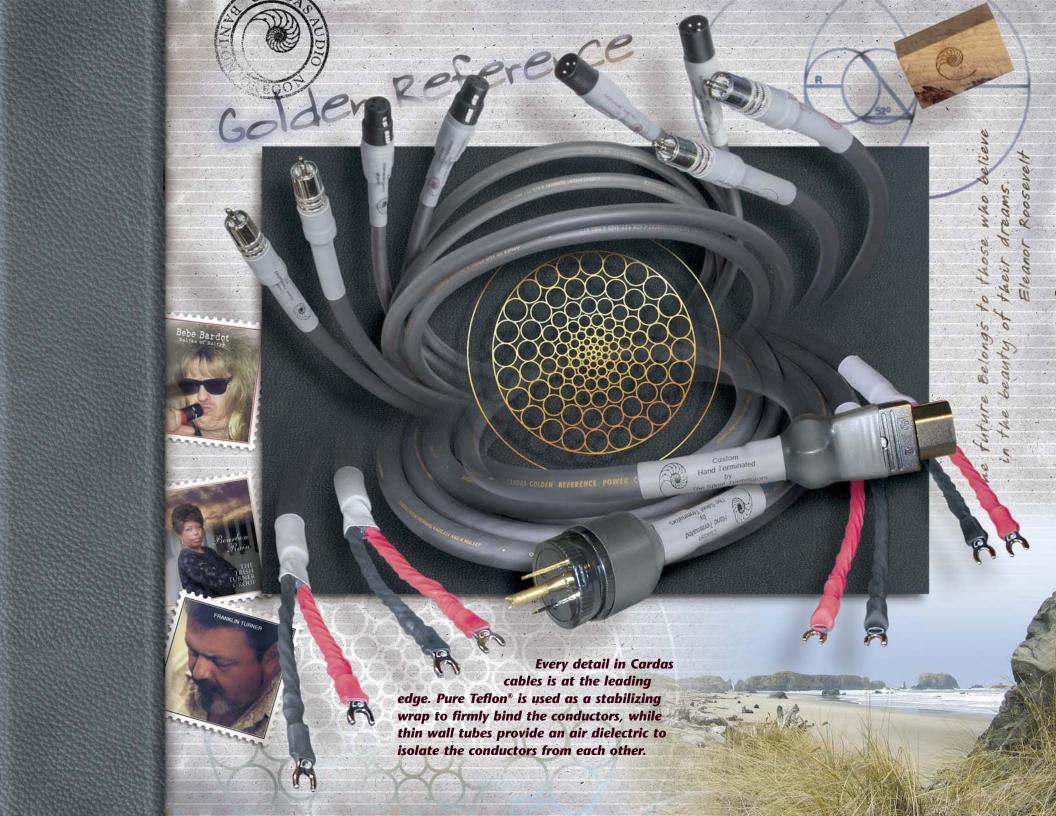
Internal Bi/Tri-Wire Options: Bi/Tri
Conductor Type: Matched propagation,
Golden Ratio, Constant Q, Crossfield,
Pure Copper, Litz

## **Golden Reference Power Cord**

The Golden Reference power cord provides the ultimate current flow, excellent isolation between components and broad band power line filtration. It is shielded and relatively flexible for its size.







#### **Cardas Power Strip**

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The Cardas Power Strip provides broadband ground and line filtration without circuit breakers, transformers, resistors, capacitors, varistors, chokes, or regulators in the current path; nothing but pure, Cardas

Golden Section Stranding. The Power strip has a machined, black anodized, fluted, aluminum housing with matching end caps and six 20 amp receptacles.

#### **Cardas Custom Cables**

Cardas Audio makes a wide variety of custom cables for manufacturers and end users. Shown are Single and Bi-Wire Jumper

cables, a DC and an External Power Supply cable.

# RCA to XLR Adapter

A Cardas GRFA female or GRMO male RCA connector to either a female or male XLR. Silver/Rhodium contacts.

#### Cardas OEM/DIY

Cardas manufactures many custom connectors, conductors and OEM related products. Separate catalogs are available.

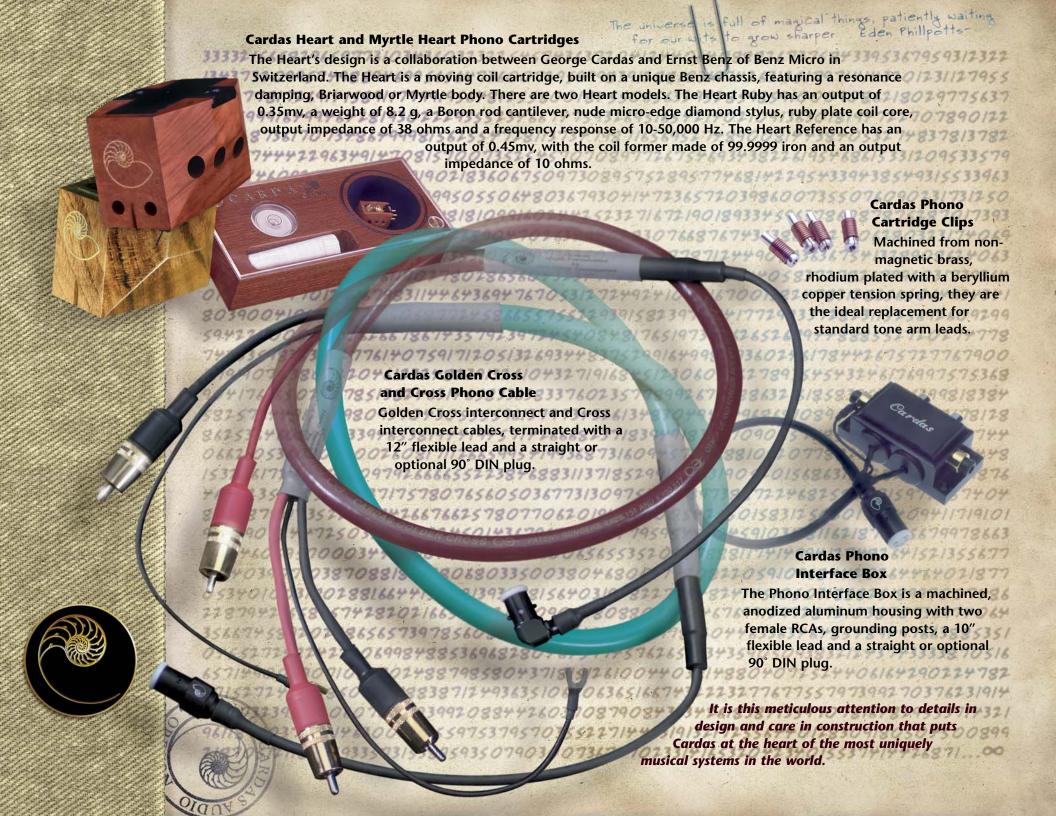
George created an ultra pure,
quad-eutectic solder for a perfect
joining of conductor to connector.
All connectors are custom machined
with rhodium over silver contact surfaces.
Finally, to insure the quality of each cable, they
are terminated by hand and individually inspected.

To be suprised, to wonder, is to begin to understand

Jose Ortegay Gasset-

Cardas Sweep Record

This frequency sweep record ultrasonically cleans the cartridge stylus and cantilever, at the same time degaussing the entire system. Pressed on 180 gram vinyl for longevity, it has blank plateaus for tone arm and cartridge set-up and other useful tools.





In the end we shall have had enough of cynicism and skepticism, and we shall want to live more musically.

Vincent van Gogh-

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