

ch-thick glass speakers bonded in a vacuum – *that's* what we call music

OBJECTS OF DESIRE



The cables running down through the speakers are no ordinary bits of wire – they cost £6,250 a metre. Made from extremely pure silver and 24-carat gold, cocooned inside an insulator consisting of Teflon and air, they ensure the sound is transmitted without any distortion.
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Each speaker weighs over 100kg. The plate-glass sections are facet-cut, jeweller's-style – which only one company on Earth could do to Crystal Cable's satisfaction. They're then glued together using an adhesive that only bonds in a vacuum, resulting in flawless joins.

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Most loudspeakers are full of wadding, internal bracing and other trickery that makes them sound better. So building a pair out of glass, with nowhere to hide all that technical trickery, seems like an absolutely ludicrous idea – particularly if you want to satisfy the fussy eardrums of hi-fi connoisseurs. However, Crystal Cable's Arabesque speakers aren't just for show, they are hardcore pieces of engineering. Made from plate glass, they're as transparent sonically as they are physically. The computer-modelled design has no parallel surfaces that might disrupt the sound waves – the original signal is distorted by less than 0.05 per cent. There's only one problem: the Arabesques sell for £45,000 a pair...