

Cavi Harmonix CI230MK" **da HiFi Choice (Polonia) ottobre 2010**

Quality of sound:

Regardless of their price the Harmonix cables have one very characteristic thing – no sharpness and homogeneity of the sound on a level hardly achievable for their competition. And although the CI-230 Mark II is rather inexpensive, the class of sound it offers is really impressive. During the test it turned out, that this cable does not show any weaknesses even paired with very demanding stereo configurations.

Of course it does not offer the sound of the more expensive models, like the HS101-GP – this is mostly perceivable in the area of precision and naturalness of the sound – but in our opinion those are the ingredients of sound that decide about the to be or not to be only in really uncompromising hi-end systems. But if we use the CI-230 Mark II in systems from the medium and slightly higher price level (the entry to hi-end), then it will turn out, that it will be hard to pinpoint even the slightest shortcoming.

Listening sessions in terms of cables last usually a few days, in which we “experiment” with different musical genres, and then try to interest our Readers with our observations. Then the cables are packed back into the box they arrived in and are sent back to the distributors. But it was different in case of the CI-230 Mark II – those interconnects stayed with us much longer, listening to music using them was a real pleasure, regardless of the system configuration in which we used them.

We were enchanted from the very beginning with the refinement of all the subranges of the sound spectrum, and those were also hard to discern, because the Harmonix fused them in one, non-splitting whole, which allowed our CD player, the Ayon CD-1 sound with full capabilities, without any signs of lacking resolution or dynamics.

If you do love naturalness in music, truth and delicate sweetness, supported by a full harmony of the sound, then you should give the uncompromised, in that aspect, CI-230 Mark II a listen.

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Verdict:

PRO'S: Perfect craftsmanship and brilliant sound.

CON'S: Less precise sound than the more expensive cables in the Harmonix catalog.

CONCLUSION: Brilliant sounding cable from the medium price range, which possesses some of the aspects typical for more expensive models, like musicality and naturalness.