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CONTACT CLEANERS £4.57-£19.95

Cleaning up your contacts can make a big difference to how your hi-fi sounds. **Neville Roberts** checks out four of the best...



Kontak Electrical Contact Cleaner

PRICE: £19.95 CONTACT: 01733 350878 WEBSITE: analogueseducation.net

ORIGINALLY DESIGNED FOR use in military aerospace applications, Kontak Audio Technologies has produced a CFC-free electronics cleaning solution that is specifically for audio systems.

The manufacturer notes that it is important to use the cleaner on new connectors as the manufacturing process can leave a residue of silicon oil that dries on their surface. The connectors are often stored in boxes for months before being purchased, resulting in further contamination.

Being highly volatile, the cleaner evaporates rapidly and so it's recommended that you remake the connection immediately after use. It is supplied in a metal bottle and comes with a set of pipe cleaners.

I try it on a number of connectors, including mains plugs, none of which has been cleaned for quite some time. The difference is very noticeable indeed – cleaning up the sound! It is as though a veil has been removed from in front of my loudspeakers and the music has greater detail and is more transparent and open.

The cleaner is very simple to apply and leaves no observable residue. Best of all, using it yields noticeable audible improvements.

VERDICT

This is a super product that results in easily perceptible sonic improvements

