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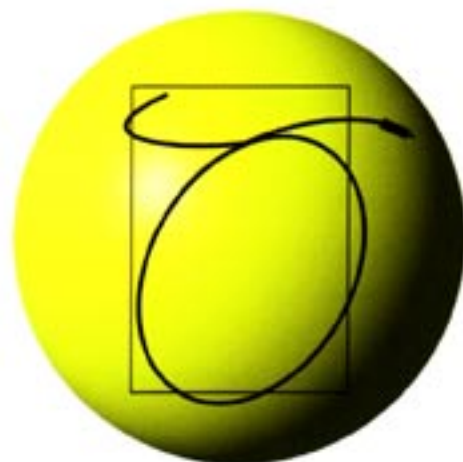
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## SYNERGISTIC RESEARCH ALPHA STERLING (\$199 FOR 1-METER PAIR)



This interconnect has challenged every other cable that has taken up residence in NG's system—even some of the near-unobtainium persuasion. Its virtues include a general soundstage openness accompanied by excellent image layering and a pristine non-edgy treble. While it doesn't quite match the soaring and effortless extension of the ultra-priced spread, its overall midrange neutrality and transparency will put a lot of \$1000+ wires to shame. It's now available with Synergistic's Active Shielding technology at a modest surcharge—an option well worth checking out. Either way, active or passive, the Alpha Sterling proves that on the rare occasion you sometimes get a lot more than you pay for. (Reviewed by Neil Gader with Paul Seydor in Issue 138)



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