

Review of Audio Note silver tone-arm wire by Colin Topps

Noticing that Hi-fi Collective now sell Audio Note's Silver internal tone-arm wire, I decided to rewire my SME3009 MkII Improved arm.

The wire is thin and fiddly to work with, so patience is required but the result more than justify the hassle. This upgrade has transformed the performance of the arm from a listening point of view.

Improved imaging, voices more real with improvements in bass through to very high notes. I have not played a CD since Saturday afternoon. Just been rediscovering my LP collection. I would recommend anyone with this arm to replace the original wiring with the AN stuff. I feel now I do not need to upgrade my cartridge because of the sonic improvements. I would not believe that such a thin wire could resolve such detail from the music. I may now consider replacing the Van Den Hull leads from the arm to the phono stage with some HGC 0.5mm silver wire, as braided RA style? But that can wait until next month when the arm wire has burnt in more.

Heartily recommended to anyone who wishes to rewire their tonearm.