

Van den Hul The SOURCE HYBRID



For: superb all-round cable that defines standards of natural sound at this price-point.
Against: nothing at the price.

vdH Source HB was praised for being a good all-round cable. Like a scaled-down version of carbon-fibre-fabricated The First, Source HB has a smooth, natural presentation. It's laid-back, but not to the point of sounding rolled-off. Instead, the sound is airy, yet well controlled.

Cables shouldn't be considered filters, but Source HB has such a pleasing tonal balance that it could easily be used to tame brash equipment. Big orchestral swells sound small, but within that reduction in image size, the sound is dynamic, ballsy and taut.

In short, vdH's Source HB is not so much hybrid as carbon-coated, yet embodies the high-end sophistication of more up-market carbon-fibre cables at a fraction of the cost. It will not out-perform cables like The First, of course, but has a damn good try and comes highly Recommended.

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