

## Tweakasaurus Rex:

8 low-cost tips on getting the most from your audio cables.

1. Be sure all your cable connections are cleaned regularly and properly tightened. Do not over tighten speaker binding posts to avoid breakage.
2. Elevate your cables off the floor using quality cable lifters. You can buy them or experiment with making your own.
3. Keep power cords away from audio signal interconnects and speaker cables to reduce hum and distortion. If a power cord must cross an audio cable, do so at a right angle to minimize interaction.
4. Keep audio interconnects and speaker wires away from each other to minimize distortion.
5. Replace old, generic power receptacle wall outlets with quality audio grade receptacles. There are many to choose from at various price points. This will ensure tight power cord connections and minimize current drop between the outlets and components.
6. Use the shortest practical length interconnects possible between components.
7. Follow any manufacturer recommendations on directionality of single-ended RCA interconnects and speaker wires. Otherwise, experiment with directionality to determine by ear which way sounds best.
8. Use a system cable break-in specific test disc on repeat in a CD player to accelerate new cable break-in.

