

# Furutech

## CF-601M and CF-602F NCF XLR connectors

**ADDING TO ITS** range of high-end connectors, the new top-of-range XLR plugs – CF-601M male NCF connector and CF-602F female NCF connector – employ Furutech’s proprietary Nano-Crystal Formula (NCF) anti-static and anti-resonance material. According to the company, this special crystalline material generates negative ions to reduce static charges and also converts thermal energy into far infrared. Nano-sized ceramic particles and carbon powder are added to the crystalline material to provide “piezoelectric effect” damping properties to reduce noise and improve imaging and soundstaging.

The bodies of the male and female XLR connectors are a one-piece rhodium-plated pure copper

construction and have been subjected to Furutech’s ‘Alpha’ treatment to reduce internal stresses in the metal and improve electrical conductivity. The housing of both connectors is a multi-layered design made from a hybrid of NCF and 3K silver carbon fibre layered onto a nonmagnetic stainless-steel shell. A specially engineered set-screw construction ensures firm contact between the connector and conductor.

### You’ve got fe/male

In the CF-601M male XLR connector, NCF is also injected into the hollow conductor pins. The CF-602F female connector has a chrome-plated, brass stamped inner housing, NCF material damping clips and a special resonance damping composite release button



that has been formed with stainless steel powder and vibration-resistant metal powder. Both connectors are specified for cables with a maximum diameter of 10mm and the conductors can be fixed by soldering or with a set screw.

Both plugs are beautifully made and work a treat when hooked up to my Studer A810 tape deck. Using them with a high-quality balanced interconnect cable, they make an excellent connection to my equipment. **NR**

#### DETAILS

**PRICE**  
£128 each

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