



The leGO L70530 Power Cord

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If you're curious or skeptical about the whole premium power cord movement and you don't want to lay down the green to conduct serious A/B comparisons, leGO has the solution. This Taiwanese company is currently offering a line of very affordable power cords that feature "four-nines" purity copper sourced from Furukawa, which is then alloyed with 0.1% gold. Diamond dies are used to draw the copper into wire, which is then plated with pure silver. The wire is then cryogenically-treated and bundled in a thick, durable jacket. The connecting pins are made from the same high-quality Furukawa copper, and bathed in acid to reduce the chance of oxidation.

If this sounds expensive, you'd be wrong. leGO offers this power cord for only \$73 in a 1.5-meter length, and \$88 for a 2-meter length. (Shipping right to your home is additional \$25 for one cord, \$35 for two, and so on.)

I was able to use two of these leGO L70530 power cords over the last few months with a variety of components. While I'm not about to say that using one of these cords completely transformed my system, I will say that I noticed very few differences in overall sound quality when the leGOs were used as a substitute for some of the more expensive power cords I currently use in my system.

I'm sure that my Running Springs Jaco is largely responsible for much of this consistency, so I tried comparing the leGO L70530 with some stock power cords, and I ran my system straight out of the wall socket. Due to its robust construction, the leGO provided a more secure fit into the socket with a minimum of wiggling, which alone may contribute to reduce in noise. In comparison to the stock cords, that's exactly what I noticed. I've experienced hum problems without the Jaco in my system, and while the leGO didn't provide the same level of silence, it did ameliorate the problem significantly.

The only issue I had with the L70530 was that the connector head is fairly large, which means the cord didn't always fit into a component, especially if the mains connector was deeply recessed (British components, take a bow). In other words, you may have to check for compatibility before buying a slew of these cords.

The folks at leGO have voiced this power cable to provide a smoother sound when used with Class D amplifiers. I didn't have any of these amplifiers on hand and can't attest to this claim, but at these prices it's fairly easy to find out for yourself. Just remember that if you are going to give the leGO a test drive, you'll probably notice more of a difference if you swap the cords on your entire system, rather than just one component. If you're only going to buy one leGO, put it as close to the wall source as possible (i.e. the power amplifier).

Give it a shot! What do you have to lose, other than \$65?

Here's where you can get one:

<http://stores.ebay.com/KECES-Electronic-Gadgets>

