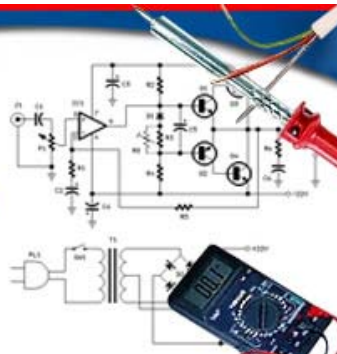


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FP-15(Cu)-N1 AC Receptacle

"It doesn't cost much more than the \$38 Pass & Seymour outlet, but Furutech's FP-15A (Cu) N1 is definitely a higher-spec part. The Furutech is the only non-copper-based outlet in this roundup, and instead features demagnetized and cryo-treated phosphor-bronze contacts. These are plated in *cuprum*, which my dictionary tells me is Latin for "copper." The outlet's body is quite impressive for its high-quality appearance and is said to be composed of nylon and glass fiber, with a polycarbonate black face."

"Compared with the 8200H [Pass & Seymour], the FP-15A (Cu) sounds considerably more musical -- involving and tubelike. It drew me into the music with a slightly warm midrange and an open, airy and soft (but not dull) treble. Detail retrieval was significantly improved by the FP-15A, probably because the background seemed a lot blacker as compared to the hospital-grade outlet. I also heard an across-the-board improvement in ambience cues, which made recordings more involving and interesting."

...Colin Smith

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