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Prototypes of **Crystal Cable's Cube** (€ 12,000) have been shown before, but they've gone back to the drawing board to now make it smaller and higher-powered, with the latest incarnation being shown at CES 2016. The topology is based on the Siltech SAGA separates, but in a far less-expensive form factor. The Cube is said to produce 200Wpc into 8 ohms or a whopping 700Wpc into 2 ohms. The line stage is said to be fully balanced and is controlled by the **Cube Controller**, which is an operational wonder -- super-easy to use. The Cube comes equipped with a healthy number of RCA and XLR inputs, and includes preamp and subwoofer outputs.



The **Crystal Cable Next** headphone/earphone cable is a collaboration between portable-player-maker Astell&Kern and Crystal Cable. It was shown attached to Beyerdynamic's AK T8iE in-ear monitors; Beyerdynamic is also in collaboration with Astell&Kern. The cable costs \$750 and is constructed with six silver-gold conductors that surround an aramid-fiber core, and is then shielded with a silver-plated monocrystal-copper layer. The light, thin, skin-friendly jacket is said to be durable, which is necessary for portable use.

