


Headworn Microphones

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Headworn microphones continue to be the standard in theater, broadcast, presentation audio and, increasingly, live performance. In checking out some top of the line headworn mics, we encountered a wide selection in a variety of prices with terminations for various systems, and both headband and earworn styles to fit individual preferences. Most suppliers also carry headworn mic models in other styles and prices, and websites are listed if you require additional information.

AKG MicroLite EC81 MD



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Cardioid
Colors: Beige, cocoa
Termination: 3-pin Mini-XLR-F
Notes: Microdot connector works with all major wireless
Price: \$499/street

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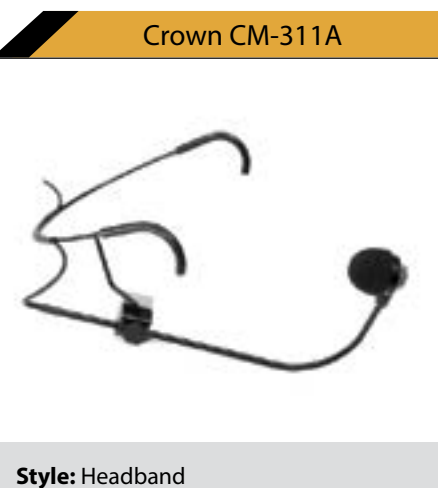
Apex Apex675



Style: Headset
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Beige
Termination: Cable with interchangeable TA3F, TA4F, locking 4-pin and locking mini TRS plugs
Notes: Boom is left/right switchable
Price: \$149/street

apexelectronics.com

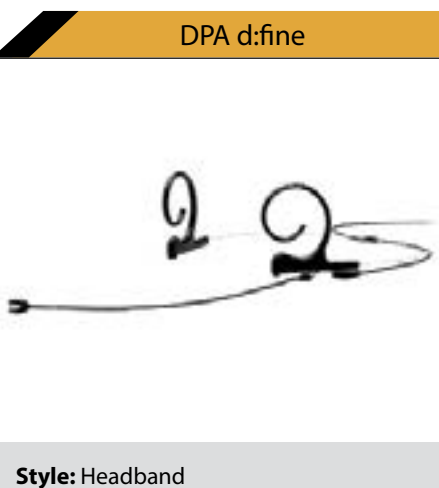
Crown CM-311A



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Cardioid
Colors: Black
Termination: XLR
Notes: CM-311AE version for connecting to wireless
Price: \$449/street

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DPA d:fine



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni and directional versions available
Colors: Black, brown, beige and lime green
Termination: Microdot; adapters available for all major wireless systems
Notes: Single-ear, short/long boom versions also offered.
Price: \$599 to \$758/street

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Electro-Voice RE97TX



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, brown or black
Termination: TA4F wired for E-V/Telex
Notes: 135 dB handling
Price: \$349

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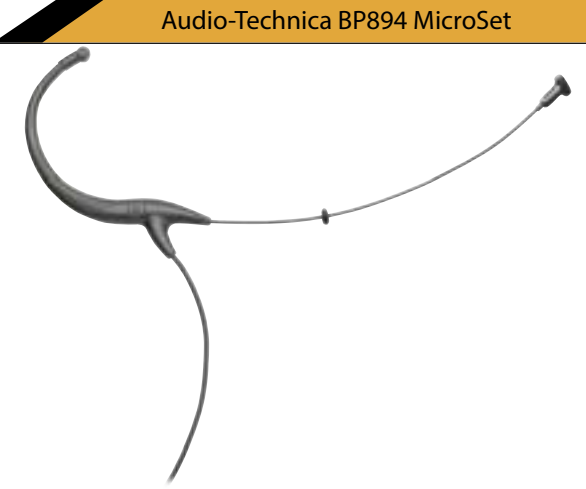
Galaxy Audio HSH



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni or unidirectional versions
Colors: Beige, black or cocoa
Termination: Offered for most major wireless
Notes: Detachable, interchangeable cable
Price: \$199/street

galaxyaudio.com

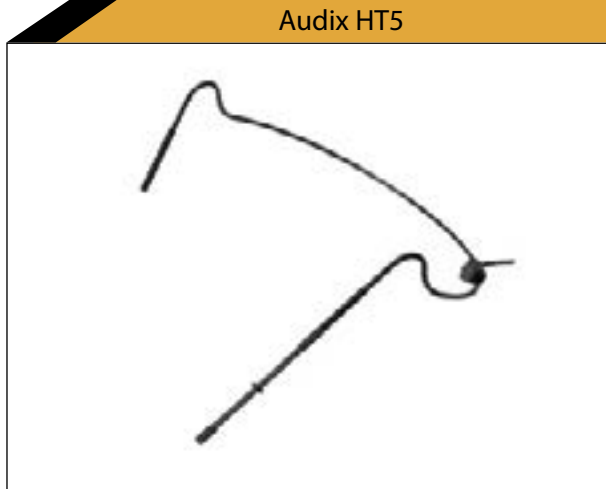
Audio-Technica BP894 MicroSet



Style: Earworn; convertible to dual-ear mount
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Cardioid
Colors: Black, beige
Termination: Available unterminated or for all major pro wireless systems
Notes: Rotatable capsule can aim directly at sound source; wearable on either ear
Price: \$449/street

audio-technica.com • NAB Booth C7916

Audix HT5



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Beige or black
Termination: 3-pin Mini-XLR-F
Notes: 4-pin mini-XLR version available
Price: \$339/street

audixusa.com

Avlex HSP-49



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Black, beige or cocoa brown.
Termination: Ships for Mipro; adapters available for most major wireless backpacks
Notes: Includes two screw-on replaceable cables
Price: \$275

avlex.com


Lectrosonics HM172



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige
Termination: TA5F wired for Lectrosonics UHF backpacks.
Notes: Removable HF peak cap adds control of excessive high frequencies
Price: \$289/street

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Line 6 HS 70



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Tan, black
Termination: TA4F mini-XLR
Notes: Designed for Line 6 V75-BP, V70-BP, V55-BP, Relay G90 and G50 backpacks.
Price: \$79/street

line6.com

Mogan Elite ICE Earset



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Semi-transparent
Termination: Available for Shure, AKG, Sennheiser or Audio-Technica backpacks.
Notes: Interchangeable cables with attached plugs allow easily switching between several models of transmitters.
Price: \$299/street

moganmicrophones.com


Point Source Audio EMBRACE Series



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, brown or black
Termination: Interchangeable X-Connector cables for all major wireless systems.
Notes: Combines SERIES8 lavalier with bendable/trimmable ear mounts for custom fit.
Price: \$378/street

point-sourceaudio.com


Beyerdynamic TG H54c



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Cardioid
Colors: Beige, black
Termination: Mini 4-pin XLR-F
Notes: Similar omni model also available
Price: \$179/street

beyerdynamic.com


CAD Audio E19



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Beige
Termination: TA4-F for CAD wireless
Notes: Versions for Shure and A-T backpacks also offered
Price: \$199

cadaudio.com

Countryman H6



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni; directional model also offered.
Colors: Light beige, tan, cocoa, black.
Termination: Available unterminated or for all major pro wireless systems.
Notes: Detachable cables fit different wireless models; removable caps can vary HF response.
Price: \$495 to \$579/street, depending on termination

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Que Audio DA12



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, black
Termination: Optional adapters fit all major wireless systems.
Notes: Left/right side wearable; "petite" model also available for smaller heads.
Price: \$339/street

queaudiousa.com


RODE HS-1



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Pink, black
Termination: RODE MiCon, with optional adapters fit all major wireless systems.
Notes: Detachable Kevlar reinforced cable.
Price: \$299/street

rodemicro.com

Samson SE50T



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, black
Termination: 1/8" TRS; includes three adapters for other systems.
Notes: Left/right side wearable.
Price: \$199/street

samsontech.com

Sanken COS-11D HWM-R



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, cocoa
Termination: Available unterminated or with connectors for major wireless systems.
Notes: Same capsule as COS-11D lavalier
Price: \$695/street

sanken-mic.com • NAB Booth C2939

Sennheiser HS2

Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, black
Termination: Unterminated or with connectors for major wireless systems.
Notes: Integrated MKE2 Gold capsule; Umbrella Diaphragm™ protects diaphragm from sweat.
Price: \$449/street



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Shure MX153

Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Black, tan and cocoa
Termination: TA4F connector for connecting to Shure bodypacks.
Notes: Wearable on left or right side; Kevlar-reinforced soft flex cable.
Price: \$199/street



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Sony ECM-322BC

Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Black
Termination: Sony 4-pin SMC9-4P for use with Sony bodypacks.
Notes: Can be worn on left or right ear.
Price: \$149/street



sony.com/proaudio • NAB Booth C11001

Voice Technologies VT910

Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige
Termination: Available unterminated or for most wireless transmitters.
Notes: Wearable on left or right side.
Price: \$193/street



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