


# 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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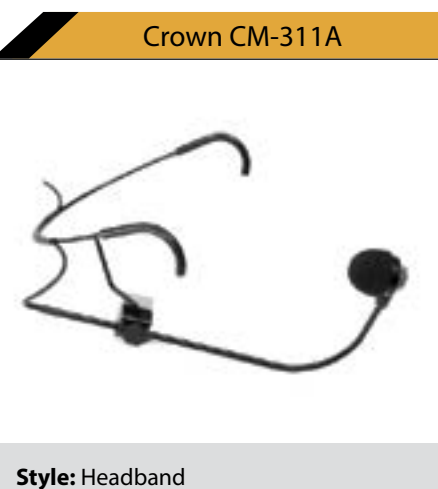
**Apex Apex675**



**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](http://apexelectronics.com)

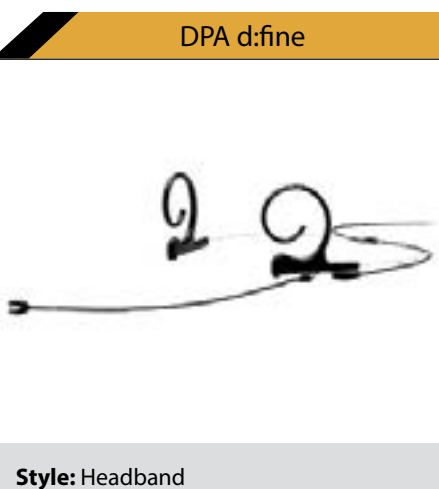
**Crown CM-311A**



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

[crownaudio.com](http://crownaudio.com) • NAB Booth C2923

**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

[dpmicrophones.com](http://dpmicrophones.com) • NAB Booth C3336

**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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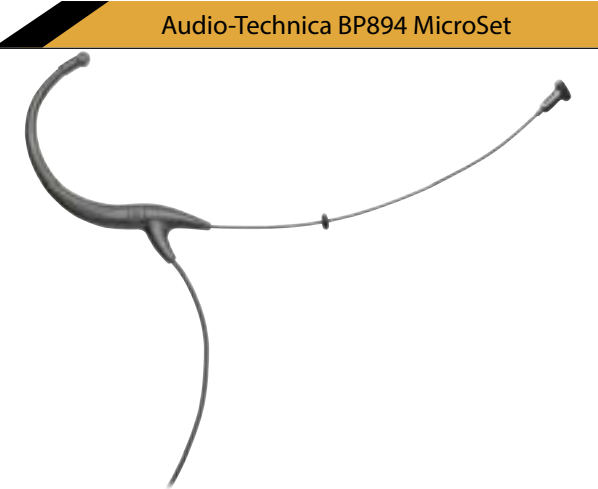
**Galaxy Audio HSH**



**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](http://galaxyaudio.com)

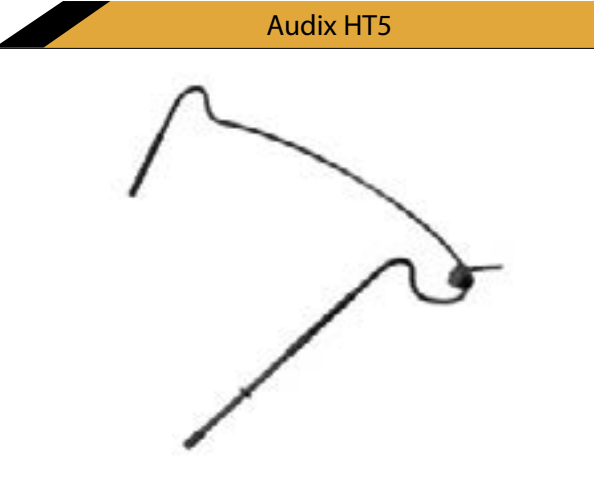
**Audio-Technica BP894 MicroSet**



**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](http://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](http://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](http://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

[lectrosonics.com](http://lectrosonics.com) • NAB Booth C3322

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

[countryman.com](http://countryman.com) • NAB Booth C2621

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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



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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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