


Headworn Mics

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Once clunky, unwieldy and low-fi, modern head-set microphone designs have evolved into stylish, high-performance transducers. Not only are these miniature and nearly invisible, but also durable and able to stand up to the hazards of the stage, whether sweat, water, humidity, makeup and every sort of rough handling imaginable. And even facing such hardships, there is a wide range of models offered in a variety of styles (earworn or headset), colors, prices and terminations to interface with any kind of wireless bodypack. Here's just a sampling of what's available.

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

akg.com


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: \$139/street

apexelectronics.com

Line 6 HS 70



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Tan, black
Termination: TA4F mini-XLR
Notes: Designed for Line 6 bodypacks.
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 bodypacks
Notes: Interchangeable cables for switching between brands
Price: \$299/street

moganmicrophones.com

Point Source 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 (depending on termination)

point-sourceaudio.com NAB Booth C2056


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 C6012

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: \$289/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 beltpacks
Notes: Includes two screw-on replaceable cables
Price: \$275

avlex.com


Que Audio DA12



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, black
Termination: Adapters fit all major wireless systems
Notes: Left/right side wearable; "petite" model also available for smaller heads
Price: \$309/street

queaudiousa.com

RODE HS-2



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Pink, black
Termination: 1/8" TRS
Notes: Kevlar reinforced cable
Price: \$299/street

rodemic.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; double ear version available
Price: \$199/street

samsontech.com NAB Booth SU6415PP

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

north-america.beyerdynamic.com

CAD Audio E19



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Beige
Termination: TA4-F for CAD wireless
Notes: Versions for Shure, Sennheiser and A-T bodypacks also offered
Price: \$229

cadaudio.com NAB Booth C1333 (AM&S)

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/street (omni)

countryman.com NAB Booth C5109


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: \$379/street (depending on termination)

sanken-mic.com NAB Booth C6046

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

sennheiserusa.com NAB Booth C1307

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: \$218/street

shure.com NAB Booth C6015

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 NAB Booth C29

Galaxy Audio HSM3



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, black or cocoa
Termination: Cables available for Shure, Galaxy, A-T, Sennheiser or AKG
Notes: Ships with four replacement cables.
Price: \$99/street

galaxyaudio.com


Lectrosonics HM172



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige
Termination: TA5F wired for Lectrosonics UHF beltpacks.
Notes: Removable HF peak cap adds control of excessive high frequencies
Price: \$299/street

lectrosonics.com NAB Booth C5414

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 VT901 Mk II



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige
Termination: TA4F for Shure or Sabine
Notes: Wearable on left or right side.
Price: \$309/street

vt-switzerland.com NAB Booth C6346

Vu-TA4F-BG



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige
Termination: Wired for Shure bodypacks
Notes: Also offered for Sennheiser, A-T and unterminated
Price: \$101/street

vugear.com