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Miniature Headworn Microphones

Over the years, headworn microphones have evolved from clunky, low-fi affairs into lightweight, nearly invisible transducers capable of serious audio quality, equaling many handheld models. We checked out some low-profile headworn mics that are suited for theatrical applications. In this quest, we encountered a wide selection at a variety of price points (all given in MSRP; street prices may vary). There is also a variety of terminations for different systems, and both headband and earworn styles to fit the individual preferences of any performer. It should be noted that most suppliers also carry headworn mic models in other styles and prices, and websites are listed if you require additional information.

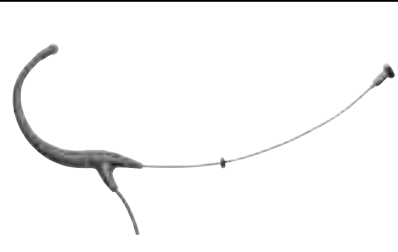
AKG HC577 L



**Style:** Headband  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omni  
**Colors:** Beige  
**Termination:** 3-pin Mini-XLR-F  
**Notes:** Can mount on either side; push-on presence cap boosts 12 kHz range by 3 dB; optional phantom adapter for hardwire applications.  
**Price:** \$449

akg.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:** \$539

audio-technica.com

Avlex HSP-49



**Style:** Earworn  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omnidirectional  
**Colors:** Black, beige or cocoa brown.  
**Termination:** Ships with Mipro adapter; optional adapters available for most major wireless beltacks and wired XLR use.  
**Notes:** Includes two screw-on replaceable cables.  
**Price:** \$275

avlex.com

Peavey PV-1



**Style:** Headband  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omnidirectional  
**Colors:** Black  
**Termination:** Mini 3-pin XLR-F  
**Notes:** Boom adapts for left or right side.  
**Price:** \$27.99

peavey.com


Point Source Audio SERIES8 CO-8WS



**Style:** Earworn; optional dual-ear mount avail.  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omnidirectional or cardioid avail.  
**Colors:** Beige or black  
**Termination:** Interchangeable X-Connector cables for all major wireless systems.  
**Notes:** Waterproof; left or right side wearable.  
**Price:** \$430

point-sourceaudio.com


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:** \$399 (plus \$29.95 adapter)

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:** \$449, plus adapter (\$29 to \$43)

rodemix.com

Beyerdynamic TG H54c



**Style:** Headband  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Cardioid  
**Colors:** Beige, black  
**Termination:** Mini 4-pin XLR-F  
**Notes:** Optional CV 18 for phantom powering; similar omni model also available  
**Price:** \$229

beyerdynamic.com

CAD Audio 302



**Style:** Headband  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Hypercardioid  
**Colors:** Black  
**Termination:** TA4-F  
**Notes:** Wired for CAD's WX155/WX100 bodypacks.  
**Price:** \$138

cadaudio.com


Countryman H6



**Style:** Headband  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omni; directional also offered  
**Colors:** Light beige, tan, cocoa, black.  
**Termination:** Avail unterminated or for all major pro wireless systems.  
**Notes:** High-strength detachable cables can easily swap to fit different wireless models; left/right side wearable boom; removable caps can vary HF response to individual needs.  
**Price:** \$670 to \$695, depending on termination

countryman.com

DPA d:fine



**Style:** Headband  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omni and directional versions available  
**Colors:** Black, brown, beige and lime green.  
**Termination:** Microdot; adapters available to XLR hardwire and all major wireless systems.  
**Notes:** Left/right switchable; also single-ear, short/long boom versions offered.  
**Price:** \$620

dpamicrophones.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:** \$249

samsontech.com

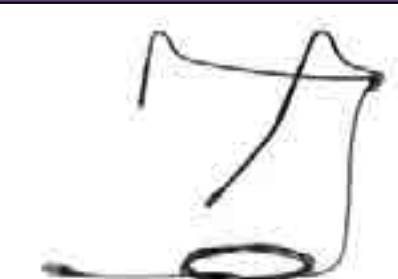
Sanken COS-11D HWM-R



**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 to \$795, depending on termination.

sanken-mic.com

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:** \$389 to \$449, depending on termination.

sennheiserusa.com


Shure MX 153



**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:** \$249

shure.com

Electro-Voice RE97TX



**Style:** Earworn  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omnidirectional  
**Colors:** Beige, brown or black  
**Termination:** TA4F wired for E-V/Telex beltacks.  
**Notes:** 135 dB handling.  
**Price:** \$495

electrovoice.com

Lectrosonics HM172



**Style:** Earworn  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omnidirectional  
**Colors:** Beige  
**Termination:** TA5F wired for Lectrosonics UHF beltacks.  
**Notes:** Removable HF peak cap adds control of excessive high frequencies  
**Price:** \$395

lectrosonics.com

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 bodypacks.  
**Price:** \$199

line6.com

Mogan Elite ICE Earset



**Style:** Earworn  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omnidirectional  
**Colors:** Transparent  
**Termination:** Available for Shure, AKG, Sennheiser or Audio-Technica bodypacks.  
**Notes:** Interchangeable cables with attached plugs allow easily switching between several models of transmitters.  
**Price:** \$400

moganmicrophones.com


Sony ECM-322BC



**Style:** Headband  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omnidirectional  
**Colors:** Black  
**Termination:** Sony 4-pin SMC9-4P for use with Sony WL-800 Series bodypacks.  
**Notes:** Can be worn on left or right ear.  
**Price:** \$200

sony.com/proaudio

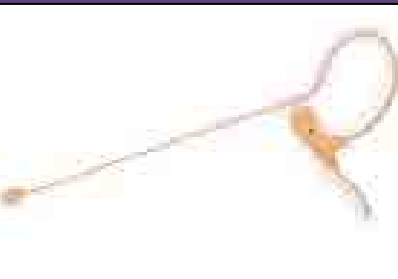
TOA Q-EM-77



**Style:** Earworn  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omnidirectional  
**Colors:** Beige  
**Termination:** 1/8" TS Plug  
**Notes:** Compatible with TOA 5000 series UHF beltacks  
**Price:** \$155

toaelectronics.com

Voice Technologies VT910



**Style:** Earworn  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omnidirectional  
**Colors:** Beige  
**Termination:** Available unterminated or with connectors for most wireless transmitters.  
**Notes:** Wearable on left or right side.  
**Price:** \$169 to \$231, depending on termination.

vt-switzerland.com

Wi Sure-Fit EL Series



**Style:** Earworn  
**Type:** Condenser  
**Pattern:** Omnidirectional  
**Colors:** Beige  
**Termination:** Includes twist-on adapters for AKG, A-T, Sony and Sennheiser beltacks.  
**Notes:** Removable, replaceable cable. Included accessories convert mic from earworn to lavalier or instrument mount.  
**Price:** \$319

widigitalsystems.com