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Drum Mic Kits

Over the past few years, more and more manufacturers have been offering pre-packaged bundles or kits of microphones selected specifically for drum miking. These range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars, but all offer a grab-and-go package that offers an easy solution with individual transducers matched for the job at hand. That's not to say you have to limit yourself to what's included in the case — you may end up using the supplied snare mic in a dual-mic, under-snare application, paired with another mic on top, or add a couple more mics to the stew to cover a larger kit, percussion table, etc. In any case, we decided to look at some top-of-the-line offerings and found choices to suit anyone's needs or budget.

AKG Drum Set Premium



**Number of Mics:** 8

**Kick Mic:** D12 VR

**Snare Mic:** D40

**Tom Mics:** (3) D40

**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** (2) large-diaphragm C214; C451 B

**Notes:** Padded metal carry case; clip-on mounts for tom and snare mics; shock mounts for C214 overheads.

**Price:** \$1,999/street

akg.com

Audio-Technica MB-DK6



**Number of Mics:** 6

**Kick Mic:** MB 6k

**Snare Mic:** MB 5k

**Tom Mics:** (2) MB 5k

**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** (2) MB 4k

**Notes:** Part of A-T's entry-level Midnight Blues line; includes case and stand mounts; MB 4k's can be phantom or battery powered.

**Price:** \$459/MSRP

audio-technica.com

Earthworks DK50R



**Number of Mics:** 3

**Kick Mic:** SR30 with KickPad

**Snare Mic:** none

**Tom Mics:** none


**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** (2) QTC50

**Notes:** Designed for minimal miking setups; includes Zero Halliburton case, inline -15/30 dB pads and KickPad shaper for optimizing kick sound.

**Price:** \$3,999/street

earthworksaudio.com

Electro-Voice PL DK7



**Number of Mics:** 7

**Kick Mic:** PL33

**Snare Mic:** PL35

**Tom Mics:** (3) PL35

**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** (2) PL37

**Notes:** Includes firm shell gig bag and four clip-on drum mounts.

**Price:** \$459/street

electrovoice.com

Lewitt DTP Beat Kit Pro 7



**Number of Mics:** 7

**Kick Mic:** DTP 640 REX

**Snare Mic:** MTP 440 DM

**Tom Mics:** DTP 340 TT

**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** (2) LCT 340

**Notes:** Includes carry case, six shock mounts and four clip-on drum mounts.

**Price:** \$1,299/street

lewitt-audio.com

MicTek PMD7



**Number of Mics:** 7

**Kick Mic:** PM11

**Snare Mic:** PM10

**Tom Mics:** (3) PM10

**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** (2) C5

**Notes:** Includes aluminum case and four clip-on drum mic mounts.

**Price:** \$1,899/street

miktekaudio.com

Audix DP Elite 8



**Number of Mics:** 8

**Kick Mic:** D-6

**Snare Mic:** i-5

**Tom Mics:** (2) D-2 (rack); D-4 (floor)

**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** (2) SCX1-c; SCX1-hc

**Notes:** Padded aluminum case; clip-on gooseneck mounts for tom and snare mics.

**Price:** \$2,199/street

audixusa.com

CAD Touring 7



**Number of Mics:** 7

**Kick Mic:** D12

**Snare Mic:** TSM411

**Tom Mics:** (3) TSM411

**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** (2) GXL 1200

**Notes:** Includes carry case and four DMC1 clip-on drum mounts.

**Price:** \$299/street

cadaudio.com

DPA d:vote 4099 Rock Touring Kit-4



**Number of Mics:** 4

**Kick Mic:** none

**Snare Mic:** d:vote 4099

**Tom Mics:** (3) d:vote 4099

**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** none

**Notes:** Includes Pelican case; (4) gooseneck drum mount clips (four sax/trumpet and two universal clips are also included); a 10-mic kit is also offered.

**Price:** \$2,499/street

dpamicrophones.com

Sennheiser e900 Drum Pack III Pro



**Number of Mics:** 7

**Kick Mic:** e902

**Snare Mic:** e904

**Tom Mics:** (3) e904

**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** (2) e914

**Notes:** Includes aluminum case and four clip-on drum mounts for e904's.

**Price:** \$1,399/street

sennheiserusa.com

Shure PGDMK6-XLR



**Number of Mics:** 6

**Kick Mic:** PG52

**Snare Mic:** PG56

**Tom Mics:** (2) PG56


**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** (2) PG81

**Notes:** Includes carry case, six 15-foot XLR cables and three clip-on drum mounts; PG81's can be battery or phantom powered.

**Price:** \$399/street

shure.com

Telefunken DD5



**Number of Mics:** 5

**Kick Mic:** M82

**Snare Mic:** M80-SH

**Tom Mics:** (3) M81-SH

**Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics:** none

**Notes:** Also includes flight case, four clip-on drum mounts and five mic cables with 90-degree XLR termination at mic end for tight placements.

**Price:** \$1,349/street

t-funk.com

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