

Headworn Mics

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Modern headset microphones have evolved into stylish, high-performance transducers. Not only are these miniature and nearly invisible, they are able to stand up to the hazards of sweat, water, humidity, makeup and rough handling. Today, there's a wide range of models in a variety of styles (ear-worn or headset), colors, prices and terminations to interface with any kind of wireless bodypack. Here's just a sampling of what's available.

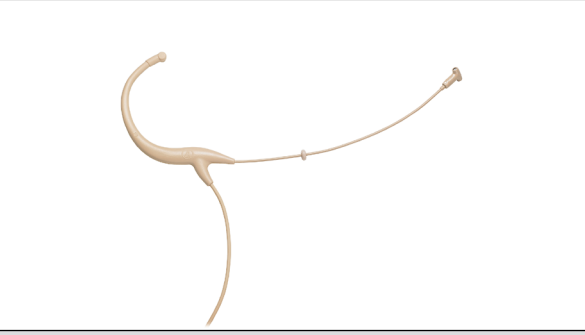
Apex Electronics Apex575



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Tan, cocoa
Termination: Includes TA3F, TA4F, locking 4-pin and mini TRS
Notes: Converts from neck-worn to single-ear
Price: \$120/street

apexelectronics.com

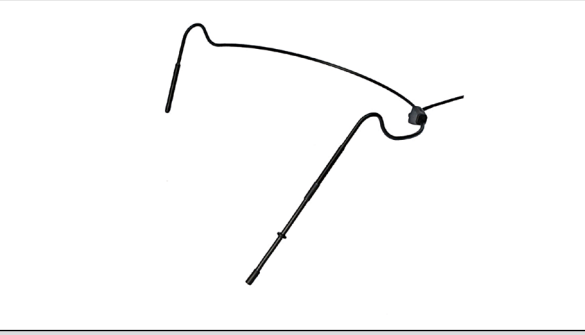
Audio-Technica BP894xCH MicroSet



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

audio-technica.com

Audix HT5



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Beige or black
Termination: 3-pin Mini-XLR
Notes: 4-pin mini-XLR version available
Price: \$299/street

audixusa.com


Mogan Elite ICE Earset



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Semi-transparent
Termination: Available for Shure, AKG, Sennheiser or
Notes: Audio-Technica
Notes: Distributed by Hosa (hosatech.com)
Price: \$299/street

moganmicrophones.com


Point Source Audio Embrace EO-8WL



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, brown or black
Termination: Interchange-
Notes: able X-Connector cables for all major wireless
Notes: Dual-element EO2-8WL also available
Price: \$378/street (depending on termination)

point-sourceaudio.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

Avlex HSP-09



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Black, beige or cocoa
Termination: Ships for
Notes: Mipro; adapters available for most major wireless
Notes: Includes two screw-on replaceable cables
Price: \$179

avlex.com


beyerdynamic TG H74



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Supercardioid
Colors: Beige, black
Termination: Versions for Opus or TG wireless
Notes: left or right side wearable
Price: \$249/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 also offered
Price: \$265/street

cadaudio.com

Samson SE50T



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, black
Termination: 1/8" TRS; includes three adapters for
Notes: other systems
Notes: Left/right side wearable
Price: \$119/street

samsontech.com


Sanken COS-11D HWM-R



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, cocoa
Termination: Available
Notes: nectors for major wireless
Notes: Same capsule as COS-11D lavalier
Price: \$595/street (depending on termination)

sanken-mic.com


Sennheiser HS2



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

sennheiserusa.com

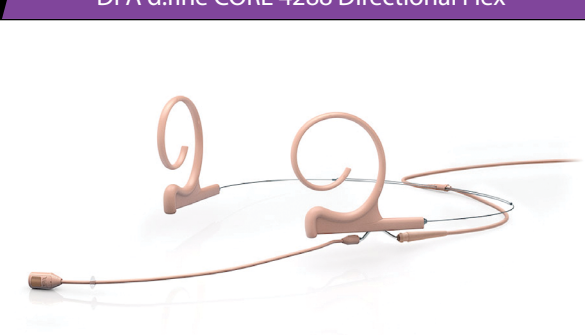
Countryman H7



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Hypercardioid
Colors: Light beige, tan, cocoa, black
Termination: Available
Notes: unterminated or for all major pro wireless
Notes: Adjusts for left or right side wearing
Price: \$599/street

countryman.com


DPA d.fine CORE 4288 Directional Flex



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Cardioid
Colors: Black, brown, beige
Termination: Microdot;
Notes: adapters available for all major wireless
Notes: Single-ear and short/long boom versions offered
Price: \$780/street

dpamicrophones.com


Electro-Voice RE97TX



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, cocoa or black
Termination: TA4F wired
Notes: for E-V/Telex beltpacks
Notes: Left/right wearable
Price: \$349

electrovoice.com

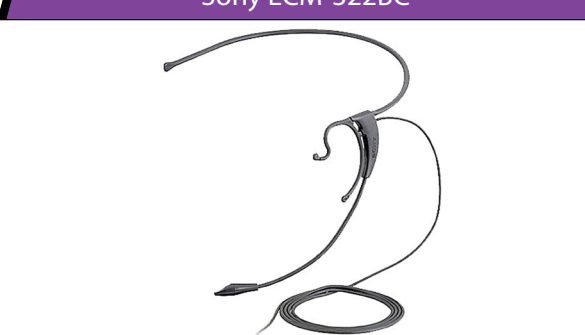
Shure TwinPlex TH53



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Black, tan and cocoa
Termination: TA4F, Lemo,
Notes: MicroDot, bare wire
Notes: Wearable on left or right side.
Price: \$599/street

shure.com


Sony ECM-322BC



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

sony.com/proaudio

Voice Technologies VT901 Mk II



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige
Termination: TA4F (others optional)
Notes: Sold by Redding Audio, reddingaudio.com.
Price: \$249/street

vt-switzerland.com


Acacia LIZ Roadster Platinum



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Tan, Black
Termination: TA4F Mini
Notes: XLR (others offered)
Notes: Interchangeable cable
Price: \$249/street

acaciaaudio.com


AKG CM-311AE



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Cardioid
Colors: Black
Termination: Mini XLR
Notes: CM-311A version connects to XLR
Price: \$419/street

akg.com

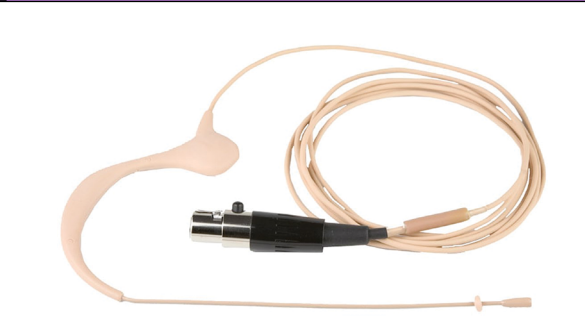
Galaxy Audio HSM24



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Beige
Termination: Available for
Notes: most pro wireless
Notes: includes two replaceable cables
Price: \$140/street

galaxyaudio.com


Lectrosonics HM172



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige
Termination: TASF wired
Notes: for Lectrosonics UHF
Notes: Removable HF peak cap controls excessive highs
Price: \$306/street

lectrosonics.com

Line 6 HS70



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Tan, black
Termination: TA4F mini-
Notes: XLR
Notes: Designed for Line 6 bodypacks
Price: \$80/street

line6.com