

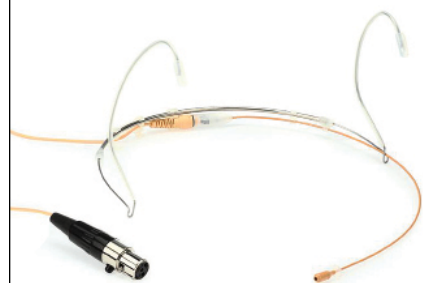
Headworn Microphones

By George Petersen

Headworn microphones have evolved into stylish, high-performance transducers that are miniature and nearly invisible, but also 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 (earworn or headset), colors, prices and terminations to interface with any kind of wireless bodypack. Here's a sampling of what's available.



Acacia LIZ Diamond Roadster



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Tan, Black
Termination: TA4F Mini XLR (others offered)
Notes: Interchangeable cable
Price: \$319/street
acaciaaudio.com

Apex Electronics Apex575



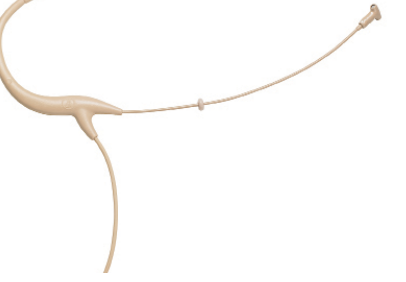
Style: Headset
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Tan, cocoa
Termination: Includes TA3F, TA4F, locking 4-pin and mini TRS
Notes: Converts from neck-worn to single-ear
Price: \$119/street
apexelectronics.com

AKG/Crown CM-311AE



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Cardioid
Colors: Black
Termination: Mini XLR
Notes: CM-311A version connects to XLR
Price: \$465/street
akg.com

Audio-Technica BP894x MicroSet



Style: Earworn; convertible to dual-ear mount
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Cardioid
Colors: Black, beige
Termination: Available for all major pro wireless systems or XLR wired
Notes: Rotatable capsule aims directly at sound source; wearable on either ear
Price: \$499/street
audio-technica.com; NAB Booth: C2826

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

Countryman H7



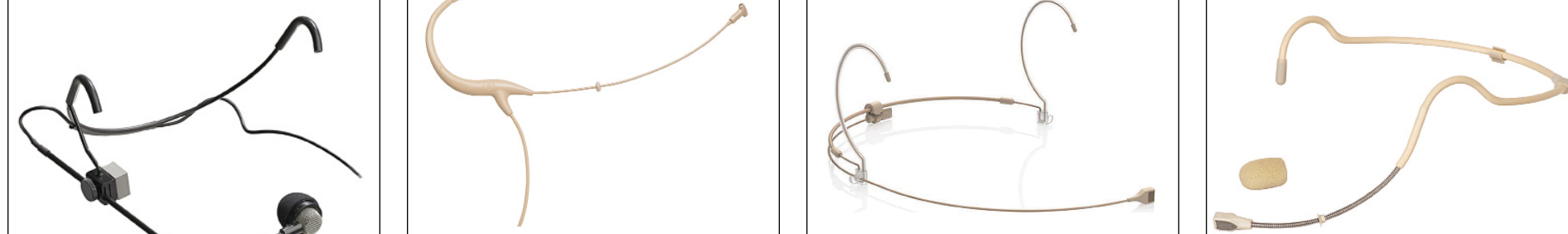
Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Hypercardioid
Colors: Light beige, tan, cocoa, black
Termination: Available unterminated or for all major pro wireless
Notes: Adjusts for left or right side wearing
Price: \$599/street
countryman.com

Electro-Voice RE97TX



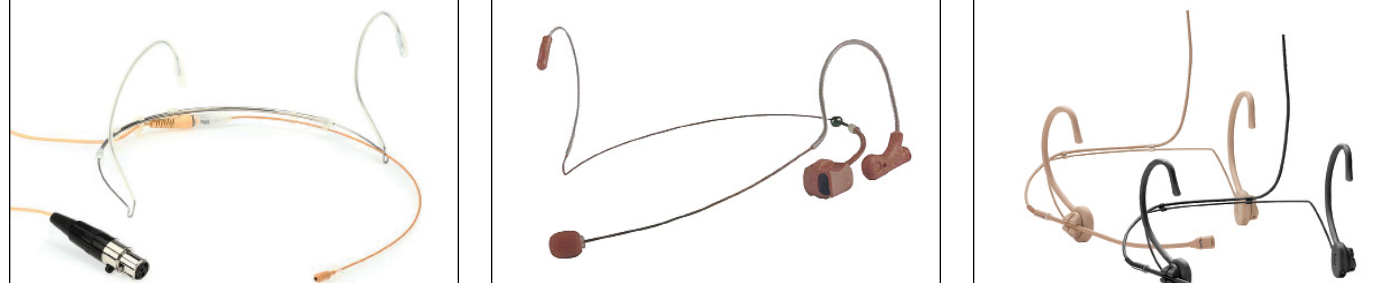
Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, cocoa or black
Termination: TA4F wired for E-V/Telex beltpacks
Notes: Left/right wearable
Price: \$436
electrovoice.com; NAB Booth: C6108

Galaxy Audio HSM24



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Beige
Termination: Available for most pro wireless
Notes: includes two replaceable cables
Price: \$149/street
galaxyaudio.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

DPA 4466 CORE Omnidirectional



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omni
Colors: Black, brown, beige
Termination: Microdot; adapters available for all major wireless
Notes: Cardioid 4488 version also offered
Price: \$800/street
dpamicrophones.com; NAB Booth: C8609

Lectrosonics HM172



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige
Termination: TA5F wired for Lectrosonics UHF
Notes: Removable HF peak cap controls excessive highs
Price: \$329/street
lectrosonics.com; NAB Booth: C6518

Point Source Audio EMBRACE EO-8WL



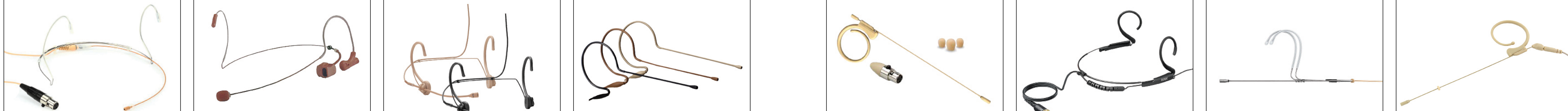
Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, brown or black
Termination: Interchangeable X-Connector cables for all major wireless
Notes: Dual-element EO2-8WL also available
Price: \$378/street (depending on termination)
point-sourceaudio.com

Sanken COS-11D HWM



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige, cocoa
Termination: TA4; also unterminated or with connectors for major wireless
Notes: Same capsule as COS-11D lavalier
Price: \$595/street
sanken-mic.com; NAB Booth: N1716

Sony ECM-HZ1UBMP



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Cardioid
Colors: Black
Termination: Sony 4-pin SMC9-4P for Sony DWZ bodypacks
Notes: Can be worn on left or right ear.
Price: \$128/street
sony.com/proaudio; NAB Booth: C10901

MIPRO HSP-49



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Black, beige or cocoa
Termination: Ships for Mipro; adapters available for most major wireless
Notes: Includes two screw-on replaceable cables
Price: \$204
avlex.com

RODE HS-2



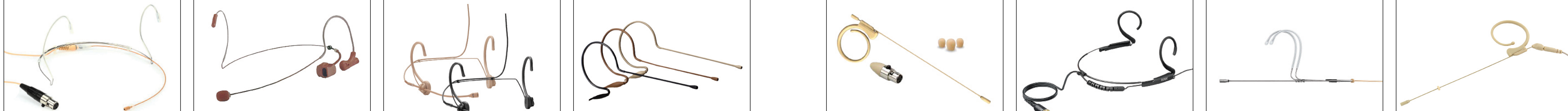
Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Pink, black
Termination: 1/8" TRS
Notes: Kevlar reinforced cable
Price: \$299/street
rodemicro.com

Sennheiser HM 200



Style: Headband
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Color: Silver
Termination: Untermated or with connectors for major wireless
Notes: Integrated MKE1 capsule
Price: \$549/street
sennheiserusa.com; NAB Booth: C6715

Voice Technologies VT901 Mk II



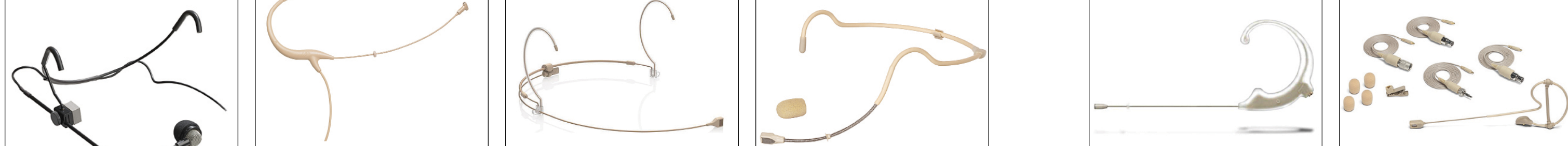
Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige
Termination: TA4F (others optional)
Notes: Sold by Redding Audio, reddingaudio.com
Price: \$249/street
vt-switzerland.com; NAB Booth: C6918

Mogan Elite ICE Earset



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

Samson SE60x



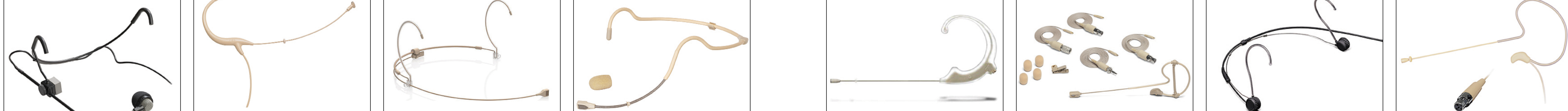
Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Unidirectional
Colors: Beige, black
Termination: 1/8" TRS; includes three adapters for other systems
Notes: Left/right side wearable
Price: \$149/street
samsontech.com

Shure TwinPlex TH53



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Black, tan and cocoa
Termination: TA4F, Lemo, MicroDot, bare wire
Notes: Wearable on left or right side.
Price: \$599/street
shure.com; NAB Booth: C9612

Vu HM2000-TA4F



Style: Earworn
Type: Condenser
Pattern: Omnidirectional
Colors: Beige
Termination: Wired for Shure bodypacks
Notes: Also offered for Sennheiser, A-T and unterminated
Price: \$102/street
vugear.com