

Handheld Dynamic Vocal Microphones

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You can never have enough dynamic vocal mics. Rugged and dependable, these can also double as an instrument mic, while still taking the punishment of road life — making them ideal for live applications. Many of the mics listed here are offered in similar versions with different polar patterns, so if you're seeking a supercardioid or hypercardioid variant of a cardioid mic listed here, just follow the URLs provided to get exactly what you need.

Audix DM7



Pattern: Hypercardioid
Response: 48 Hz to 19k Hz
Sensitivity: 2.0 mV/Pa
Max SPL: 144 dB
Weight: 11.6 ounces
Notes: VLM™ (Very Low Mass) diaphragm
Price: \$249

audixusa.com

Blue enCore 100



Pattern: Cardioid
Response: 50 Hz to 15k Hz
Sensitivity: 1.55 mV/Pa
Max SPL: 147 dB
Weight: 14.1 ounces
Notes: Includes two grills
Price: \$99/street

bluemic.com

Electro-Voice ND96



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 140 Hz to 15k Hz
Sensitivity: 3.3 mV/Pa
Max SPL: 140 dB
Weight: 9.2 ounces
Notes: Neodymium magnet; presence boost switch
Price: \$199/street

electrovoice.com

Microtech-Gefell MD 110



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 50 Hz to 16k Hz
Sensitivity: 1.6 mV/Pa
Max SPL: Not stated
Weight: 13 ounces
Notes: Cardioid and omni versions also available
Price: \$460

microtechgefell.de

Peavey PVM44



Pattern: Cardioid
Response: 50 Hz to 16k Hz
Sensitivity: 3.16 mV/Pa
Max SPL: Not stated
Weight: 10 ounces
Notes: Neodymium magnet
Price: \$99

peavey.com

SE Electronics V7



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 40 Hz to 19k Hz
Sensitivity: 2.0 mV/Pa
Max SPL: Not stated
Weight: 10.8 ounces
Notes: Neodymium element
Price: \$99/street

seelectronics.com

Sontronics Solo



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 50 Hz to 15k Hz
Sensitivity: 3.16 mV/Pa
Max SPL: Not stated
Weight: 19.9 ounces
Notes: Hand-built in the U.K.
Price: \$149

sontronics.com

AKG D5



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 70 Hz to 20k Hz
Sensitivity: 2.6 mV/Pa
Max SPL: 148 dB
Weight: 12 ounces
Notes: Cardioid model also available
Price: \$115/street

akg.com

Austrian Audio DD505



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 35Hz-16kHz
Sensitivity: 4.4 mV/Pa
Max SPL: 154 dB
Weight: 12 ounces
Notes: Active design requires 48V phantom power
Price: \$299

austrian.audio

CAD Audio D90



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 50 Hz to 16k Hz
Sensitivity: 2.8 mV/Pa
Max SPL: 150 dB
Weight: 8 ounces
Notes: Neodymium magnet
Price: \$79/street

cadaudio.com


Heil Sound PR-37



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 40 Hz to 18k Hz
Sensitivity: Not stated
Max SPL: 140 dB
Weight: 12.3 ounces
Notes: Large diameter 1.5" capsule
Price: \$269/retail

heilound.com

Miktek PM9



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 50 Hz to 19k Hz
Sensitivity: 1.4 mV/Pa
Max SPL: 150 dB
Weight: 10.4 ounces
Notes: Neodymium magnet
Price: \$199 street

miktekaudio.com

RØDE M1



Pattern: Cardioid
Response: 75 Hz to 18k Hz
Sensitivity: 1.6 mV/Pa
Max SPL: Not Stated
Weight: 12.7 ounces
Notes: Neodymium magnet
Price: \$99/street

rodem.com

Sennheiser MD435



Pattern: Cardioid
Response: 40 Hz to 20k Hz
Sensitivity: 1.8 mV/Pa
Max SPL: Not Stated
Weight: 12.3 ounces
Notes: Voiced like MD 9235
Price: \$499

sennheiserusa.com

Sony F-780



Pattern: Cardioid
Response: 50 Hz to 18k Hz
Sensitivity: 3.16 mV/Pa
Max SPL: Not Stated
Weight: 10.2 ounces
Notes: Enhanced F-780/FX version also available
Price: \$359

pro.sony/en_EE/products/

Audio-Technica AE6100



Pattern: Hypercardioid
Response: 60 Hz to 15k Hz
Sensitivity: 1.7 mV/Pa
Max SPL: Not stated
Weight: 10.9 ounces
Notes: Cardioid AE4100 also available
Price: \$189/street

audio-technica.com

Beyerdynamic TG V70



Pattern: Hypercardioid
Response: 25 Hz to 18k Hz
Sensitivity: 3.2 mV/Pa
Max SPL: Not stated
Weight: 12.1 ounces
Notes: Switched version also available
Price: \$169/street

north-america.beyerdynamic.com

Carvin Audio M68



Pattern: Cardioid
Response: 45 Hz to 15k Hz
Sensitivity: Not stated
Max SPL: Not stated
Weight: 8.5 ounces
Notes: Includes 20' cable and case
Price: \$119

carvinaudio.com


Lewitt MTP 840 DM



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 40 Hz to 18k Hz
Sensitivity: 3.5 mV/Pa
Max SPL: Not stated
Weight: 12 ounces
Notes: Active gain boost; 2-step HP filter
Price: \$269/street

lewitt-audio.com

Mojave Audio MA-D



Pattern: Cardioid
Response: 30 Hz to 15k Hz
Sensitivity: 2.2 mV/Pa
Max SPL: 160 dB
Weight: 8 ounces
Notes: David Royer design
Price: \$159

mojaveaudio.com


Samson QX8



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 50 Hz to 16k Hz
Sensitivity: 2.5 mV/Pa
Max SPL: 150 dB
Weight: 12 ounces
Notes: Neodymium element
Price: \$99

samsontech.com

Shure KSM8 Dualdyne



Pattern: Cardioid
Response: 40 Hz to 16k Hz
Sensitivity: 2.66 mV/Pa
Max SPL: Not stated
Weight: 11.6 ounces
Notes: Dual-diaphragm design
Price: \$399

shure.com

Telefunken M80



Pattern: Supercardioid
Response: 50 Hz to 18k Hz
Sensitivity: 1.54 mV/Pa
Max SPL: 135 dB
Weight: 15.1 ounces
Notes: Gold, wood and colors optional
Price: \$249

telefunken-elektroakustik.com