



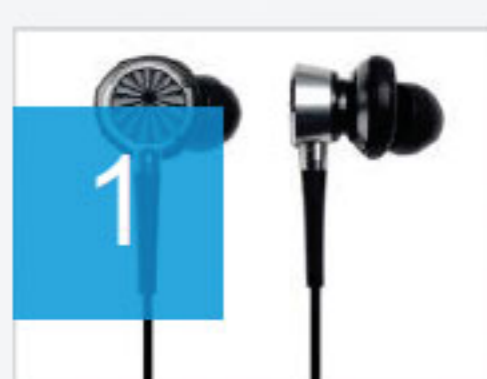
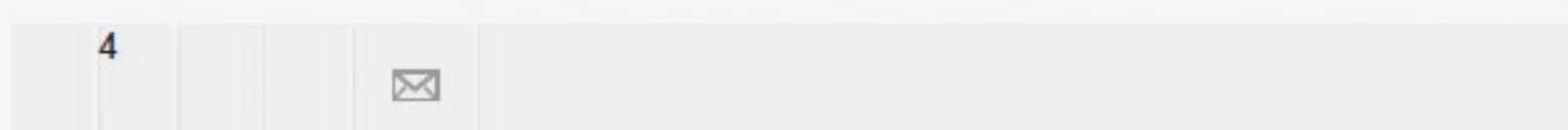
BEST EARBUDS

By Drew Prindle — March 3, 2013

Check out this list of the best earbuds, put together by our expert team of headphone reviewers.

It's hard to beat a nice pair of cans when it comes to sound quality, but at the end of the day, bulky over-the-ear headphones just can't match the convenience and portability of earbuds. Not only are they better for keeping your hairdo intact and going on jogs, but many of them offer fantastic noise isolation and surprisingly high quality audio for their size. We've reviewed hundreds of in-ear headphones and below you'll find what our expert reviews consider the best earbud headphones around.

Our best earbuds is continually updated as we review new products that enter the market.



Phiaton PS 210 BTNC

The PS 210 BTNC is the best-sounding wireless earphone we've ever heard and, for that matter, one of the best earphones we've enjoyed in general.

Features
Design
Use

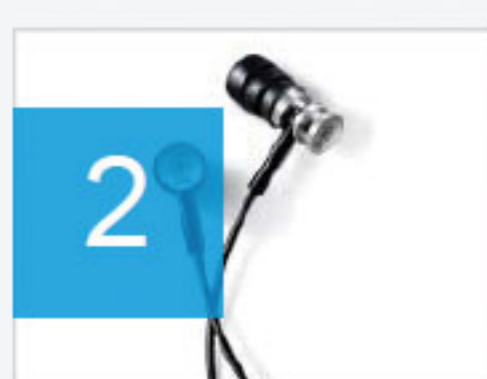
Active Noise-Canceling
In-Ear
Travel

Buy online:
Amazon.com

\$159.00

✓ Pros: Outstanding sound quality, Versatile and...
✗ Cons: Visual design

Our Score
Viewer Score



Yamaha EPH-100

The Yamaha EPH-100 are the steal of the decade in affordable high-performance personal audio.

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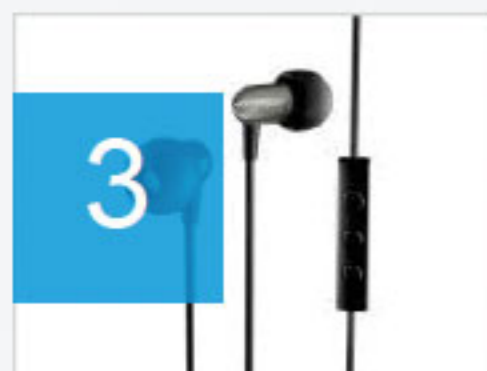
In-Ear
Sound Isolating
Travel

Buy online:
zZounds

\$149.95

✓ Pros: Balanced, articulate, dynamic and revealing sound...
✗ Cons: No inline mic or controls

Our Score
Viewer Score



Nocs NS800

We think that the Nocs NS800 Monitors are a special kind of treat for the ears. But, in the same way that not everyone enjoys caviar – at least not right away – some may have difficulty appreciating the NS800's distinct flavor.

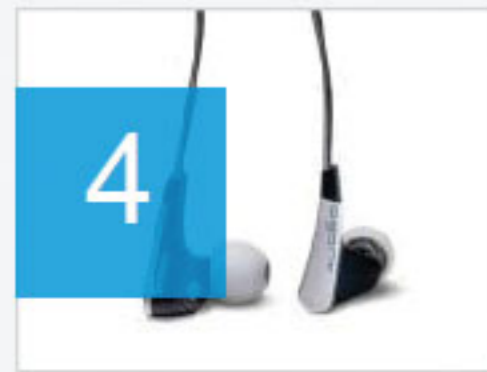
Design
Features
Use

In-Ear
None
Travel

Buy online:
Buy Now: Amazon...

✓ Pros: Natural, organic sound, Highly revealing and...
✗ Cons: Don't deliver lowest bass frequencies with...

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Phonak Audeo PFE122

The Audeo PFE122s are an excellent choice for music lovers of any stripe, and a perfect solution for those who value comfort and security as much as sound quality.

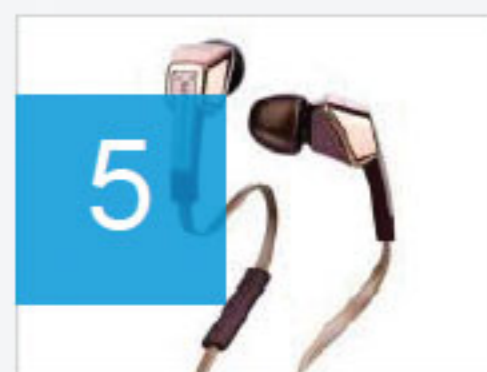
Design
Features
Use

In-Ear
In-Line Microphone
Travel

Buy online:
Buy Now: Amazon...

✓ Pros: Superbly-balanced, detailed, clear and natural...
✗ Cons: Slightly rolled off and recessed upper treble, Not...

Our Score
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Monster Gratitude

It took us a while to relax into the Monster Gratitude in-ear headphones, but, once we did, we fell in love with them.

Design
Features
Use

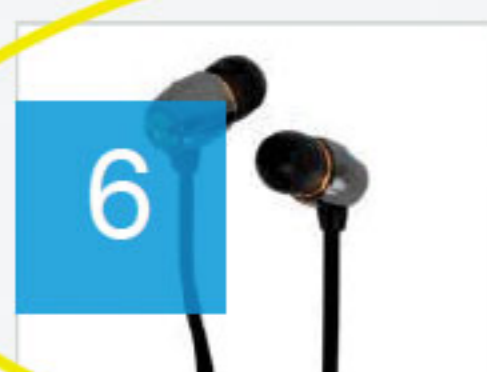
In-Ear
In-Line Microphone
Studio/Home

Buy online:
Vanns.com

\$229.00

✓ Pros: Excellent bass, open, detailed midrange, Huge...
✗ Cons: Odd shape may not appeal to everyone, Low treble...

Our Score
Viewer Score



Bell'O Digital BDH650

If you're looking for a pair of low-priced earphones and sound quality is your main priority, the Bell'O BDH650s are definitely worth a listen.

Design
Features
Use

In-Ear
Sound Isolating
Travel

Buy online:

✓ Pros: Highly enjoyable, well-detailed sound for a...
✗ Cons: Upper mids and lower treble can sound a little too...

Our Score
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Munitio SITi S

We are pleased and sufficiently surprised at Munitio's SITi earphones. While \$160 can buy you more accurate in-ears, the SITi come with a specific sonic signature that we think plenty of listeners will enjoy getting into

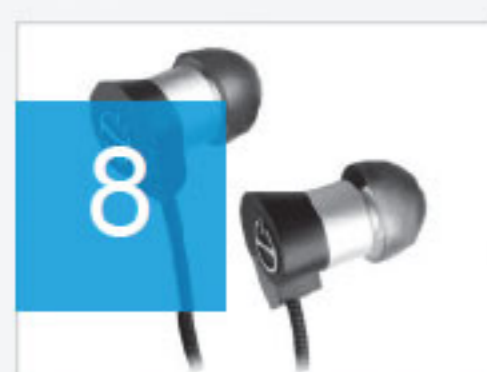
Design
Features
Use

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Sound Isolating
Travel

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Buy Now: Amazon...

✓ Pros: Strong, balanced bass, Controlled treble, Secure...
✗ Cons: Some muddy lower midrange, cloudy vocals, Carrying...

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Paradigm Shift e3m

There's nothing phoned in about the e3m and we can really appreciate that. We feel the e3m's performance fit their price point to a T.

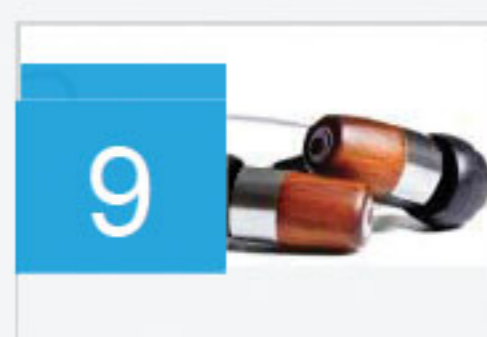
Design
Features
Use

In-Ear
In-Line Microphone
Travel

Buy online:
From Paradigm

✓ Pros: Powerful, deep bass, Relaxed treble, Highly...
✗ Cons: Noisy cord, Ear tips may not feel comfortable to...

Our Score
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Thinksound ms01

For those seeking deep, accurate bass and open, transparent midrange, it's hard to do much better in an earphone than the Thinksound ms01.

Design
Use

In-Ear
Studio/Home

Buy online:
Amazon.com

\$100.97

✓ Pros: Terrifically deep and well-balanced bass...
✗ Cons: Harsh treble response, No airline adapter

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JVC HA-FX40

The fit, comfort and security are excellent, especially for only \$30 — and they still sound noticeably better than the dreadfully awful giveaway buds often included with your MP3 player or phone.

Design
Features
Use

In-Ear
Sound Isolating
Travel

Buy online:
Sonic Electroni...
Cascio Intersta...

\$17.95
\$27.99

✓ Pros: Noticeably better sound than stock mobile-device...
✗ Cons: Somewhat bright, harsh-sounding upper mids and...

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