

## IN-EAR HEADPHONES

### 1 WESTONE

UM3X  
\$5599, WESTONE.COM

**LOVE** Immaculate sound quality and clarity.  
**HATE** Build quality could be better.

★★★★★



### 2 SENNHEISER IE 8

\$5569, SENNHEISERASIA.COM

**LOVE** Superb all-round sound quality. Easily adjustable bass  
**HATE** Could be comfier. Could also be somewhat cheaper

★★★★★



### 3 FISCHER AUDIO

DBA-02  
\$5236.60, TREOO.COM

**LOVE** Tight, punchy, and balanced sound, nice price  
**HATE** Comply ear foams not included..

★★★★★



### 4 SONY EX-1000

\$5799, SONY.COM.SG

**LOVE** Large soundstage, tremendous detail  
**HATE** Expensive, harsh treble, acquired taste

★★★★★



### 5 FINAL AUDIO

\$51699, JABEN.NET

**LOVE** Lush, detailed, well-balanced. Luxurious yet compact  
**HATE** Ridiculously expensive and very heavy

★★★★★



## PMPS

### 1 APPLE IPOD TOUCH

64GB \$5588, (32GB: \$5428, 8GB: \$5328), APPLE.COM/SG

**LOVE** The best combination of web, email, music and app store  
**HATE** Quality costs money

★★★★★



### 2 APPLE IPOD NANO

16GB  
\$5278 (8GB: \$5228), APPLE.COM/SG

**LOVE** Plenty of storage and FM radio  
**HATE** Screen's too small for multi-touch. Less sexy than of old

★★★★★



### 3 APPLE IPOD CLASSIC 160GB

\$5388, APPLE.COM/SG

**LOVE** Perfect for music lovers, with enough storage for all your media  
**HATE** Less than bleeding-edge design

★★★★★



### 4 SONY WALKMAN

A845B 16GB

\$5379, SONY.COM.SG

**LOVE** Sound quality beats Apple's  
**HATE** Interface is no match for Apple's

★★★★★



### 5 SONY PSP GO

\$5412, ASIA.PLAYSTATION.COM/SG

**LOVE** Expandable storage and strong all-round media device.  
**HATE** Picky about media formats.

★★★★★



# ON-EAR HEADPHONES

The headgear of choice for true music lovers

## AKG Q701

\$5649.90, AKG.COM

- 1 PERFORMANCE** Immense soundstage, plenty of depth. Clean sound with plenty of detail; very natural sounding bass. Comfortable for extended wear.  
**LOVE** Great detail and comfort. Perfect for acoustic instruments  
**HATE** Needs work to get it to sound its best

### SPECIFICATIONS

**IMPEDANCE** 62 ohms at 1kHz  
**FREQUENCY RANGE** 10-39,800Hz  
**CORD LENGTH** 2.7m  
**WEIGHT** 235g

T5 ★★★★★



## SENNHEISER HD 650

\$5649, SENNHEISERASIA.COM

- 2 PERFORMANCE** These open-back headphones provide cracking sound quality and comfort, but will leak too much noise for use on your daily commute  
**LOVE** Natural-sounding audio. Comfortable, attractive design  
**HATE** Pricey and for indoor use only

### SPECIFICATIONS

**IMPEDANCE** 300 Ohm  
**FREQUENCY RANGE** 10-39,500Hz  
**CORD LENGTH** 1.3m  
**WEIGHT** 260g

T5 ★★★★★



## B&W P5

£250 (\$505), BOWERSANDWILKINS.COM

- 3 PERFORMANCE** Harnessing the power of "ultra-linear neodymium magnets and highly optimised mylar diaphragms" the P5s extract the best sound possible from your MP3 player. They also have a hands-free mic for full iPhone compatibility  
**LOVE** Outstanding audio with good noise isolation. Very high-end look and feel  
**HATE** A touch expensive

### SPECIFICATIONS

**IMPEDANCE** 26 Ohm  
**FREQUENCY RANGE** 10-20,000Hz  
**CORD LENGTH** 1.3m  
**WEIGHT** 195g

T5 ★★★★★



## AUDIO-TECHNICA ATH-SJ55

\$578, AUDIO-TECHNICA.COM.SG

- 4 PERFORMANCE** Clear mid-range with strong bass makes this a very versatile set of headphones for the price  
**LOVE** Great sound. Commendable clarity. Cheap  
**HATE** 'Plastic-ky' feel doesn't inspire confidence

### SPECIFICATIONS

**IMPEDANCE** 48ohms  
**FREQUENCY RANGE** 8-25,000Hz  
**CORD LENGTH** 1.2m  
**WEIGHT** 120g

T5 ★★★★★



## AUDIO-TECHNICA ATH-PRO700 MKII

\$5298, AUDIO-TECHNICA.COM.SG

- 5 PERFORMANCE** Deep, throaty tone, with plenty of headroom for thumping bass tracks  
**LOVE** Easily handles both heavy beats and classical notes  
**HATE** Volume will be soft on conventional PMPs

### SPECIFICATIONS

**IMPEDANCE** 38 Ohms  
**FREQUENCY RANGE** 5-35,000Hz  
**CORD LENGTH** 1.2m  
**WEIGHT** 305g with cable

T5 ★★★★★



News...  
**Veho VEP-004-BT**

### ANOTHER STEREO BLUETOOTH HEADSET? WHY NOT

There aren't many Stereo Bluetooth headsets out there, so rejoice now that another has joined in the fray to offer us more options. The Veho VEP-004-BT may be a mouthful, but it certainly looks the business. Sporting a simple, classic design, it's available in plain black or a slightly colourful, orange Gumball edition. It supports A2DP for full stereo support, as well as a built-in handsfree. The folding design and leather earplugs sweetens the deal.

### PRACTICAL SOLUTION? WHY NOT

It boasts up to 11 hours talk time, and up to 11 hours of playback time. It charges easily via USB, and has playback controls located on the ear cups.

\$5149, VEHO-UK.COM