



AUDIO-TECHNICA ATH-CKS90i

Sound choice

S\$218, audiotechnica.com.sg

Great sound quality at affordable prices has always been Audio-Technica's game. But they also make plenty of great high-end cans for the serious audiophile. The ATH-CKS90i just about makes that cut.

The immediate thing upon plopping them into your ears is how well they fit in them. The ergonomically functional (albeit wasp-like) design allows for a snug fit in your ear canal, effectively blocking out undesired sounds, without impeding you.

Bass amplification from the Dual Chamber Mechanism really fills up the lower end void, but at this price, you would expect it to do so. The mid-high range cuts through each musical piece to provide a deep sensory aural experience, and is especially brilliant with vocals.

A little below the right earphone, lies a microphone/remote that is well designed and strategically placed. We instinctively knew where it was and what the buttons did even before we looked at it.

Overall, when it comes down to audio reproduction quality, the CKS90i is a guaranteed horse to put your money on. You can't go wrong with it. **SL**

SPECIFICATIONS:

DRIVER 13mm
FREQUENCY RESPONSE 5 ~ 25,000 Hz
SENSITIVITY 106dB/mW
IMPEDANCE 16ohm

LOVE Really good aural experience. Fits snugly in ear-canal

HATE Hornet-like design makes it a tad hard to pack quickly, but we are just griping

WE SAY Well worth the purchase

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VEHO 360° GUMBALL 3000 EDITION

Funky but clunky

S\$149, veho-world.com

Sure, the Gumball 3000 edition of the Veho 360° Wireless Headphone is funky no matter how you look at it, but save for that extra orange cushion, it is just another run-of-the-mill Bluetooth headphone.

Pairing it up upon unfolding was pretty seamless. I got it streaming sweet music to my ears in less than a minute. Audio reproduction is what you would expect from a Bluetooth headphone so it is decent, and so is the built-in microphone.

The listening experience, however, was marred by the over-sensitive touch panel that frequently adjusted the tracks and volumes erratically when I was fitting it on my ears. Fortunately, the fit was fairly alright to warrant little readjusting. The pressing the control itself may show a slight lag before it registers, and sometimes might leave you figuring if you pressed it or not.

While this internationally-endorsed rally headset doesn't perform as radically as the sport suggests, it still looks the part nonetheless. **SL**

SPECIFICATIONS:

BLUETOOTH SPECIFICATION V2.1+EDR
OPERATING DISTANCE 10 meters Class II
MUSIC PLAYING TIME 10 hours

LOVE Fairly inexpensive. Comfy fit. Easy pairing

HATE Frustratingly over responsive touch controls

WE SAY A reasonable bluetooth headset with an added perk if you're into rallying

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