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Best Buys in Bluetooth Headsets

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Best Buys in Bluetooth headsets were selected based on features, design/ergonomics, battery life and ease of use.

Talk/standby times are for the highest speed network that your cellphone can access. Talk/standby times always will be longer for slower networks.

Best Price is a reflection of the lowest retail price that was available at press time and is subject to change.

Premium Selection: Plantronics Voyager 5200



MSRP: \$120Best Price: \$120

The Voyager 5200 has the best combination of features that we found: This model not only has the best audio quality that we heard, but its boom microphone is splash- and sweatproof. This model has a dedicated button for activating not only Apple Siri and Google Now but also Microsoft's Cortana voice-command digital assistant, which no other Bluetooth headset supports. This model has a 98-foot mobile range, which is at least three times that of competitors.

<u>Features</u>

Weight: 0.7 oz.

• Battery life: 7.0 hrs. talk, 9.0 days standby

Midrange Selection: Plantronics Voyager Legend

MSRP: \$100Best Price: \$59

We found that the Voyager Legend, which is a repeat Best Buy selection, delivers the best sound quality and has the best connection consistency, reception and noise-cancellation capabilities among Bluetooth headsets that are in this price range. This model has one more microphone (three total) than does any other Bluetooth headset, for digital-signal-processing noise-cancellation.

Feat ures

Weight: 0.6 oz.

Battery life: 7.0 hrs. talk, 11.0 days standby

Economy Selection: Plantronics M70

MSRP: \$40Best Price: \$20

The M70 has the best battery life among Bluetooth headsets that are in this price range, including a 6-month deep standby mode, which is 1 month longer than what any competitor provides. Such a standby battery life is ideal for use as a spare headset in your vehicle or at your desk. This model also is the lightest economy Bluetooth headset, by 0.07 ounces.

Features

• Weight: 0.3 oz.

• Battery life: 11.0 hrs. talk, 16.0 days standby

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