

2 Tools for Serious Road Warriors

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Road warriors know the importance of having the right tools when you're on the road. It might be even more important than having the right tools in your office. Like many of you, I spend a lot of time on airplanes traveling to different places for business. Recently I was on an extended trip where I traveled all around the world. While I was out there, I discovered two tools that helped me enormously for business travel.

Serious listening and zoning out for your mental well-being

Another device that I carried on my round the world trip is the new Plantronics BackBeat PRO+ headphones. These have got to be the best I have ever experienced. The quality of noise cancellation and the comfort of the pillow-soft earpieces make it a joy to travel with.

It was particularly good on those long (18 hours or more) airplane flights. I was able to escape into my own protective cocoon, listening to delightful music or wonderful podcasts. The active noise cancellation screened out not only the droning airplane engines, but also lots of low-level chatter. This meant I was able to sleep better on the plane and arrived feeling more rested.

Even though it is designed as a device to listen to music (and it does that very well), it can be your secret business tool to gain a competitive advantage when you need to arrive fully rested.

The BackBeat PRO+ is capable of a 24-hour charge and has extended Class 1 Bluetooth range. This means you can use the Bluetooth connection up to 150 feet away.

One of the things I particularly liked about it was that it feels great and you don't get that "ugh" feeling on your ears that can come with some headphones that you wear for an extended period.

The unit comes with a 3.5 mm cable that allows you to control operations in those times when the battery would be too low. It has built-in smart sensors so you can pause or play your audio. This is nice when listening to music and something demands your attention momentarily. A tap on the right lever pauses your audio, and then another slight tap starts it again.

Where it sparkles the most is in that moment when you're on the airplane, cruising along with no bumps, listening to your favorite music, spoken word audio, or other audio, and you zone out in your own bubble of privacy. It is exquisitely delicious!

Tip - Make sure you have the ANC (Active Noise Cancellation) turned on to mellow out those droning sounds of the airplane engines.

I'd recommend looking into the Plantronics BackBeat PRO+ if you want to enjoy your music, podcasts and other audio — all while gaining a serious business advantage.

Plantronics BackBeat PRO+ - \$299.99 Retail

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