



ATH-M40fs (DISCONTINUED)

Precision Studiophones

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• Overview

The ATH-M40fs has been discontinued and replaced with the [ATH-M40x Professional Monitor Headphones](#).

Audio-Technica's premium professional studiophones offer a flat, extended frequency response for professional studio monitoring. Superior components provide very high SPL capabilities while maintaining exceptional clarity of sound. Exterior design features include sturdy strain-relief cable and comfortable circumaural earpieces that can be rotated 180° to permit one-ear monitoring. The studiophones utilize 40-millimeter drives with neodymium magnets and copper-clad aluminum wire voice coils for lowest mass. They are equipped with an 11-foot cable terminated in a standard ¼-inch connector. This field-serviceable model allows elements, cables, and earpads to be replaced in the field if needed.

• Features

- Flat, extended frequency response for mixing/monitoring

- Field-replaceable cables, drivers and ear pads
- 1,600 mW of power handling, high SPL capability
- 40 mm diameter drivers, neodymium magnets and CCAW voice coils
- OFC litz wire cables, convenient one-side exit
- Rotating earpieces for easy one-ear monitoring

• Specifications


Type	Closed-back dynamic
Driver Diameter	40 mm
Magnet	Neodymium
Voice Coil	Copper-clad aluminum wire
Frequency Response	5 - 28,000 Hz
Maximum Input Power	1,600 mW at 1 kHz
Sensitivity	100 dB
Impedance	60 ohms
Weight	8.8 oz (250 g) without cable
Cable	11' (3.4 m) (OFC litz wire, left-side exit)
Connector	1/4" (6.3 mm) phone plug

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• Reviews

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PROS

Studio (8), Film/video production (7), Casual listening (5), Gaming (5), Comfortable (3)

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Incredible response and comfort at a low price!

With poser 'designer series' headphones flooding the market for kids to spend their dollars on, I have found incredible performance and comfort in the ATH-M40fs studiophones. Whether plugged into our band's mixing...

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Most Liked Negative Review

Nothing Special

I bought these 'phones to use when I needed to listen to a temporary mix while recording. While the frequency response curve is somewhat flat, there is a characteristic to the sound that...

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3/23/2015

Solid Choice

By [ruckus](#)

from Los Angeles, CA, USA

PROS

ample cord length, Comfortable, Good sound quality, Solid Construction

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M40fs Precision Studiophones*:

I was in need of a good set of headphones specifically for tracking and I decided to try the ATH-M40fs. The build quality is extremely solid, I especially like the spring-equipped 1/4" connector. There is plenty of cord length and the closed-back design minimizes bleed when tracking vocals. They are very comfortable on and the soft material over the ear cups is a nice touch. Since I only use these for tracking the sound quality is perfectly adequate for my needs. Overall I believe this was a solid purchase.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU USED THIS PRODUCT?:

Over a year

RELIABILITY:**AUDIO QUALITY:****DURABILITY:****EASE OF USE:**

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3/23/2015

Incredible response and comfort at a low price!

By [Jazzman42960](#)
from **Medina, Ohio**

PROS

fullest range and high comfort

CONS

none

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M40fs Precision Studiophones*:

With poser 'designer series' headphones flooding the market for kids to spend their dollars on, I have found incredible performance and comfort in the ATH-M40fs studiophones. Whether plugged into our band's mixing board, into my stereo, my laptop or my smartphone, the sound reproduction excels, and compares to no other. Whether listening to a live mix from our 7 piece MoTown band, screaming trumpets in a big band recording, pipe organ compositions, barbershop quartets and chorus', or more modern selections, every last bit of every sound is brought to my attention. Even some selections that I have listened to several times prior reveal nuances previously missed by other headphones.

I do highly recommend these superb quality studiophones as a smart purchase over others costing two or three times more! They are solidly built, and you can count on them to provide better sound than most anything else available.

Sincerely,

Andy Platz

trumpet player for The Swizzle Stick Band, Akron Ohio

HOW LONG HAVE YOU USED THIS PRODUCT?:

Up to a year

RELIABILITY:

AUDIO QUALITY:

DURABILITY:

EASE OF USE:

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Photo 1



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3/12/2015

Great sound for a fair price

By [rmsuchy](#)

from **Elizabeth City, NC, USA**

PROS

Comfort, Durable, price, Sound quality

CONS

Connection, Portability

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M40fs Precision Studiophones*:

My M40's have served well as everyday headphones in an office environment. They are durable enough for everyday use without worry that they will be damaged. The audio quality is superb, with a near flat response. They have a warm quality to the sound while preserving the integrity of original recordings.

These headphones are fairly comfortable for all day/extended use or wearing. The only downfalls in my opinion are that they come standard with a 1/4" plug and no adapter. It is expected that studio headphones would have this feature, however some of A/T's other headphones in their studio line come standard with an adapter as well as multiple cables to be used in different scenarios.

For the money, these are a great value. As stated above, the main issues that I see have to do with portability and not practical usability.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU USED THIS PRODUCT?:

Over a year

RELIABILITY:

AUDIO QUALITY:

DURABILITY:**EASE OF USE:**

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1/24/2015

Electronic DrumsBy [JoeHall71](#)

from Ny

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M40fs Precision Studiophones*:

I've had these for 6 years of nonstop use and everything is intact and working well. I use these with a Roland V Drum kit. The low end reproduction in the headphones makes the kick drum sound meaty while maintaining the mids and highs from low to high volume. I mix music and the drums simultaneously in the headphones and it performs like a beast. The closed back design helps with some sound isolation too. I only wished it came with a detachable cord that allowed you to plug into either ear.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU USED THIS PRODUCT?:

Over a year

RELIABILITY:**AUDIO QUALITY:****DURABILITY:****EASE OF USE:**

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Photo 1



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8/20/2014

GREAT product

By [rauly](#)
from **Romania**

PROS

sound&build quality

CONS

Not yet

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M40fs Precision Studiophones:*

I use them with a focusrite scarlett 2i2 soundcard and they sound great! just great!!!! the output power of the soundcard is pretty high but this ATH-M40fs handle it with no problem ; bass, mids,treble are played as it should be.

Great build quality! I just got them and listened all kind off electronica music(d&b,progressive,etc) and i am very happy that i chose them.

Also they are very comfortable to wear.

I hope that i won't have problems with them beacuse i trust in Audio-Techinca quality.

And one more thing : i think is the best quality/price balance for professional headphones with this technical specifications.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU USED THIS PRODUCT?:

Less than a month

RELIABILITY:

AUDIO QUALITY:

DURABILITY:**EASE OF USE:**

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7/31/2014

Very ReliableBy [HariRHS](#)from **Boise, ID, USA****PROS**

professional and comfortable.

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M40fs Precision Studiophones*:

I can rely on these headphones whenever I compose music or simply want to listen to the nuances of music that I cannot capture elsewhere. They maintain a strong bass when harmonies become complex and allow the listener to focus on specific melodic lines while still perceiving the music as a whole. Comfort is excellent for what they are meant for and the superior sound quality has remained undiminished over several years. They work flawlessly with my keyboard. An adapter will normally be required for casual listening on computers. Excellent headphones.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU
USED THIS PRODUCT?:**

Over a year

RELIABILITY:**AUDIO QUALITY:****DURABILITY:**

EASE OF USE:

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1/1/2014

Great for mixing and monitoringBy [MrMod](#)

from Athens,Ga

PROS

Accurate, Comfortable, Durable, Film/Video Production, Studio

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M40fs Precision Studiophones*:

I bought mine at least 6 years ago. I record and mix my own records. They are very comfortable...I have easily put 1000's of hours on these. They're durable, comfortable and accurately represent my mixes to other sources truthfully. Once I get a mix that sounds good with these headphones, they sound great on every other source. I know that mixing for long periods of time are a no no, but I can go hours without ear fatigue. I will buy another pair just to use at home and take the ones I have on the road for listening pleasure as well. One of the few products that I have that I feel like, "they do make them like they used to." Buy them, they're a no brainer!

**WHAT BEST DESCRIBES
THE ENVIRONMENT
THE PRODUCT WAS
USED IN?:**

Expert, Musician

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU
USED THIS PRODUCT?:**

Over a year

RELIABILITY:**AUDIO QUALITY:****DURABILITY:**

EASE OF USE:

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7/9/2013

AWESOME!!!!!!!

By [RLJUL](#)
from **Undisclosed**

PROS

Casual Listening, gaming, Other

CONS

Cant find any

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M40fs Precision Studiophones*:

A must buy. These are my first headphones but i have to say that these are best in range.

**WHAT BEST DESCRIBES
THE ENVIRONMENT
THE PRODUCT WAS
USED IN?:**

Casual listening, Intermediate

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU
USED THIS PRODUCT?:**

Less than a month

RELIABILITY:**AUDIO QUALITY:****DURABILITY:****EASE OF USE:**

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6/17/2013

Great product!

By [Oxman](#)

from **Undisclosed**

PROS

Casual Listening, Film/Video Production, gaming, Other, Studio

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M40fs Precision Studiophones*:

The M40fs are pretty sweet. They look kinda bulky, but they're actually fairly light. The audio quality is also very nice for the price. I also love the 1/4" plug so you don't need an adapter to use them with your equipment. Buy these if you're on a budget and you still want quality sound, you won't be disappointed.

WHAT BEST DESCRIBES THE ENVIRONMENT THE PRODUCT WAS USED IN?:

Intermediate, Musician

HOW LONG HAVE YOU USED THIS PRODUCT?:

Less than a month

RELIABILITY:

AUDIO QUALITY:

DURABILITY:

EASE OF USE:

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4/8/2012

5.0

good studio headphones

By [lolllll117](#)

from Ashland, OR 97520, USA

PROS

Film/Video Production, gaming, generously lengthy cable, Good quality sound, OFFICE, Studio

CONS

don't wear them for hours on end.

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M40fs Precision Studiophones*:

i am a big music freak and since my computer is in my dining room often times i can't listen to my music using my actual speakers. these headphones are great. so far, i have had no problems. the audio sounds great and captures all ranges really well. the cable has a generous amount of length so i can go to the far end of my desk without removing my headphones which is a plus for me. one reminder if you are looking to get these is that they are using a 1/4 inch connector so if you want to use them for your computer or ipod(which is not what they were meant for being studio headphones) then you will need to get an adapter. luckily adapters are cheap and easily findable at radioshack or online. also be sure to check that you have a 1/4 inch port on your computer because that is not common on generic computers and you might need to get a sound card that supports it. for me i use the audigy sound blaster 2zs. my only complaint is that they are uncomfortable for extended periods of time but that might just be me since i often wear them for a few hours on end. in the end these are definitely a good buy if you enjoy listening to high-quality music on your computer or in a studio.

one last reminder is that these are NOT casual listening headphones. they are studio headphones meaning that they aren't notably portable and rugged, they are for people who sit down at a computer. so don't use these in the rain while you are at a sports game or something! if you want something that is a little more suited for traveling around then use the audiotechnica ath m35's because those fold and have a 3.5 mm adapter for ipods as well as good studio funcion too.

**WHAT BEST DESCRIBES
THE ENVIRONMENT
THE PRODUCT WAS
USED IN?:**

Expert, Studio

HOW LONG HAVE YOU

USED THIS PRODUCT?:

Up to a year

RELIABILITY:**AUDIO QUALITY:****DURABILITY:****EASE OF USE:**

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Q: what is the model number of the replacement ear pads for the m40fs

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Asked on 7/16/2015 by Millersound

1 answer

Know the answer? [Answer this question](#)

Q: I just wanted to know if I can use these to listen to music on my phone and laptop, with and adapter or will the ohms be to high?

Asked on 11/26/2014 by aslighting

Know the answer? [Answer this question](#)

2 answers**Q:** Left side louder than right side

I am having an issue with my ATH-M40fs. The left side louder than right side. What could be wrong with them?

Since I live in Canada, who do I contact to get my ATH-M40fs serviced?

Asked on 6/21/2014 by SolarAxix from Quispamsis, NB, Canada

2 answersKnow the answer? [Answer this question](#)**Q:** How do I replace the audio plug at the end of the cable?

How do I replace the plug at the end of the cable? I need to know which color wire to solder to which terminal on the replacement plug.

Asked on 11/9/2012 by flairpup from ca

2 answersKnow the answer? [Answer this question](#)**Q:** Are these headphones good at keeping outside sound out?

Like when i am doing a drum cover and i want to be able to hear the recorded drums well enough to be able to hit all of the notes on time. Do these headphones have good sound reduction?

Asked on 4/17/2012 by Tombo from Michigan

3 answersKnow the answer? [Answer this question](#)**Q:** Where specifically can I buy a 1/4" female stereo to 3.5mm stereo male adapter?

I would like to buy a 1/4" female stereo to 3.5mm stereo male adapter for my athm40fs, could you let me know a couple places that I can specifically find these?

Asked on 4/6/2012 by misteracer from Boston, MA, USA

1 answerKnow the answer? [Answer this question](#)**Q:** Are there different types of replacement ear pads available?

I really like that these are field serviceable. But I was wondering if there is the option to buy a nicer set of ear pads, like the kinds used for the ATH-M50s.

Asked on 2/15/2012 by eager2upgrade

1 answerKnow the answer? [Answer this question](#)

Q: where do I get a field replacemt cord?

these a great phones, I have two pair, but need to replace the cord on one pair...I hear all about how these are a snap to fix with the replacement kit, but not one word about where to get one...there's a little wiring block inside the main headphone, and the wiring, (all colored) can be replaced easily, but the quarter inch male jack is non repairable, and that's where the problem is...anyone out there know where to get a kit that will work on this headphone? Help!!

Asked on 2/9/2012 by emunki from Colorado, USA

1 answer

Know the answer? [Answer this question](#)

Q: Which 1/4" F to 3.5mm M adapter does AT recommend?

I'd like to connect my ATH-M40fs headphones to a PC. I believe this requires a 1/4" F to 3.5mm M adapter. Does Audio Technica recommend any particular adapter?

Thanks!

Asked on 12/27/2011 by bennybenben from Chicago

2 answers

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Q: Can the earmuffs and headbands be replaced?

I have 4 sets of these headphones and on all of them the thin black covering over the foam ear muffs and the headbands has disintegrated and flakes off constantly.

Asked on 9/8/2011 by Ellen from Florida

2 answers

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