



ATH-M30 (DISCONTINUED)

Closed-back Dynamic Stereo Monitor Headphones

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[US\\$119.00](#)

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• Overview

The ATH-M30 has been discontinued and replaced with the [ATH-M30x Professional Monitor Headphones](#).

A perfect choice for project studio engineers, home recordists and recording musicians, Audio-Technica's ATH-M30 dynamic stereo headphones offer the highest level of sonic accuracy in a design engineered to provide maximum comfort for hours of listening. The headphones' low-profile, closed-back design provides exceptional clarity and superior isolation in high-volume listening situations. Features include: neodymium magnet structure; lightweight, adjustable cushioned headband; gold-plated stereo 1/8" (3.5 mm) connector with strain relief and screw-on 1/4" (6.3 mm) adapter; ultra-flexible 11' cable with single-side exit.

• Features

- Exceptional clarity and sonic accuracy for mixing

- High power handling for tracking sessions
- Circumaural design ensures superior isolation
- 40 mm diameter drivers, neodymium magnets and CCAW voice coils
- Adjustable cushioned headband and lightweight design for maximum comfort
- OFC litz wire cable, convenient one-side exit
- Gold-plated 1/8" (3.5 mm) stereo connector with strain relief and professional screw-on 1/4" (6.3 mm) adapter

. Specifications


Type	Closed-back dynamic
Driver Diameter	40 mm
Magnet	Neodymium
Voice Coil	Copper-clad aluminum wire
Frequency Response	20-20,000 Hz
Maximum Input Power	1,600 mW at 1 kHz
Sensitivity	100 dB
Impedance	65 ohms
Weight	7.0 oz (200 g) without cable
Cable	11' (3.4 m), OFC litz wire, left-side exit
Connector	1/8" (3.5 mm) with screw-on 1/4" (6.3 mm) adapter

[Conditions](#)

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PROS

Studio (7), Casual listening (6), Film/video production (5), Office (4), Pro audio / DJ / mixing (4)

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Most Liked Positive Review

Low-cost precision.

Let me first begin by saying that I use the product through my Xenyx 502 mixer's phono output with only the input from my PC's Aux out looped into the jack via the Aux to...

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Most Liked Negative Review

POOF!

I have never had a pair of headphones to go completely out. I have had shortages in wires but never completely out.

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3/12/2015

Perfect for Monitoring!

By [imfofficial](#)

from **Undisclosed**

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M30 Closed-back Dynamic Stereo Monitor Headphones*:

Had this pair for over a year and still holding strong on audio quality!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU USED THIS PRODUCT?:

Over a year

RELIABILITY:

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

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5/9/2014

We Will See...By [kyle22](#)from **St. Petersburg, FL, USA****PROS**

Comfortable, partially cancel out unwanted noise

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M30 Closed-back Dynamic Stereo Monitor Headphones*:

Just got them recently so I can't comment on the durability, but they produce great sound for the money. They are comfortable and would recommend at this time. We will see how long they last with daily use.

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

Less than a month

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

EASE OF USE:

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5.0

5/9/2014

Wired headphones to augment wirelessBy [Ken.J](#)from **Chicago, IL, USA****PROS**

linear sound response, Long Cord, Price, Sound quality

CONS

you could get tangled in the cord

Comments about Audio-Technica ATH-M30 Closed-back Dynamic Stereo Monitor Headphones:

I am very satisfied with the ATH-M30 phones. They work well and sound good plugged into the amplifier or into the computer. Even MP3's sound good. The price is so advantageous compared to the phones the "doctor" ordered! The sound is much better, too. A crisp, linear response lets you adjust the sound to your taste (and ears)

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

Up to a year

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

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5.0

2/24/2014

What's not to like?

By [griz326](#)
from **Montana**

PROS

Film/Video Production, Studio

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M30 Closed-back Dynamic Stereo Monitor Headphones*:

These are great headphones. Having worn headphones as part of my daily job since 1967, this babies are light, sound good, and work a long time...even the cord has survived.

The earphone pads have finally disintegrated, but they have a lot of miles on them.

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

Expert, Studio

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

Over a year

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

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3/3/2013

Excellent budget performers!By [pro1137](#)

from Sanborn, Cambria, NY 14132, USA

PROS

Casual Listening, DJ, Gaming, Office, Studio

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M30 Closed-back Dynamic Stereo Monitor Headphones*:

These headphones are the headphones I mainly use for producing and mixing. Flat and accurate frequency response lets me hear everything I need to hear, the way it is supposed to be heard.

I also tend to use these for casual and critical listening on the go. Good isolation and little sound leak allows me to know only I'm hearing the music, and not bothering anyone around me.

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

Intermediate, Studio

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

Up to a year

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

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12/29/2012

Low-cost precision.

By [HouseFox](#)

from **Biloxi, MS, USA**

PROS

Casual Listening, flat, Office, precise, Studio

CONS

non-removable cable, Not Portable, uncomfortable w/ glasses

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M30 Closed-back Dynamic Stereo Monitor Headphones*:

Let me first begin by saying that I use the product through my Xenyx 502 mixer's phono output with only the input from my PC's Aux out looped into the jack via the Aux to Phones button. That being said, these headphones sound very good for their price range.

Looks:

Black-on-black usual studio-esque looks; this is not a complaint, because I rarely if ever take these into public. This is mainly because of the high driving requirements of these headphones (65 ohm, man!).

Portability:

None whatsoever, due mostly to the 11.5 foot non-removable cable.

Sound:

True to the product description, these headphones are flat and unforgiving to the mix; I would not recommend these to any bass-head. That being said I'll also mention that they are very precise for closed-back headphones, and bordering on analytical. They don't leak noise at regular listening volumes, either.

Comfort:

These would be fine in this department if I didn't wear glasses. They do press down on the back of the frame and the backside of my ear a little much, which makes listening to them for too many hours at a time a little uncomfortable. Other than that they are very well padded. Manual adjustment of the frame may be required if you have a larger head.

Durability:

These are some of the most durable headphones I've ever used, having used Beats, Sonys, Sennheisers, Bheringers, Philips, etc. The end connector is VERY tough, with a solid metal casing that could probably survive artillery shelling. On that note it would require tin shears to slice the cable.

All in all, this is a very good product if you're looking for an affordable solution for a home studio or any home listening experience.

WHAT BEST DESCRIBES

**THE ENVIRONMENT
THE PRODUCT WAS
USED IN?:**

Intermediate, Studio

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

Up to a year

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

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12/16/2012

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POOF!

By [fbarr](#)
from Akron, Ohio

PROS

video

CONS

dependability

Comments about Audio-Technica ATH-M30 Closed-back Dynamic Stereo Monitor Headphones:

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WHAT BEST DESCRIBES

**THE ENVIRONMENT
THE PRODUCT WAS
USED IN?:**

Expert, Videography

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

Up to a year

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

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5.0

12/3/2012

Great for transcription

By [mperry48](#)

from **New Bedford, MA**

PROS

Durable, Office

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M30 Closed-back Dynamic Stereo Monitor Headphones*:

I bought these headphones after reading all the good reviews about the "true to life" sound quality they deliver. I am a medical transcriber and have to accurately hear what the doctors say in order to produce error-free transcripts. After using my ATH-M30 headphones for a week, my editor let me know how my transcripts had improved, with fewer errors and no "mis-hears". The audio quality is excellent, with none of the static and background hum that my noise-cancelling headphones produced. I wish I had bought them years ago.

**WHAT BEST DESCRIBES
THE ENVIRONMENT**

**THE PRODUCT WAS
USED IN?:**

Intermediate, Other

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

Up to a year

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

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8/25/2012

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Awesome First "Professional" Headphones

By [Rid4Smart](#)

from **Toronto, ON, Canada**

PROS

Casual Listening, Film/Video Production, Studio

CONS

not comfortable after prolonged use

Comments about Audio-Technica ATH-M30 Closed-back Dynamic Stereo Monitor Headphones:

The M30's deliver a relatively flat response, so your music would sound close to what musicians intended their recordings to sound like. Also, it responds exceptionally well when equalizer settings have been applied to it. For audio quality, it is definitely top notch for this price range. This is my first headphones that are aimed at accurate sound reproduction for studio work, and it really does blow away any of the headsets/headphones that are marketed

towards gaming. Even some might even being more expensive than the M30, those gaming products are toys compared to this.

On the negative side, the clamping force is a bit tight so it causes discomfort after an hour of use. You may loosen it by bending the head band backwards with care, so that when it springs back the clamping force is less, but the force may be required for good isolation and hence good bass.

**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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12/12/2011

5.0

Great!

By [Matt](#)
from Texas, USA

PROS

Casual Listening, DJ, Film/Video Production, Studio

CONS

Non

Comments about *Audio-Technica ATH-M30 Closed-back Dynamic Stereo Monitor Headphones*:

I got these headphones like 6 years ago, and i have been using them for electronic drums, even after all these years they still sound amazing. When i want to listen to music causally with great sound quality i use these, or when i make movies or music on my computer i use these. Highly recommend

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

Intermediate, Musician

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

Over a year

RELIABILITY:

AUDIO QUALITY:

DURABILITY:

EASE OF USE:

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18 Questions | 21 AnswersDisplaying questions **1-10**[Previous](#) | [Next »](#)**Q:** where can i get a replacement of the ear cushion for headphones ATH-M30.Asked on **2/28/2016** by **Rena** from **United States****1 answer**Know the answer? [Answer this question](#)**Q:** Hello,

I am planning to use this product for a lab in high school. For this to happen I need to know the uncertainty of Hz output. What is the accuracy of the Hz output? (plus or minus ____ hz)

Asked on **9/19/2015** by **Ben****1 answer**Know the answer? [Answer this question](#)**Q:** Broken Jack -- Tips on fixing?

The jack broke right down the middle (due to an accidental and quite violent yanking of the cord) and is now unusable. I'm going to make this a DIY project and replace it myself (it'll be a learning experience!)

Is there a specific jack I should get to replace the broken one, or will any work?
Is there anything I should know about this model of headphones specifically before I start repairing them?

Asked on **12/7/2014** by **vroomhenderson****1 answer**Know the answer? [Answer this question](#)**Q:** How can I get surround sound on a Mac?

Normally I use my school Macbook.

Recently, I plugged these headphones into my PC and was able to hear surround sound for the first time. Now, when I return to my Macbook, I notice the absence of surround.

Is there some kind of surround-sound software for the ATH M30 that only works on PC?

Appreciate any help. Thanks!

Asked on **1/12/2014** by **KevinM****1 answer**Know the answer? [Answer this question](#)

Q: The 3.5 mm jack does not fit my iPad

I have a cover on my ipad and the ath m30 has a wide jack which does not fit thru the cover's opening. The cable is not replaceable either. I am stuck. Will have to return if no reasonable alternative found. Please advise ASAP.

Asked on 1/3/2014 by **Mobiusinc** from **Princeton, NJ, USA**

1 answer

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Q: Can you direct me to getting a replacement plug for my ATH-M30's?

Asked on 7/13/2013 by **Stevenj**

1 answer

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Q: Where can I get the 1/4 adapter specific for these

Ive lost my 1/4 screw on adapter and need a new one. I need the specific one since it is threaded. I bought some without threads and no go. I also bough a threaded 1/4 that is made for shure headsets and the threads don't line up.
Anyboy?

Asked on 6/27/2013 by **Tiemann**

1 answer

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Q: I plugged my new ath-m30 into my computer and only the left side works and the sound quality is terrible. How do I fix this?

Asked on 5/7/2013 by **MM99**

1 answer

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Q: Comfortable for people with bigger heads?

I read some reviews that said ATH-M30 clamps tight on the head and might not be good for people with bigger heads?

Asked on 1/22/2013 by **gspec** from **california**

1 answer

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Q: where can i get a graphic of the frequency response?

Asked on 10/10/2012 by **Mathundra** from **Drummondville, QC, Canada**

1 answer

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