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Posted by [Ed](#) on Mon, 19 Feb 2007 00:25:43 GMT

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Posted by [audioguy_editout_](#) on Mon, 19 Feb 2007 05:00:50 GMT

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In what way do they have a better sound?

In fact I found some reviews stating that there is no bass unless you seal them completely, which takes experimentation. I was hoping for a bit of a personal review... otherwise I'll stick with the shure. Plus the Sennheiser doesn't seem to be that easy to find... for parting it together...

"Dave(EK Sound)" <audioguy_editout_@shaw.ca> wrote in message news:45d92f35@linux...

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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Wed, 21 Feb 2007 17:17:09 GMT
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My feeling is that the ear pieces are the most important consideration. Unfortunately, like you say, there's no way to "try out" many different ear pieces. I would think any decent transmitter and receiver should be able to cover getting the audio to the ears. Beyond that, EQ and compression will be a consideration. I would recommend though researching and buying the best ear pieces you can afford.

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