Subject: Re: Does Anything Top Sennheiser?
Posted by Shane on Sat, 27 Feb 2010 17:27:23 GMT
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Sennheisers are nice, for sure, but it depends what kind of music you listen too as well, IMO. There are many models of Senn's, and not all of them sound very good. For classical reproduction I really prefer the more expensive Senn's I've heard, but for rock I'd pick Grado's every time. I think they do a better job of producing that "slam" that I'm looking for. On the other hand, I've got a pair of AKG's K240S cans that I like very much for both. You can get into a set of decent Grados, AKG's, or Senn's for around $100. You don't have to buy the $400+ cans to get good sound. And those headphones IMO do an outstanding job, but only if the rest of your music chain is up to the task. Thay can be very revealing and show you just how good you system doesn't sound. It's just like in stereo Hi-Fi, you need a good CDP or source, a good amp, and good phones. You aren't going to get the finest of sounds by plugging in a $400 set of headphones into your iPod.

As a side not, it seems as though most consider the best phones to be electrostatic models like the old STAX. But I know they are very expensive and I've never personally heard them.