Subject: Skullcandy?
Posted by falloutgirl on Sat, 05 Feb 2011 20:01:00 GMT
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I'm thinking of buying a pair of Skullcandy headphones for myself but I don't really trust the opinions of my friends who judge a headphone by how pretty it looks. I was wondering if anyone has experienced using it and how is it overall? I can't splurge since I'm just a student living off my allowance but I think Skullcandy's are well within my price range. I'm just worried it may not be worth it. I'm really unlucky with earphones/headphones and no matter what I do, they end up broken after a few months. I was thinking maybe if I tried buying headphones of better quality they'd last longer with me. What are other alternatives that I could look into? Thanks so much for the help

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by Adveser on Sat, 05 Feb 2011 22:40:55 GMT
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I've read bad reviews. It's a vanity product that prone to breakage.

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by Shane on Sun, 06 Feb 2011 00:36:32 GMT
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Adveser wrote on Sat, 05 February 2011 16:40I've read bad reviews. It's a vanity product that prone to breakage.

My son got some that came with his mp3 player and they lasted about a week. He's very careful with his electronics, FWIW. IMO they sounded terrible even compared to the stock iPod headphones. You might look at some of the Sennheiser earbuds, I've heard they are not too bad as far as earbuds go.

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by falloutgirl on Sun, 06 Feb 2011 11:05:02 GMT
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Oh my, so they're just really pretty looking headphones. So what I would be paying for would be the design.

Thanks Adveser and Shane. I'll try to check out Sennheiser, Shane How about headphones tho? Any recommendations?

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by Shane on Sun, 06 Feb 2011 16:05:31 GMT
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What kind of music are you wanting to listen to? What is your source (PC, iPod, etc...) ? Are you going to be listening to CD quality or low bitrate downloads from iTunes? What is your budget?

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by falloutgirl on Sun, 06 Feb 2011 19:09:19 GMT
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I alternate between my laptop and iPod. Most of my music's downloaded from iTunes and as for my budget, no more than $100

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by Adveser on Sun, 06 Feb 2011 20:01:21 GMT
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100 bucks buys you the indestructible Sony MDR-7506. If you don't want the warranty, you can get the cheaper but almost identical Sony V6/V600. The only difference between them is the grounding which the professional model uses two independent cold poles rather than just one you would find on the V6. No, I don't think you can really tell the difference.

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by Shane on Sun, 06 Feb 2011 22:27:44 GMT
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You might consider the Grado SR60 or SR80, both of which can be had for $100 or less. At 32ohms they will be iPod friendly and they are built like tanks. Plus if you don't like them or want to upgrade in the future you can very easily sell them at places like the Head-Fi forum for near to what you paid for them.

I've not heard the Sony MDR-7506 that Adveser recommends, but have read that because they are billed as studio cans they have a sterility to the sound they produce. Most studio headphones are like this and will show most the flaws in your source material. From my understanding they also have a really nasty spike around the 2k region that many can not deal with.

By all means try out as many types as you can if possible. Bring your iPod to the store. Check on Head-Fi.com and see if there is anyone near you that can let you listen to theirs or if a headphone meet is going to be near you. The Sony's may be perfect to you, so please take our opinions as just that. Everyone hears/perceives things differently.

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by Adveser on Sun, 06 Feb 2011 22:37:31 GMT
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I looked at a few graphs other than this one, but I don't see a hump in the 2Khz region. The sony's look relatively flat to me up to 10Khz. I wouldn't worry about the rolloff past 10Khz that is displayed.

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Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by Shane on Sun, 06 Feb 2011 22:53:31 GMT
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I'm just repeating what others have experienced on the Head-Fi.com forum. What I don't believe in is published specs and graphs from equipment manufacturers. You have to listen for yourself. The specs are a good place to start, but nothing replaces actual experience.

Here is a link that may help the OP.

sony mdr7506 investment dilemma

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by falloutgirl on Sun, 06 Feb 2011 23:35:20 GMT
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Thanks for the amazing replies, guys! I'll try to go around our area to check if they have any of the earphones that were recommended. I'm reading the sites that were provided right now I really need a good pair of earphones since I can't go on with my day without my music fix. It's just really annoying my earphones always seem to breakdown on me.

I really hope I could find those near where I live! If not, I might consider just buying it from the internet. Thanks again

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by DJ Dave on Sat, 26 Feb 2011 04:20:39 GMT
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I think Skullcandy is more for looks and a cool name than anything else. I have not really had much luck with their headphones at all.

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by bengee on Mon, 28 Feb 2011 01:36:09 GMT
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Look for Sony or Samsung brands of headphones. They are much better quality, even if the skullcandy ones have the visual appeal. They are very cheaply-made.

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by miss zoey on Mon, 28 Feb 2011 15:09:06 GMT
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The wire of my SkullCandy isn't functioning properly anymore and it's just been like four months. The right side is dead but when you wiggle it it sometimes comes back. I don't really think it's worth it. Find another brand.

Subject: Re: Skullcandy?
Posted by tiktokontheclock on Mon, 11 Apr 2011 22:15:35 GMT
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You should just go for a sony/samsung/JVC type of headphone. Skullcandy looks cool, but as mentioned, it's cheap material, and breaks easily.
