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Subject: Wireless headphones and "WAF"

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 09 Dec 2003 20:11:51 GMT

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Anybody have experience with wireless headphones? I'd like to run a wireless headphone from preamp level outputs. Seems like "WAF" is a big topic of discussion on the High Efficiency Speaker forum because high-efficiency speakers are often quite large. But that is massively trumped by the anti-WAF of trying to listen in the bedroom late at night. I can get away with massive horns in my living room, but I can't push my luck with late night listening. So I'm relegated to crystal radio levels.

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Subject: Re: Wireless headphones and "WAF"

Posted by [Pete Whitley](#) on Tue, 09 Dec 2003 21:57:15 GMT

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Hi Wayne, I've heard the Sennheiser RS65 are pretty good. Pete

Link: <http://www.headphone.com/layout.php?topicID=3&subTopicID=26&productID=0020086065>

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Subject: Re: Wireless headphones and "WAF"

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2003 09:39:39 GMT

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Yeah, I was just looking at those yesterday - Just before I made my post. That was the exact model I was looking at, and it may very well be the one to have. But do you know of other popular models?

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Subject: Re: Wireless headphones and "WAF"

Posted by [Pete Whitley](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2003 12:45:53 GMT

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Hi Wayne, You might want to try [www.headfi.com](http://www.headfi.com) or [www.headwize.com](http://www.headwize.com). These are more established headphone forums and you might get more input. Generally, headphone fans are against wireless headphones so be prepared. (

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Subject: Re: Wireless headphones and "WAF"

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Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2003 14:17:33 GMT

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Good suggestion, thanks. And I understand the negative sentiment about wireless headphones, as I feel this way about wireless speakers. But I really think it is more because of specific implementations and not necessarily because of the technology. All the wireless speaker systems I ever saw were mediocre, but this doesn't mean that the technology is flawed - I just happened to see mediocre implementations. So that makes me feel skeptical about other implementations, even though I know that good designs are certainly possible. Anyway, I already have high end gear and am just looking for a wireless solution.

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Subject: Re: Wireless headphones and "WAF"

Posted by [DRCope](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2003 19:39:16 GMT

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Hi Wayne, Yep, he's right, and I'm one of 'em. You're throwin' the baby out with the bath water, musically. And what if you want to change CD's? Ya gonna pad on out to whatever room the stereo's in to change it? In my corporate cubicle dwelling days, I had a portable CD player as transport on my desk, DAC and tube headphone amp under my desk and Senn 600's. People thought I was nuts, unless I let them listen. ;-)

The Antique Sound Labs phone amp is nice; David Berning's Micro ZOTL is a quality monster. (Now I listen to an Audio Note Meishu and AKG K1000's - 300B's are the only way to make these phones really happy!)

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Subject: Re: Wireless headphones and "WAF"

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2003 19:55:19 GMT

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(Don't tell anyone but I want the wireless headphones mostly for sound while watching TV)

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Subject: Cans have more to offer than just privacy

Posted by [GarMan](#) on Wed, 17 Dec 2003 14:35:15 GMT

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Wayne, When done right, headphone listening can be very very good. And what I like about headphones is that it's a lot easier and cheaper to get it right than the power amp/loudspeaker combo. I'm a firm believer of the 1/10th rule in that you can get the same quality of sound from a set of headphone for 1/10th the cost of comparable speakers. Same for the cost of headphone

amps vs power amps. I know that you're looking into headphones as a means for personal listening, but there's no reason why it can't be "high end" too, like your other gear. Like speakers, there needs to be a good match between the amp and headphones. I'm using a set of Grado 225 with a Mapletree Ear+ amp and the combo is fabulous. Another popular combo is Sennheiser with the Antique Sound Lab. Keep us up to date on your journey into the world of cans. I'm very interested in seeing it from the perspective of a speaker guy.gar.

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Subject: Re: Wireless headphones and "WAF"  
Posted by [Lonesatyr](#) on Tue, 30 Dec 2003 17:40:54 GMT  
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Not for anything, Wayne, but why don't you simply move your listening out of the bedroom completely. Even when listening to headphones, I prefer to be able to get up, turn on a light, change the music once in a while, grab something out of the fridge, etc. Besides, I've not yet met a wife that would tolerate even headphone listening in the bedroom. (Tried to post under Lonestar, but your server keeps saying I entered the wrong password. I'd already posted once using the password and subsequent replies don't have a password box to fill!)

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Subject: Re: Wireless headphones and "WAF"  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 30 Dec 2003 19:24:22 GMT  
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I really don't use the bedroom system for much listening; It's more for watching TV, sleeping and bedroom type stuff. The password box deal is kinda weird. Maybe clear your browser cache, pages and cookies.

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Subject: Re: Wireless headphones and "WAF"  
Posted by [rickcr42](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2004 20:05:37 GMT  
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if mainly for watching TV and for videos you might want to look into the FreeSystems X-Dreams I.R headphones while the transmission system is infra red they use a patented digital system and this is the very same system Grado Labs chose to use as their cordless headphone interface (never released though I have seen the prototype) This digital system eliminates a lot of the noise inherent to most cordless headphones so as long as there is line of sight to the transmitter the signal remains clean. The headphones look a bit strange going by the pictures and look to be heavy but neither is the case. Very comfortable to wear for long periods of time, unlike some sealed cans that heat up and not THAT bad to look at in the flesh. Sound is not up there with the

best if you are looking for the nth degree of resolution and detail but they seem to my ears to be voiced perfectly for DVDs, a little fat and just a touch bright not edgy bright or boomy but just enough to add some "sizzle" and "oomph" to movie viewing special effects check them out if you are still looking reviews :[http://www.head-fi.org/reviews/xdream\\_title\\_page.html](http://www.head-fi.org/reviews/xdream_title_page.html) BTW-I had these in my home for about three weeks for the purpose of doing a review for head-fi but after i sent them back I had a major hard drive failure and lost everything so I decided not to publish from memory (like here) but wanted to do it directly from my notes it was not to be also never did get the usb link to work , the software , at least then , was very buggy website :<http://www.xdreamphones.com/hope> this helps

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Subject: Re: Wireless headphones and "WAF"  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2004 20:19:45 GMT  
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Great suggestion! Thanks for the input.

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Subject: I second the Sennheiser RS-65s  
Posted by [KT](#) on Mon, 26 Apr 2004 23:58:17 GMT  
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Well, I have to admit I use these to listen to DVDs and TV more than to music (Sennheiser 600's & AKG k501's on a Berning Micro-ZOTL for this), but the RS-65 are really quite good. If you need the convenience of wireless, these will give you quality music in a wireless set. Not as resolving as high-end wired phones, of course, but really musical and easy on the ears. Comfortable, too. I really like these phones and highly recommend them. Best, KT

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Subject: Re: I second the Sennheiser RS-65s  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 27 Apr 2004 03:50:02 GMT  
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Thanks for your input. I really need to do something about getting a pair of those; It sounds like it would be perfect for me. I was thinking about getting a set of wireless headphones in like December, and here is the end of April and I haven't done anything about it. But it looks like those would be just fine for late night DVD's in the bedroom. Haven't had time for much of that lately, hence the slowness in my action to get a set.

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