

BEST HEADPHONES FOR DIGITAL PIANO AND KEYBOARD

Digital piano headphones are basic accessories of a digital keyboard which enable you to enjoy your playback without disturbing people in the neighborhood. For this reason, it is important to go for the best headphones for digital pianos, which will not have a negative impact on your hearing ability.

People who aspire to become expert piano players must spend more time practicing and learning new skills. In most cases, those who have a real passion to play the instrument stay awake at night just to practice. If you're a keyboard learner that practice very often, the use of a good quality headphone cannot be ignored, and there are few things to consider when making decisions on the best headphones for the piano keyboard to go for.

- ★ Ensure that you choose the over-ear pair of headphones (will be discussed later), suitable for electric pianos, and comfortable on your ears, whether it is the open-back over-ear headphones or closed-back over-ear headphones.
- ★ Do not choose the headphone that will affect your sense of hearing.

It's quite unfortunate that some people may prefer low-quality headphones or cheap earbuds to high-end headphones with superb sound and comfortable design. A good quality, noise-canceling headphone will capture the smallest difference in sound, which cannot be heard through the piano speakers.

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT HEADPHONE MODEL FOR YOUR INSTRUMENT

Different types of headphones are available on the market, including over-ear, on-ear, in-ear, and earbud headphones. The best types used for digital pianos are the over-ear headphones which exist in two forms: Closed-back and Open-back over-ear headphones.

1. Closed-back Over-ear Headphones - This is the most popular headphone which could be found at any electronics store. It has a well-built outer shell that blocks air from passing through the ear cups, thereby producing a more powerful and deep bass with excellent noise isolation. The solid outer shell also prevents leakage of music to the surroundings to avoid disturbing others.

Pros

- ★ Noise isolation
- ★ Good for a noisy environment
- ★ Great bass response
- ★ Low leakage of sound

Cons

- ★ Cannot be used for a long time
- ★ The soundstage is airy and less open.

2. Open-back Over-ear Headphones - The main disadvantage of this headphone is the lack of noise isolation. This is why it's not suitable for casual use, although some musicians still prefer it because it provides a wider soundstage and a more natural sound.

This headphone has perforations on the ear cap which allow sound and air to pass through the cups in and out so that you can hear sounds from the environment.

Pros

- ★ Sound clarity and accuracy
- ★ Could be worn comfortably for long periods
- ★ Good for classic and instrumental music
- ★ Wide and open/airy soundstage

Cons

- ★ Poor noise isolation
- ★ Leakage of sound
- ★ Bass is not very punchy
- ★ Not for outdoor use.

WHAT ARE THE BEST DIGITAL PIANO HEADPHONES TO PURCHASE?

All keyboard headphones have merits and drawbacks, so there is no particular one that is perfect, but there are some qualities that make one preferred to another.

Apart from sound and comfort, there are other important qualities of a good headphone which may include isolation, soundstage, and leakage.

For sound isolation, it means that a high-end headphone must have the ability to block-off outside sound with the aid of materials which reduce the transmission of sound from the outside environment to the inside.

A good headphone must be able to create a sensation of sound, interact acoustically with the environment, and produce large, accurate, and clear soundstage, to replicate the sound of a stereo loudspeaker.

Sound leakage from headphones depends on the back design of the headphone, whether it's open or closed-back design.

We've tested several top-rated and entry-level headphones and picked 10 of them that best met our standard requirements. You must know that purchasing a good quality headphone for a digital piano is as important as choosing the right pair.

This buying guide will assist you to find the best headphones for a digital keyboard, including a review of Top 10 Best Quality Digital Piano Headphones.

TOP 10 BEST HEADPHONES FOR DIGITAL PIANO AND KEYBOARD

1. SONY MDR7506 - CLOSED BACK

Sony MDR7506 are high-end, industry-standard headphones for audio professionals. They've been on the market for a long time and are trusted by its users around the world. You can purchase it for \$100, but the quality of sound equals that of a \$200 headphone.

As a closed-back headphone, the MDR7506 is not good to be worn for a long time. Wearing it for too long will cause warmth and heat to build up inside the cups, thereby making you feel uneasy. The ear-cups are movable, and the headbands can be adjusted to make it a perfect fit for all.

This headphone can reproduce audio accurately and exactly as it was recorded, without adding any color to it. It has a neutral sound quality that allows all kinds of instrument sounds to be reproduced naturally.

It also gives an average soundstage and passive noise isolation by blocking a good amount of outside noise from penetrating the ear cups.

MDR7506 has a low-to-no sound leakage. The volume of sound has to be very high for people nearby to hear the music you're listening to.

Pros

- ★ Sound is detailed and neutral
- ★ Low sound leakage
- ★ Decent sound isolation
- ★ The sound experience is immersive.
- ★ Trusted and reliable

Cons

- ★ No airflow
- ★ Cannot be worn for a long time

Verdict: Sony MDR7506 headphones are best used for digital pianos and suitable for entry-level and professional level keyboard players.

2. SENNHEISER HD598 OPEN-BACK HEADPHONES

Sennheiser HD598 is an excellent, good quality digital piano headphone that will give you the value for your money. It is an open-back headphone that gives so much comfort and excellent sound quality. Although the price is high, you'll surely get the best sound out of it.

Apart from the excellent sound, it has a clear ~~sounstage~~soundstage and a unique design that looks better than Sennheiser 600 or 650.

The HD598 is flexible and made of plastic material. It has a detachable cord connected to the cup of the left ear and gives great comfort to the user. Although some people believe that, like a Sennheiser headphone, it has a veiled sound, but to me, I don't feel that way. I enjoy listening to the ~~sound~~sound that comes from it at any time.

Pros

- ★ Good sound quality
- ★ Large ear-cups give good comfort
- ★ Spacious soundstage
- ★ Natural sound experience
- ★ Decent bass production.

Cons

- ★ Sound leakage is high
- ★ It's bulky
- ★ Low noise isolation.

Verdict: Sennheiser HD598 is perfect for professional pianists. If you need a precise and accurate sound reproduction while practicing, go for it.

3. AUDIO-TECHNICA ATH-M40X CLOSED-BACK HEADPHONE

This digital piano headphone gives an exceptional quality of sound with unequaled noise isolation. It's well built with high-quality materials to give an excellent performance.

You'll not be disappointed with the frequency range offered by this audio device. It'll also give you the ability to play different tunes on the keyboard to enjoy good quality music.

The Audio-Technica ATH-M40X is a professional studio monitor headphone with swiveling ear cups which makes it possible for one-ear monitoring. It has several outstanding features to include high-grade ear pad, removable cables, solid construction, durability, and comfort.

Although this headphone has a narrow and less airy soundstage, its sound is detailed and precise. It has a low sound leakage, and people around you can only hear the music you play if the volume is increased to its maximum level.

Pros

- ★ Low leakage of sound
- ★ Sturdy construction
- ★ Has a neutral sound signature
- ★ Suitable for outdoor use or professional studios.

Cons

- ★ Narrow ~~sounstage~~soundstage

Verdict: The Audio-Technica ATH-M40X is suitable for piano sessions in a professional studio, and could also be used in the home by digital piano learners.

4. AUDIO-TECHNICA ATH-AD700X OPEN-BACK

The Audio-Technica ATH-AD700X offers unparalleled comfort, with a natural listening experience. Its lightweight is due to the honeycomb aluminum design, and it's also a one-size-fits-all headphone.

The open-back design gives comfort to the ear and doesn't produce pressure due to prolonged usage. It also has a gold plated stereo adapter.

The ATH-AD700X is one of the best budget headphones for digital keyboards that falls within the range of \$100, and gives a clear and detailed sound. This audiophile headphone offers open and airy sound with the Bobbin-wound voice coils and 53mm drivers.

The sound ~~emenating~~emanating from it is well-balanced and neutral, with less bass production, suitable for an electric keyboard sound. Although the treble is not clear and well-balanced compared to the bass, its performance is above average.

It is worthy of note that, this headphone has an adjustable 3D wing support which prevents the headphone from falling. The ear ~~cup~~up is well-padded to reduce discomfort on the head after several hours of usage.

Pros

- ★ Clear and well-detailed sound
- ★ Fits comfortably
- ★ Wide frequency range
- ★ Spacious and open sound
- ★ Great soundstage

Cons

- ★ Poor isolation
- ★ It's bulky
- ★ Leak lots of sound

Verdict: The Audio-Technica ATH-AD700X open-back headphone has very poor noise isolation and leaks a lot of sounds. Not suitable for use in public places but perfect for home use.

5. BEYERDYNAMIC DT880 SEMI-OPEN BACK

Beyerdynamic is a brand founded in the 19th century in Germany and has been manufacturing high-grade audio accessories and equipment.

The DT880 is a semi-open back headphone which isolates tiny bits of noise and ~~leaks~~leaks a ~~small~~all-amount of sound. They are available in three versions: 32, 250, and 600 Ohms.

I strongly recommend the 32 Ohm version, because it works perfectly with consumer-grade equipment like the digital pianos. The headband is made of metal but concealed in soft leather. They give good comfort even when used for a long playing session.

The sound from this headphone is awesome, and it could be used for all kinds of genre, because of its high accuracy of sound and spacious soundstage. The Beyerdynamic DT880 headphone is one of the best headphones sold below \$300.

Pros

- ★ Clear and detailed sound
- ★ High quality
- ★ Suitable for long playing sessions
- ★ Replaceable ear-pads

- ★ Soft ear-pads for comfort
- ★ Open and airy soundstage

Cons

- ★ Sound leakage is high
- ★ It's bulky
- ★ Non-removable cable

Verdict: The Beyerdynamic DT880 digital piano headphones are one of the best budget headphones for digital keyboards. They are long-lasting and durable.

6. YAMAHA HPH-50B COMPACT HEADPHONES

The HPH-50B is an entry-level, simple, and compact headphone that offers a high-grade quality sound. If you want to ~~enjoy~~enjoy a high-level audio quality, then the Yamaha HPH-50B compact headphone is the best choice.

It is well-defined, and delivers unequalled sound, rich in bass and treble, to satisfy the listener. Whether it's a playback of your recorded audio or original performance, this headphone will give you a well-detailed and clear sound.

It is a perfect noise-canceling headphone which reduces massive background noise to give a crystal clear output. This audio device has some attractive features that will give you the value for your money.

The driver unit can be adjusted at 90 degrees, to give a perfect fit to the ear angle, and its length can be adjusted smoothly with the headband.

The Swivel mechanism in the headphone makes this 90 degrees rotation possible. Also, it can be used for a long time comfortably without building up pressure in the ear cup.

Pros

- ★ Lightweight
- ★ Good sound quality
- ★ Comfortable to wear for a long time
- ★ Firm ear cups
- ★ Good noise isolation.

Cons

- ★ It's not a perfect fit for a large head.

Verdict: The Yamaha HPH-50B is an entry-level headphone with professional-grade sound quality. If you want to listen to a superb sound with headphones without spending much, then this audio device is best for you.

7. YAMAHA PRO500 DIGITAL PIANO HEADPHONE - CLOSED BACK

The Yamaha PRO500 headphones are meant for people who do not compromise. It has a steel-reinforced headband, with a spacious and soft ear-pad, to give maximum comfort.

It offers an extraordinary sound with a clear and well-detailed output. The bass is very powerful and reproduces any music style. This headphone encircles strong drivers in top-rated, non-rigid aluminum alloy ear cups, to give a satisfying sonic experience.

The cup shape of the Yamaha PRO500 offers excellent noise isolation, while the ear cushion is well-padded to ensure that it delivers a clear sound. There is no distortion of sounds even at high volumes, and it provides a good depth sense and space for the soundstage.

As the largest manufacturer of musical instruments in the world, and the choice of several professionals in music, Yamaha understands how to recreate your music for the best output, so that the studio sound experience can be enjoyed anywhere.

Pros

- ★ Good noise isolation
- ★ Precise sound reproduction
- ★ Great soundstage
- ★ Gives a detailed and clear sound
- ★ Very powerful bass
- ★ Portable

Cons

- ★ Very expensive

Verdict: The Yamaha PRO500 is the best headphone for Yamaha digital pianos, and it's suitable for people who go for excellence. Although it's quite expensive, you'll surely get the value for your money without compromise.

8. TASCAM TH-02 DIGITAL PIANO HEADPHONE - CLOSED BACK

The TH-02 has a well-padded headband with comfortable ear pads. The ear cuffs are plush and soft for a good fit. They also offer well-balanced sound quality and optimal voice frequency.

The sound effect of the TH-02 headphone cannot be ignored whether you're a learner or an expert pianist. Also, Tascam TH-02 has a foldable design which makes it portable.

This headphone is highly sensitive and produces a good sound with response frequency that goes smoothly with all genres of music. Users of this device can hear every bit of the music details, and it gives a very decent look.

This closed-back studio headphone fits into all accessories to form a part of the recording studio.

Finally, it can be used for extended sessions without discomfort.

Pros

- ★ Compact and foldable design
- ★ Offers a balanced sound
- ★ Well-padded headband and plush ear cuffs give comfort.

Cons

- ★ Not durable

Verdict: This digital piano headphone is mostly used in professional performing or recording studios. They provide phenomenal sounds and are the most-used closed-back headphones for digital pianos.

9. V-MODA CROSSFADE M-100 DIGITAL PIANO HEADPHONE

The V-Moda Crossfade M-100 is a good choice of digital piano headphones with a wide response frequency of 5 to 30,000Hz. It gives a clear and good quality sound with optimal performance for piano playing.

It is well built with a padded ear cushion for comfort, and this makes it possible for it to be worn for a long time. It has a sharp, unique, and attractive design unlike most headphones of the same category.

This audio accessory produces realistic audio at a different range of notes, with the M-class sound signature. A 3-dimensional soundstage is also produced to replicate the experience of a live performance.

Although they are expensive, the quality of sound is very rich. They are embedded with innovations in the areas of style and comfort, more than any headphones on the market.

For this reason, it is considered as the most preferred choice for professional pianists.

Pros

- ★ Gives comfort
- ★ Offers a great sound quality
- ★ Solid construction
- ★ Better noise isolation.

Cons

- ★ The cord is too short
- ★ Non-detachable cord.

Verdict: This over-ear noise isolation digital piano headphone is suitable for beginners, intermediate, and professional keyboard players.

10. PHILIPS FIDELIO BLUETOOTH HEADPHONES M2BT - CLOSED BACK

The Philips Fidelio Bluetooth headphones for digital piano offers a high definition sound with wireless connectivity. It has intuitive buttons embedded on the ear shell which makes it easy to switch between the interfaces.

This closed-back headphone features a bass system which comprises ear shells and air vents placed strategically.

The air vent regulates the pressure that builds up within the inner chamber and provides a conducive environment to the diaphragm for an optimal response.

These Fidelio wireless headphones have an acoustic seal embedded in the inner chamber which prevents all leakage of sounds, to preserve sound details and block noise. When this occurs, environmental disturbance will be eliminated so that you enjoy every detail of the music played.

This headphone is good for comfort coupled with a better sound performance. The soft-padded ear pads are made with breathable materials which eliminate heat build-up and pressure, to give comfort and high-fidelity audio in its purest form. You may change your mind from using wired headphones once you've tested the features of this cordless device, which is the best digital piano wireless headphone on the market.

Pros

- ★ Has a high definition sound
- ★ Good user-interface buttons

- ★ Can be worn for a long time
- ★ No sound leakage
- ★ It's durable and comfortable to wear.

Cons

- ★ Poor built quality.

Verdict: Are you in search of the best digital piano wireless headphone? If yes, then consider this pair of wireless headphone with a high definition sound and maximum comfort.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A HEADPHONE FOR DIGITAL PIANO

There are a few buying tips to consider when purchasing headphones for a digital piano.

1. Choose Over-ear Headphones.

Over-ear headphones are better than the in-ear types also called earbuds. This is because the over-ear headphones provide a better quality of sound with noise cancellation compared to earbuds. So, if you want the best sound from headphones, choose the over-ear headphone.

2. The soundstage is Important.

The soundstage is how the device recreates the audio to give an output that is close to the source of the audio. It contributes to the audio quality that people tend to ignore.

The name 'Soundstage' is gotten from the stage performance where there is a difference between the source audio and the resounding audio. Although it may be difficult to gauge this function in a pair of headphones, you'll be able to know the level of adjustment of the audio quality.

If you've used a pair of headphones with no good sound, the soundstage may likely be the problem. A good quality digital piano headphone must have a well-adjusted soundstage to give an immersive output.

3. Consider What You Need the Headphone For.

Your reason for purchasing a pair of headphones for a digital keyboard determines the type of headphones you may want to buy.

If you're in a noisy environment, and you want a pair of headphones that will give you peace from such disturbance, then you can go for a cheaper headphone with a closed-back.

If you're a mid-level pianist who aspires to be a professional by playing the piano at all times without disturbing others in your neighborhood, then a pair of closed-back headphones with better sound quality is the best choice.

But, if you're an advanced piano player looking for a headphone that will pick any subtle nuance in your performance, then a high-end pair of a headphone with a well-detailed and clear audio should be purchased.

Decide on what you hope to get from the headphones first, then narrow your search accordingly.

4. Comfort.

Although the quality of sound is important, comfort is also vital for headphones. If you're a constant player, and you'll be wearing the headphone for a long time, then comfort cannot be overlooked.

Unfortunately, several headphones with good quality sounds are uncomfortable to the user, thereby making them non-preferable. Also, there are some excellent headphones with good audio quality which could be worn comfortably for long periods.

A good brand of headphone must focus on comfort and audio quality. So, if you're looking for satisfaction with your purchase, you should concentrate on both features.

5. Quality is Paramount.

If you're serious about playing the piano, then look for a pair of headphone that will give you a complete analysis of the music played.

No matter what your budget is, there are good digital keyboard headphones on the market for that amount. All you need to do is: conduct market research, and read through customers reviews of different devices, then you'll be able to settle on a particular one that will satisfy your needs.

CONCLUSION

Becoming an expert pianist requires more practice to be able to play melodious sounds. With a good pair of headphones and constant practice, your learning period could be shortened as your skills improve.

You can master this easily with a good listening device which offers superior sound quality, and a noise cancellation feature will give you a good focus.

Considering the top 10 best headphones for digital pianos listed here, you'll realize that, they have a neutral and well-balanced sound with great audio clarity.

As far as you keep the benefits and drawbacks in mind, you cannot go wrong with them, as they have different unique features.

Just pick the one that best satisfies your needs.