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Apple AirPods Max vs Sony WH1000XM5: My Review

Music lovers will understand the importance of picking a new set of headphones, in most cases these will be living on your head for two to three thousand plus hours over the years that you will own them. For the last year and a half I have been using Sony WH1000XM5s (XM5s) as my daily headphones and have racked up 1400 hours on them so far. Two weeks ago I switched these out for a pair of Apple AirPods Max. Here's my honest thoughts of the two, and my recommendation for which you should buy.

Noise Cancelling

When comparing the noise cancellation the AirPods Max have the clear win, with both excellent cancellation of constant noises such as the drone of an airplane and sporadic noises such as cars, passers by etc which most lower end noise cancelling headphones struggle with. The XM5s feature some seriously impressive noise cancelling, which is a very close second to the AirPods Max. The AirPods Max take the win here due to much

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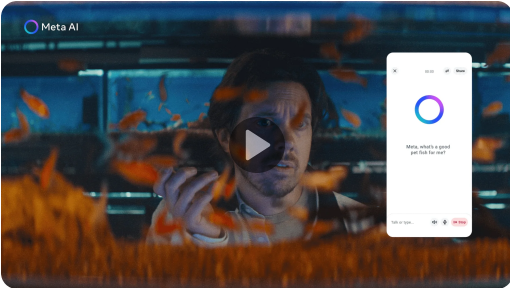
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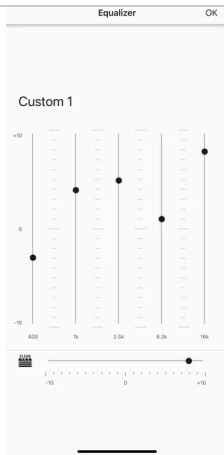
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Yeah I didn't like the sound quality out of the box, but it was a lot better after using an EQ from this sub. Dare I even say it's quite close to the Sennheiser's I'm daily driving

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I've been using this one and it gets them really close to the APMs.

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How about comfort? I thought the AirPads were very heavy?

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as a longtime user of Sony's XM line, I recently picked up a pair of AirPods Max and echo your statements.

\$500 is a lot by comparison, but they're so far above in terms of build quality that I made a bet it will be worth it in the long run. I've probably spent \$1200 on Sony's headphones over the last decade and don't have a functioning pair to show for it.

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Love this review! I just bought the xm5s and have been debating on returning them.

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Walmart and bought the Sony WH XM4.



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The price is outrageous to be fair. The quality and integration with Apple products does redeem it mostly but it's a hard justification to make.

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... The whole point of XM series is for the LDAC codec and iPhone doesn't support them. Unless you tested the xm5 on an Android phone with LDAC support, it's a stupid comparison.

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The apm are aesthetically better imo but that's all they're to me after trying them compared to the xm5. Also no headphone Jack is atrocious. If apple comes out with another model with a better battery life, more customizations for the listener I'd probably get them.



Extension-Raccoon-87 • 2mo ago

I do not recommend Apple AirPods Max, unless you want to buy a new one every 2- 3 years. I am an Apple fanboy and bought many Apple devices, including MacBooks, iPhones, and apple tvs. Naturally, for sound, I bought AirPods Pro max and this is my first time being super disappointed. After 3 years, they suddenly stopped connecting using Bluetooth. Even "Apple Authorized Service Provider" declined fixing them due to how they are made - tightly packed and impenetrable. AirPods may break after a while, but fixing AirPods is close to impossible, forcing customers to buy new ones every time a minor part stops working. Before buying them, just be aware that these super expensive headphones are unfixable.

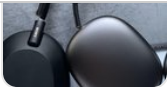
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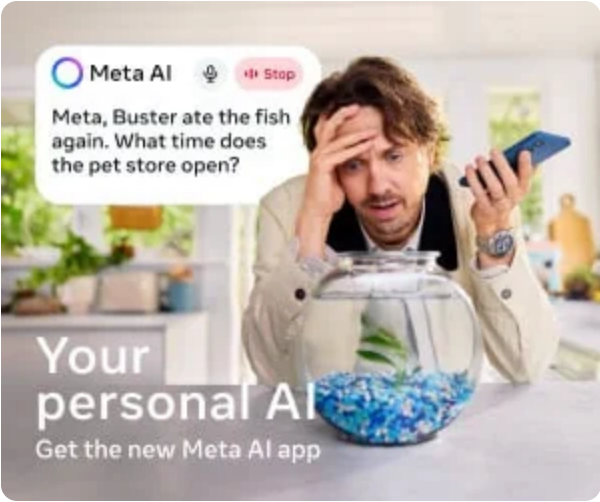


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