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Genuinely good gaming headphones?

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My partner needs a good set of headphones for gaming. He had the Logitech G933s for several years, but had audio-failing issues and felt he needed an upgrade. I asked for recommendations on here last year and we settled on Beyerdynamic DT900 Pro x.

These are great headphones, but after a several months of use, he has decided they're not what he needs. His main issues are that they're not wireless; that they're open-back so the audio spills out too much; and that he finds the audio to be unbalanced and too loud for his games (most of the game audio is fine, but the loudest parts of the games are ridiculously loud in comparison and it hurts his ears. I've seen him almost throw these headphones off from the sudden loud noises in his games).

I've gone through the whole spiel about how gaming headphones are low-quality for their price in comparison to non-gaming headphones, which is why he was willing to try non-gaming headphones in the first place, however he has decided he definitely wants gaming headphones.

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If you want the best wireless gaming headset on the market right now, the easy recommendation is the Audeze Maxwell. The Maxwell isn't just the best gaming headset, but is a genuinely solid wireless headphone in its own right, and the best entry-level planar on the market. It competes with some of my higher-end, dedicated planars as a critical listening/reference headphone (out of the box).

There are caveats:

It's heavy and bulky. I'd recommend getting the CapraAudio comfort strap to improve comfort; it distributes the weight more evenly and reduces discomfort from heat buildup.

The microphone (and sidetone) is subpar and should be replaced with a Modmic wireless later on down the road if you want better quality. I use the default mic, but I'm likely in the minority and simply don't care too much about how I sound, so long as I'm being heard.

That is one of only two wireless headsets I would recommend. I've tried most of the other options, including the other "premium" models from Steelseries, Razer, Corsair, etc. None of them are worth the asking price. The Steelseries Nova Pro Wireless isn't quite a dumpster fire (and Sonar is about as close as a gaming company has gotten to developing a parametric EQ), but you're overpaying for the quality of that headset.

The second set is probably out of your budget range, which is the Master & Dynamic MG20. It competes with the Maxwell's sound quality, is more comfortable, and has some additional benefits. There are QC issues with this set (like the Maxwell), so just be sure to test it thoroughly before your return/exchange window closes. It is an excellent headset, and was my go-to before the Maxwell and VZR Model One.

If he wants to reconsider remaining on a wired setup, the FiiO FT1 coupled with the Meze Boom Mic cable is pretty much my go-to for single-player games. It's a \$150 set that competes with headphones many times its price, and the Meze boom mic is a perfect fit and sounds great.

You can also take a look at the VZR Model One (wired), the Simgot EM6L or Supermix 4 with a Kinera Ruyi/Gramr cable (wired).

Most audio enthusiasts will steer you away from gaming headsets, and I think for a lot of people the best recommendation is a good, dedicated headphone with a separate mic, or a pair of IEMs. But even as an enthusiast, sometimes I just want a single solution, with a single cable or wireless option, with all the buttons and features I would expect from a gaming headset -- in other words, I get it.

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headphones are better in my opinion for gaming. When they start trying to boost certain frequencies, from game to game it can sound extremely weird.

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I will say I have an Audeze Maxwell that is within the return window I will be capitalizing on. They are amazing in quality but as [u/Silverjerk](#) mentioned the mic is a bit on the mid range, I don't care I game and discord, that is it. But I started facing issues with it that seem to be a common occurrence with the headset. Things such as the software not recognizing the headset using it's dongle, the mic not being recognized as functional when everything checks out systematically, weird stuff. I find fixes all the time for it! Such as switching USB ports when its not recognized which works but I expect a \$300 headset with such praise not to need that kind of attention, for the steep cost (again just a gamer, not an audiophile) I'd expect my purchase to function with minimal intervention.

I know this post was from a month ago but please be certain your partner is happy with the headset and they aren't facing issues like this. Today my mic completely won't connect to anything, I BT'd it to my phone, won't register that it's on, used it on my PC, nothing. Went to a help page and did all the backdoor stuff with permissions, no change (everything was already correct) just more frustration. Too much money to forgive. Perhaps this is a lemon and just not working but I found that the usb shifting thing really isn't uncommon for the headset and that's just not okay with me for the cost.

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