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Meze 99 Classic vs Focal Celestee

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Hi all

Currently in a position where I could either grab a pair of Meze 99 Classics or Focal Celestees for about the same money.

Which is superior? I believe the focals are more analytical with the mezes being more lively.

Anyone with experience of each who can lend some info? I mostly listen to metal or rock, with smatterings of electronic, jazz, classical etc etc

I also own a pair of Sennhesier HD 560 S open backs if that makes any difference.

Cheers



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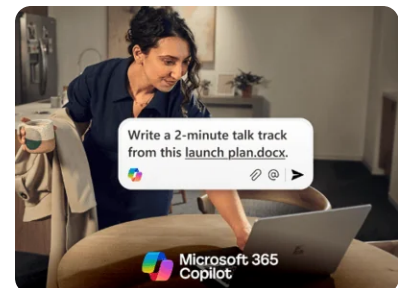
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I haven't heard those exact Focals, but at least the Mezes are very dark and woofy. My trust in Focal is pretty strong so I'd pick up the Focals in a heartbeat if those were my only options.

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Isn't Focal Celestees at least double the price of Meze 99 Classics? It's certainly the case in England.

FWIW, I would definitely go for focal in this case.

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Normally is the case for sure, but for whatever reason I have a local retailer doing a deep special on them

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Yeah then I would grab the Focal. Usually where I am, the used Celestee will be more expensive than the new Meze 99 classics.

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Well that's where my heads at. Higher priced tag should mean better quality surely?

Either that or it's just crazy high MSRP prices for the focals

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I don't have the Celestee yet (it's on my radar for future) but I have the Focal Elegia as well as the Meze 99 Classics. according to most review (and price tag) the Celestee is definitely one step up from Elegia. And amongst my own collection, I would put Elegia and the Meze in the same tier.

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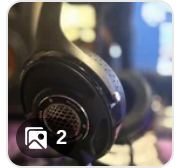
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