





Beats Flex comprehensive review

Review

I've redone this review after having the IEMs for over a year now. Enjoy.

This review of the Beats Flex will try and cover the daily quality of life stuff as well as go somewhat in depth with sound analysis and how they sound in a somewhat technical nature, since I've gotten better at talking about that stuff.

Also, I've updated the section about Bluetooth performance.

Introduction

The Beats Flex.

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Nicely done. I hadn't heard of this product. It is a popular design, years ago I had some Sony earphones like this. I think this type of earphone is the most practical. If true wireless buds are what came first this design is how I would improve them.





I agree. TWS buds feel like a major step backwards to me.



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Quick question?

So I've been using the Beats Flex for a few months now, listening experience is good for what it is but my colleagues and clients have been telling me they can't hear me or it's not clear when I speak over video calls or even regular phone calls.

Now I can't hear myself speak on the other side but when I switch mics to the iPhone or MacBook mics people say they can here me, that or I have to bring the mic very close to my mouth for people to hear me.

How was your experience with the mic?











12pcMcNuggets OP • 4y ago

It depends on where I am. If I'm in a quiet room (which I often am), I sound crystal clear; as if I'm using my phone microphone. If I'm outside where there's only wind noise, my voice sounds processed but still clear, depending on how windy it is. It falls apart completely in loud environments, as the noise cancelling freaks out completely. I've never had problems with people straight up not hearing me.









12pcMcNuggets OP • 4y ago • Edited 3y ago

Bonus questions that nobody asked but I'm gonna answer anyway:

If I'm in a pinch, can I charge the Beats with the Lightning to USB-C cable?

You cannot, iPhones really don't like it when you ask them to be the USB host, unless you're using the Lightning to USB camera adapter. Nothing happens when you plug them in this way.

What if the host was an iPad with a USB-C port? Could I charge them then?

Probably. I can't test this myself as I don't have an iPad. Assuming the USB port on the iPad is just a regular USB port that can supply power to anything that asks, you should be able to charge them that way.

Original version of this review









CharacterMood4 • 4y ago

Mine won't turn on and I can't reset them any more. I think it was water damage but it was minor enough that it shouldn't have damaged it at all (slightly more than a dewdrop of water). If that kills it, it won't work in the rain either. I've tried everything but they won't respond. Do you have any idea what the problem might be?





12pcMcNuggets OP • 4y ago







daxxruckus • 4y ago

I just got these and paired them with my Samsung Galaxy Note 10+. They paired fine but the play/pause button does not work. It works to turn the headphones on or off but does not play/pause audio when pressed. Any idea on what the issue could be? It still pauses when using the magnets to connect the earbuds, but I need the button to work as well.

Thanks!





12pcMcNuggets OP • 4y ago

The play/pause button is a little round button under the left pill, the same one where the volume controls are. It's as tactile as a sponge. What you're pressing is the power button.

Also, make sure you're streaming in AAC. Open developer options and scroll down to bluetooth audio codec, and make sure it's AAC there.





huntercov1 • 4y ago

I really like these headphones, the thing that bugs me the most is that "hey Siri "doesn't work with them. I figured with them having the Apple chip and the ability to connect automatically that they would have that function but it doesn't seem that they do



12pcMcNuggets OP • 4y ago

These run the W1 chip. Hey Siri support is only in H1 headphones, like the new AirPods.

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