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ggcactus



Best for Calls?

Hey guys,

I am trying to find the best earbuds for call quality. I have tried to do research, however, no matter what I end up getting, I get complaints about sounding like I'm in a tunnel or far away or too much background noise. This is whether or not I'm in a grocery store or my office. Can anyone recommend a great option? I'm using the galaxy buds 2. I have tried various Jabra, sony wx



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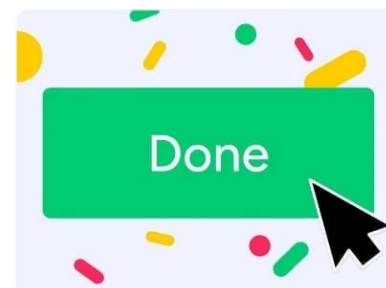
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Radiant-Cherry-7973 • 6mo ago • Edited 2mo ago

Just type 'best for calls' in the search bar of this sub, you'll find the twice weekly request for this and the associated recommendations.

The consensus is the Huawei FreeBuds Pro 4 and Samsung Galaxy Buds 3 Pro are the better picks for Android because they use bone conduction voice mics, which separate your voice better than the mics everyone else uses. You can hear the FreeBuds Pro 4 and how they perform in windy, noisy conditions [here](#).

If you own an iPhone, this is worth checking out - the Apple AirPods 4 ANC. Have a listen to [the call samples in this video from 21:08](#) - the background noise reduction in the coffee shop and on London bridge during rush hour is insane



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changes that much. AirPods aren't also great for that. ANC is not equal to good for calls. It's a mandatory feature, yet not sufficient if you really want something good.

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Radiant-Cherry-7973 • 1mo ago • Edited 1mo ago

Buds 2 Pro are a totally different product that were released two years before the 3 Pro, during which time quite a bit has changed in earbud tech. There's no stem on the 2 for a start, putting more distance between your voice and the mics, and they didn't use bone conduction tech for the voice mic either - the big differentiator (as I said in the original post).

Where did I mention ANC being anything to do with the mic performance on the AirPods 4? Apple embedded noise reduction into iOS specifically for that model. The sample, which you obviously didn't bother listening to, speaks for itself.

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Reasonable-Screen945 • 1mo ago

I owned the 2s, upgraded to the 3s, and they actually handle wind and loud noises FANTASTICALLY in comparison. That being said, in non-noisy environments, my mic will randomly make my voice quieter, even if I haven't really moved my head.

And my 3s are randomly disconnecting and reconnecting during phone calls now. Just calls. So I am looking to get different ones.

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Radiant-Cherry-7973 • 1mo ago

I still don't think there's anything better for Android than Huawei Freebuds Pro 4 when it comes to calls. In 5 years of testing over 100 sets, they are in a class of their own

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Tig33 • 27d ago

Yep 100% agreed

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Arian_D • 8d ago

I've had the Galaxy Buds 2 Pro, Jabra Evolve2 buds, Sony WF4, Plantronics Free 60 and other, and the Galaxy Buds3 Pro is BY FAR the best headset for calls. The sound and mics are superior, both when I cut the grass or is in a busy office, nearly no background noise gets through the mic, it's pretty amazing.

I have the Galaxy S23+ phone, and as far as I know the sound will be even better with S24 and 25 because it has a wider/better connection so that it filters the sound even better.

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In addition to those mentioned Jabra elite 8/10 gen 2 are great for background noise reduction, just takes 10-15 to fully kick in but then busy roads and moderate wind seemingly disappear in calls.

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 **one4o** • 5mo ago


Could I ask how long you've had these Jabra earbuds for?

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 **Shanamaj** • 5mo ago

I got them early October so I've used them daily for 4.5 months by now

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 **nando-sf** • 3mo ago • Edited 3mo ago

Are you still a fan? No regrets? May try them out. Debating between those and AirPods 4 ANC. This review is what is holding me back: In one 4-hour period, I picked these up, updated the firmware, made some calls, and am returning them to an Amazon fresh as soon as I submit this. Beside talking to people, I used an echo check phone number to see how I sounded and the mic quality is the worst I have heard in my life. I have loved every wired Jabra headset I have ever had. But this? This is an insult. This makes me feel like the engineers who designed it actively hate the people who want to use it.

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 **Shanamaj** • 3mo ago

Sounds like whoever wrote that got a defective unit or similar, I use mine for calls via teams on laptop a ton during work and never got any complains. I don't call as much via phone but even there they have worked great mostly, even though as with all Bluetooth devices I've ever tried there are some occasionally glitches requiring a reboot.

I'm still very happy with the buds overall, they sound great, call quality is great as noted, battery life, comfort, ANC, transparency are all good to great. I did have to reset the case once when it's battery drained too quickly and the buds a few times but this was mostly on the old firmware, since I updated I might have reset them once but not more.

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 **nando-sf** • 3mo ago

Thanks! This is super helpful context. I've tested dozens of earbuds and over the ear headsets. I can see why these work so well in online meetings, slack calls, etc.

Phone calls in noisy environments on the go is a unique challenge. The constant adjustment the chips have to do to changing noise patterns is a tough task. Seems this would be a function of algorithm and also power of chip plus its designed latency.

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Noise suppression is where these ones excel, 10-15 into a phone call the background noise basically disappear when I'm next to a busy road or such. Sometimes the voice could be let through a little more but it's not a big bother.

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Proper-Ape • 2mo ago

If you own an iPhone, this is worth checking out - the Apple AirPods 4 ANC. Have a listen to the call samples in this video from 21:08 - the background noise reduction in the coffee shop and on London bridge during rush hour is insane

It's also insane how bad they sound in call quality on Android? Is the ANC done in the handset? Is this an Android software issue or does apple not send the same data?

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Radiant-Cherry-7973 • 2mo ago

It's post-processing within iOS - a feature apple have been able to implement rather than a failing of Android. Much easier to do when you're one manufacturer dealing with one product

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dmyhill • 6d ago

Wait...you are saying that ANC is available for airpods...in iOS (done by the handset)...but they only enable it if you pay the extra \$40 or whatever for the airpods with ANC?

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Radiant-Cherry-7973 • 6d ago

The previous poster used the term ANC when they meant ENC. ANC is the reduction of outside sound you hear when using them to listen to music etc, whereas ENC refers to the noise reduction that iOS does to help your calls sound clearer.

You have to post the extra \$40 for ANC, absolutely, but for ENC, I'm not sure

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IExistForFun • 20d ago

The Samsung pro 3 earbuds suck. Everyone told me I sounded like I was in a fish bowl, regardless of what I did with my settings.

I literally just returned them and am standing in a best buy doing research lol.

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lot of people on here recommend them (including one guy who has tested a LOT of earbuds).

The Huawei FreeBuds Pro 4 I have tried and can vouch for them, they're the best of over 100 sets I've tested by some distance

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IExistForFun • 20d ago

I may have gotten bad ones but it was a really annoying 2 weeks.

Where can you buy the Huawei ones? With my 2 second Google search I only see them on Amazon or ebay.

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Radiant-Cherry-7973 • 20d ago

I got mine from Huawei UK - if you're in the US, bear in mind there are a few challenges with Huawei (like where to buy it from and downloading the Huawei Life app, which isn't on the Play Store and has to be downloaded directly from Huawei)

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IExistForFun • 20d ago

That makes sense. Nothing of great quality exists in the US 😞. If things actually work, how would these corporations make more money!?

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Budget-Blackberry158 • 2mo ago

Man, I've been down this rabbit hole too. Galaxy Buds 2 were trash for calls in my experience people kept saying I sounded like I was underwater. The one that finally worked for me was AirPods Pro 2, even though I use Android. Clear voice, way better mic. Also heard great things about [Bose QC Ultra](#) for noisy places. If background noise is killing you, you might even look into bone-conduction ones. Not perfect, but surprisingly good in loud spots. Hope that helps.

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iPhone13pm • 6mo ago

[CMF Buds Pro 2](#) is best in every aspect, calling ANC, sound 10/10 specially with in this price its 100% recommended

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Standard_Tadpole8145 • 6mo ago

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better than jabras. The best thing I've used is the Bowers & Wilkins Px7 S2e over ear headphone.

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NinjaCritical471 • 6mo ago

soundpeats capsule 3 pro. blocks background noise amazingly for its price. a lot of youtube reviewers are commending this buds for its call quality.

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Blazekom • 5mo ago

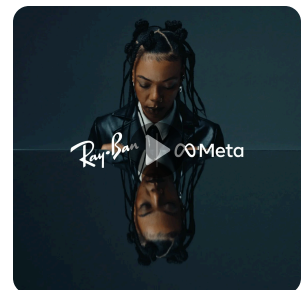
I have this one as well and it's significantly worse than my (admittedly more expensive) Galaxy Buds 3 or Jabra Elite 10s.

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thatton8769 • 6mo ago

I've bought nearly every pair of flagship earbuds released in 2023 and 2024 and so far the JBL Tour Pro 3 are the best for phone calls. Overall, I have been very impressed with them. Sold my Sony WF-XM5, Pixel Buds Pro, Pixel Buds Pro 2, Galaxy Buds Pro 2. Kept the AirPods Pro 2 for occasional use with my work phone and kept the AZ80 for sound quality. If the AZ80 had better mic quality, they'd easily be the best.

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MediocreAd8855 • 6mo ago

You had a good experience with the tour pro 3? I loved everything about it but during phone called everyone said that they couldn't not make out a word I was saying. I even tried factory reset. Google buds pro 2 are the best for phone calls in my opinion.

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Wild. I wonder if it is a phone thing then. I have a Samsung 24 ultra. Similar to you I've tried all the flagships from the past 2 years. The only other part about the tour pro 3 that I couldn't get past was the bulkiness in my pocket. I couldn't make it my everyday buds because of it.

  1   Reply ...**thatton8769** • 6mo ago

The case is obnoxiously large. I'm hoping that the Technics AZ100 have a much improved mic. It'll be an instant buy for me.

 2   Reply ...**kaivorth1** • 6mo ago

They sound a little robotic to me. There's a difference between naturally sounding and which ones sound the most clear I think. I can make out what you're saying with these easily, but I don't think they sound natural

  1   Reply ...**thatton8769** • 6mo ago

Which ones?

  1   Reply ...**kaivorth1** • 6mo ago

The JBL tour buds

  1   Reply ...**thatton8769** • 6mo ago

Oh gotcha. I've never heard someone else talking to me on them. I just talk on the phone A LOT for work and did several tests and consistently people said that my voice sounded best with the JBL. Worst was probably the Pixel Buds Pro 2.

 1   Reply ...**thatton8769** • 6mo ago

I'm anxiously waiting for the Technics AZ100 announcement next week. Really really hoping they made mic and call quality improvements. My AZ80'S are, by far, my favorite for listening to music.

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I have liked the call quality on the JLab Jbuds (medium tier by JLab). I use Jbuds ANC 3. Voice memos on my phone sound great.

Earfun stems tend to work well. I use Earfun Air 1. The Air 2 or Earfun Air Pro 4 likely would have good microphones too.

I like some of the videos that the DHRME YouTube channel puts out. They had a good best 100 USD earbuds. The one plus buds 3 and Nothing (a) micro test were very good. They test microphones indoors and outdoors and in the wind

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**DarthFK** • 3mo ago

Although replying 4mo later, my family always complains about call quality of my Nothing (a), before the software update and after. NYC and surrounding areas regardless.

Recently had a WhatsApp interview request and after the sound check with the techs on the other end, before the actual talk, I was nicely asked if I could use the phone only, no headphones/earbuds, it was that different.

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**NCResident5** • 6mo ago

It seems your particular phone causes some issues.

I have had good call quality from Jlab Jbuds (their medium tier). The voice memos that I did after buying Jlab Jbuds ANC 3 have been good.

Earfun seems to have good quality. The microphone on the Earfun Air works well for me. I think the Earfun Air 2(non anc version) and Earfun Air Pro 4 are good items.

I like the videos that DHRME youtube channel puts out. They test microphones indoors, outdoor and in the wind. The One Plus Buds 3 and Nothing (a) sounded great on their test. If you join their channel as paid member they have microphone test section. I think being a paid member is just 2 to 5 usd a month. I assume the One Plus Buds 3 Pro would be good too if you wanted a premium product.

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**BigBadBoldBully2839** • 6mo ago

Airpods pro 2nd gen and Sennheiser momentum true wireless 4 are both great options when it comes to sound quality. I may be wrong but I think the seinheiser has a very big edge in call quality while the airpods have the edge in regard to noise cancellation.

The problem you're describing though pounds like it's probably an issue with your phone and not with the earbuds, especially as you've gone through both Sony and jabra which both have great mics and yet still experience the same issue

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**rjvillanueva** • 6mo ago

I love the anker liberty 4 soundcore pro the controls are easy to use and its not disruptive even when lying down no accidental touches. Calls are solid as well.

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**Royal_Monk6432** • 6mo ago

Galaxy bud pro 3 and jabra elite gen 1 amazing for call quality while doing gym training session.

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**approx_solutions** • 2mo ago • Edited 2mo ago

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office use)

- Klipsh McLaren earbuds (best for durability, better call quality than Apple, bad battery, charging duration too long)
- Bose quiet comfort over ear (top leader in terms of calls, goofy looking headphones, weight and size unrealistic for office and daily usage, almost best battery)

My Sennheiser, Panasonic, Sony, Technics, all of them solely the top line and most expensive ones of the portfolio, failed. Especially the JBL was not as good as praised below in the chat.

The potential next on my list to test might be the devialet gemini 2, because Boses lineup unfortunately lost quality compared to the 2023s versions and the Sony isn't any value for money any longer since 2023 too. Also, the Chinese Mifo O5 Plus Gen 3 might be worth a try.

All the review sites are somehow music and party focused, and maybe financed via marketing departments of manufacturers, hence, not reliable.

Currently, I only use the AirPods and always carry the Klipsh as backup with me.

I wish there is another coming but since 2020 the premium brands are just getting worse year by year. With the cheap ones it's about luck, but you compromise on the multipoint quality and durability.

Hope someone did also burn approx. 5k bugs over the last five yours solely for earbuds and has his opinion too.

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markbroncco • 2mo ago • Edited 21d ago

Just wanted to drop in and give a quick review/recommendation for the [Jabra Elite 10s](#) , especially if you're looking for earbuds mainly for calls. I've been using these daily for about a week, and honestly, they've totally exceeded my expectations. First off, finally a pair of earbuds that actually stay in my ears, even during workouts and when I'm out and about. I used to have the AirPods Pro 2 and Galaxy Buds 2 Pro, and both would eventually slide out – these Jabra Elites just sit tight. Even slept with them in and they didn't budge.

Call quality is genuinely next level. I have to jump on a ton of work meetings and take calls everywhere (gym, coffee shops, you name it), and the mics handle my voice super clearly. No one's told me I sound muffled or distant. The multipoint connectivity is also awesome – I flip between my laptop and phone with ZERO lag, which was a huge pain point for me with Soundcore Liberty 4.

The ANC is solid, not quite Sony-level, but it's been more than enough to keep me focused at work. Sound is great after tweaking the EQ in the app. Battery life lasts longer than AirPods Pro for me, and I love the fast charging. If call quality and comfort are super important for you, these are my top pick right now!

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stinkycheese123456 • 2mo ago

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sure if I'm willing to buy a discontinued product. Do you have any close second place winners for call quality? That's my number one priority; making work calls with clients in varied environments (wind, gym, outdoors, etc). The huawei freebuds consistently come back as a winner for call quality but I'm not willing to download their software for security reasons. I have read that their product works without downloading the app so maybe that's the best option? Assuming I can even get my hands on an original version and not a knock off (live in the US). Thanks for your help!

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leongrigor • 24d ago

Hi . Jabra Elite 10 . Say the caller's name

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drNovikov • 13d ago

I bought Jabra elite 85t, and mic is utter shit. Won't buy Jabra again.

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tiktakt0w • 1mo ago • Edited 1mo ago

Hey this is totally off-topic but if you ever end up with neck or shoulder strain after long calls (especially if you're holding your phone awkwardly or using meh earbuds), swapping to a better pillow can weirdly help a ton. I didn't think much of it until I switched to ones with shredded memory foam (like the kind with bamboo covers) and suddenly I wasn't waking up all crooked anymore lol.

Not a fix for call quality obv but if your posture's taking a hit from bad audio setups, something like that might help your whole setup feel less cursed. (there's this two-pack off amazon [by Sleepavo](#) that you could look into, pretty sure it's meant for side sleepers but works for whatever.)

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chaochao25 • 18d ago

Go through the r/ a bit or [r/headphoneadvice](#), you'll find really long discussion threads on this exact problem. I don't think there's been a unanimous consensus so far except to hate on any and all galaxy buds sorry to say :p. But what I've noticed is that the high price ones aren't really the best ones. Some earbuds are great for sound but with a really shitty mic, so prioritise a good mic over great sound, unfortunately you ain't getting both, unless you go over ear. Huawei's been putting out some good earbuds with a decent mic, Tagry too. [Tagry's](#) kind of the underdog pick considering they're just 50 bucks and idk if it was by accident or not, but the mic quality is really good. It doesn't pick up on background noises, and filters out everything except your voice. It holds up pretty good in outdoor movement too as long as the street you're on isn't too noisy. Level your expectations a bit, any earbuds are gonna act a little shoddy if you're in a packed subway underground but for the office or at home or whatever these should hold up good. Lmk what you ended up with.

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Atodddiv • 12d ago

I'm in a similar predicament where my 5yr old Jabra 85ts charge when they feel like it..... So I got the Bowers and Wilkins PI8s. Beautiful audio quality but the call quality and background noise suppression is utter trash. I just picked up some AirPods Pro 2s but have an S23 Ultra..... So some features are limited and my initialnimpression is that the audio quality is just "solid". I really need to figure out the best balance of audio quality, anc, call quality, background noise suppression, etc.

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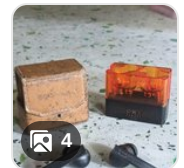
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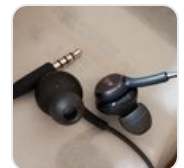
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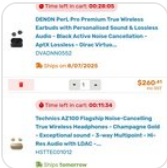
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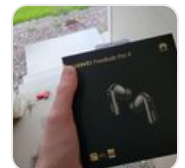
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