

Best Mics to Use

As a streamer, your mic is one of the most important things in your setup. Your viewers need to be able to hear you loud and clear. Take the time to research some of your options so you can make the right purchase to be successful. Here are 5 top-rated mics for streamers.

Blue Yeti Nano - \$79.99 (with Amazon Prime)



The Blue Yeti Nano is a good microphone for streaming, recording, gaming, and more. With its sleek design, it fits in everyone's space while still giving your voice an awesome presence.

Purchase it here.

Specs:

- Legendary Blue broadcast sound
- 2 custom mic capsules
- USB connectivity
- Plug-and-play
- Blue VO!CE Software with enhanced effects, HD audio samples, and advanced modulation
- 2 pickup patterns: cardioid and omnidirectional
- Compact
- Onboard controls to quickly adjust volume, mute, and pickup pattern

+ Strengths:

- Plug-and-play to start using immediately
- High quality audio
- Two pickup patterns
- Compact, sleek design

+ Weaknesses:

- Requires app to adjust settings
- Requires adapter for Mac products

Blue Snowball iCE Plug 'n Play - \$39.99 (with Amazon Prime)



The Blue Snowball iCE is the best "balling on a budget" mic you'll find on the market. This one gives you crystal clear audio AND keeps your wallet happy. Purchase it here.

Specs:

- Custom condenser capsule
- Cardioid pickup pattern
- USB connectivity
- Compatible with leading VOIP platforms
- Adjustable stand

+ Strengths:

- Budget friendly
- Plug-and-play to start using immediately
- High quality sound

+ Weaknesses:

Only one pickup pattern

Blue Yeti - \$99.99 (with Amazon Prime)



The Blue Yeti mic is perfect for streamers looking to record and stream. Its one of the most versatile mics out there with its four pickup pattern options that gives you the flexibility in what you're recording. Purchase it here.

Specs:

- 3-capsule array
- Blue VO!CE Software with enhanced effects, HD audio samples, and advanced modulation
- USB connectivity
- 4 pickup patterns: flexible cardioid, omnidirectional, bidirectional, stereo
- Onboard controls to quickly adjust volume, mute, and pickup pattern
- Unique design for position option

+ Strengths:

- PC and Mac compatible
- Plug-and-play to start using immediately
- 4 pickup patterns

+ Weaknesses:

- Pricier
- Heavy design
- Sensitive and picks up background noise

HyperX Quadcast S - \$229.98 (with Amazon Prime)



The HyperX Quadcast S mic is a solid choice for just about anyone looking to stream or podcast. This mic offers programmable lighting and gives you the freedom to choose and save your color preference. You can also choose the color effect like solid, blinking, or rotating between a few.

Purchase it here.

Specs:

- Customizable LED lighting effects
- Anti-vibration shock mount
- LED status indicator to conveniently tap-to-mute
- 4 pickup patterns: cardioid, bidirectional, omnidirectional, stereo
- Gain control adjustment
- Built-in pop filter
- App available for sound settings

+ Strengths

- Customizable light effects
- High quality audio
- 4 pickup patterns
- Built-in pop filter
- Shock mount

+Weaknesses:

Pricier

Only records at 48kHz/16-bit

Elgato Wave 3 - \$119.99 (with Amazon Prime)



The Elgato Wave 3 is a great mic for streamers that have multiple audio sources going at one time. Using the Wave Link app, you can control up to 7 audio sources. The mic is super simple and user-friendly, which makes it a great option for newer streamers. Purchase it here.

Specs:

- Cardioid pickup pattern
- Wave Link app to control up to 7 audio sources
- Virtually impossible distortion
- Most controls are on front panel
- Simple, easy to use mic
- Low-latency monitoring

+Strengths:

- User-friendly design
- Solid audio quality
- Ability to control up to 7 audio sources

+Weaknesses:

⋄ Only one pickup pattern