

Icemat Siberia In:Ear headset

Introduction

Icemat is a well known company among the gamers for their superior mouse pads. But that's not all they do. Recently they started manufacturing more and more products for the average PC user. They made some gear to wear and they made some new headsets and headphones called the Siberia series. For those who don't know the difference, a headset is a headphone with a microphone. Icemat wouldn't be Icemat if they made them a bit special. The headphones we know are supposed to be put in your ear. But the Siberia In:Ear headset brings the term "in your ear" to a whole new level.



Packaging

The headset arrived here in a bubble wrap envelope. In the envelope we found a retail package for the headset. When looking closer to the package It was clear that the marketing people where in for some fun. Besides advertising it as being noise dampening, they also added a little icon that says "Looks Damn Cool". And I've got to admit, they really do!



The headset

The set consist out of 3 pieces. The headphones, a clip-on headset and some cable extenders. The extended cable's will come in handy when you use this headset on your desktop computer, because your wires are to short otherwise. They also added a small soft bag so you can carry around your headset without damaging it. And besides al that, they included 2 sets of spare silicon covers for your headphones.



The headphones

The headphones included in this set are somewhat out of the ordinary. You're supposed to put the entire ribbed piece in your ear. This way you'll cancel all the surrounding sound and you don't need a higher volume to hear your sound above the surrounding noise. That's not only better for the headphones lifetime but it's also a lot better for your own ears. In the package we found 2 little silicon pieces and in a little bag they added 2 other of those silicon pieces to replace the ribbed silicon pieces. Personally I prefer the extra silicon covers instead of the stock pieces.



The microphone

The microphone included in this headset bundle is a small, rather nice looking, clip-on. It is meant to be clipped on your T-shirt so it's not hanging in the front of your face. Equipped with a small on/off button, it allows you to easily disable the mic.



The extra's

Besides getting a headphone and microphone you also get a small bag to put away the headset. And if that isn't enough, you also get a couple of cable extenders so you can connect your headset to the backside of your pc. When you're using a notebook, you can just connect them without using the cable extenders. This way you'll never have an excess of cables.



Testing

When we finally connected the headphones and placed them in our ears we were shocked by the low volume. But once we placed the second plug in our ears the only thing we heard was the music. And not just music, no, it was crystal clear. Since we didn't have any interference from the surrounding noises, the music sounded better than ever. Now I know why they're so special. It is not intentionally made for gaming, but I can imagine this headset will be very good for when you're attending LAN-parties. We played a few rounds of UT2004 at a local LAN party. And I must say, we didn't hear a thing of the other participants yelling. The headset is handy when you've got teamspeak running in the background. When you don't want them to hear what you're saying you can just turn off the mic and they'll just think you're quiet.



Conclusion

This headset is something you really should get, not just for the nice looks but for the superior sound quality and outstanding bass-tones. It are the only earphones I ever had with the real bass experience, most of those earphones have a bass enhancement feature, but these just have the true bass sounds. I've got nothing else to add to this. They're just awesome,

PRO

- Noise cancellation
- Superior sound quality
- True bass-tones
- On/off switch on the mic
- Cable extenders
- Small carry-bag

CON

??? I can't think of anything bad of this headset!!!

The Icemat Siberia In:Ear headset definitely deserves a 10/10!

We would like to thank Icemat (<http://www.icemat.com>) for giving us the opportunity to test this headset.