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#### **\*\*\*\*\*\* Smaller, lighter and cheaper than the Bose-but works as well**, January 25, 2005 Reviewer: **M. Humphries** (Palo Alto, CA USA)

I have had a pair of the previous older model of the NoiseBuster for several years. I have traveled extensively (almost 2 million miles) on the airlines, many with the little airline supplied headsets delivering a poor sound, painfully. The NoiseBuster headphone will make you incredulous that you are getting high quality sound from an airplane sound system! Who would have guessed it possible. I now use it with my iPod as well, on or off the airplane. The noise cancellation feature even improves the already high quality iPod sound.

I borrowed a friend's Bose headphones for two flights thinking they must be better than the far cheaper NoiseBuster, but they are not. The Bose does have ear cups that will completely cover your ears (well, most ears) for an 'isolation booth' type experience, but the sound is not better with the Bose, as far as I can tell. And the NoiseBuster is small enough to put into a briefcase or (if you carry one) a purse. The Bose is pretty big and needs to be in its own case. The NoiseBuster will fit into the pocket in the seatback in front of you.

If small size, high functionality, travel convenience and price are factors for you the NoiseBuster is the right choice.

## **Reviewer: STANCPA** (Westland, MI)

Noise Buster is a great buy for the price. It is comparable to Bose, which cost far more than this. I own NoiseBuster for several years and I am very happy with it. I travel about 4 to 5 times per year on airplanes and it cuts down dramatically the sounds.

# **Reviewer: Big Easy "bigeasy"** (Houston, TX)

I'll start by putting a couple caveats here. 1 - I bought direct from the manufacturer as they weren't on Amazon at the time, although I do buy a lot of stuff here, including my Robo Mower, but I digress. 2 - I own stock in NCTI (NCT-active.com) which is the parent company of the Noisebuster manufacturers (protechcommunications.com).

Now on to the headphones. I fly a lot and after most flights the engine noise leaves my ears ringing and stress level very high. I've tried a few solutions, including the headsets you can get on planes, but that just adds different noise to the plane noise. Also tried ear plugs, which lessens the noise, but then you can't hear the movies very well.

The Noisebuster with it's active noise cancellation eliminates a great deal of the 'droning' noise that planes make. I've also worn the much higher priced Bose headsets once and couldn't tell the difference in sound quality between the Bose and Noisebusters, however I could tell the difference between \$70 and \$300, so the Noisebusters won easily on that count. There have also been several major publication reviews on these (NY Times and USA Today come to mind) and the verdict has always been very positive.

It's fun to turn the noise cancelling on/off as a test and it's amazing how much noise gets cancelled out. This technology really helps in cancelling 'steady' noise (jet engine, plane air vents, yard blowers, lawn mowers, etc), so if you are near a shrieking baby, nothing's really going to help, although it does cut that down a little too.

The unit is nicely made with a folding headband that includes the AA battery holder. The wire comes with an adapter that works on single prong and double prong (like Continental airlines plug), so you can use it just about anywhere. This model has better ear pieces than the one I bought a few years back (and still occasionally use when my better half steals the new ones).

All in all, I'm more relaxed and you really can't beat the price.

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A very satisfied user'