

## 2012 HEADSET PREFERENCE SURVEY

# Electronic ANR: 1 Lightspeed, 2 Bose, 3 David Clark, 4 Sennheiser, 5 Telex

# Nonelectronic PNR: 1 David Clark, 2 Telex

**Lightspeed voted 1st ANR headset in 2012 as in 2010. Bose 2nd after being 1st last year. David Clark climbs to 3rd from 4th. Sennheiser goes to 4th from 3rd. Telex keeps 5th for 2 years. Total of 2168 respondents, 24.4% returned forms.**

### Pro Pilot staff report

**H**eadset technology has been moving swiftly, especially at Lightspeed and Bose. While Bose was first to design and sell an ANR, its model X, Lightspeed was first to add the innovation of Bluetooth and also offer the Zulu at a lower price. Bose matched Lightspeed's Bluetooth capability in its A20. Lightspeed has now countered with FlightLink ATC recording and display. The headset technology battle continues.

### ANR

**Lightspeed.** With introduction of the improved Zulu 2 as well as the Sierra model and the new FlightLink ATC transmission "keep and display" recording application for iPad or iPhone, Lightspeed has gained popularity and passed Bose for 2012. Lightspeed, especially with the Zulu 2, has shown a sizable growth during the past year. Lightspeed won in the 2012 survey not by number of forms but by having higher overall scores than Bose.

**Bose.** After 9 years of being the undisputed winner Bose lost in 2010 but came back to also add Bluetooth and win 1st in 2011 with its new A20.

While Bose took 2nd place this year it had the most returned forms last year with 406 and 750 forms this year—an increase of 344. For 2012 Bose scored 1st in the categories of clarity and technical advancement.

**David Clark.** DC moved up to 3rd in 2012 from 4th last year. Tough construction and excellent product support are DC trademarks. DC introduced the X11 ANR model, which has been gaining steadily in satisfaction, as has the H10-13X ANR. If we had a category for loyalty David Clark would surely win it. It was no surprise that DC took 1st in the categories of durability and product support.

**Sennheiser.** From 3rd in 2011, Sennheiser dropped to 4th in 2012. *Pro Pilot* readers who use the ANR HMEC series like Sennheiser headsets because of innovative features such as the swing-away earpiece and its high-quality construction. ANR S1 Digital was introduced last year at Oshkosh. However, it was developed for pilots flying mainly single and twin-engine piston aircraft and helicopters. Because *Pro Pilot* has its mainstay readership in Part 25 with pilots of turbine-powered aircraft, the Sennheiser HMEC series is more popular in the *Pro Pilot* survey.

**Telex.** Same as last year, Telex took 5th place. Most preferred has been the Telex 850 ANR that draws its needed electrical power from the mike jack. Telex has a new Ascend model designed for jet operators. Although introduced last year there has been little penetration of the corporate executive market for this model in 2012 so it is still not popular. Of the 452 responses received for Telex in the 2012 PP Headset Survey, a dominant 425 were users of the Telex 850 ANR headset. Telex ranked 3rd in comfort and also scored 3rd in value for price.

### PNR

**David Clark.** Again DC was 1st in passive noise reduction (PNR) and **Telex** took 2nd place. DC was 1st in all categories for PNR except in comfort, where Telex is 1st this year. Favored PNR headsets are the DC H10-13.4 and the Telex Airman 750.

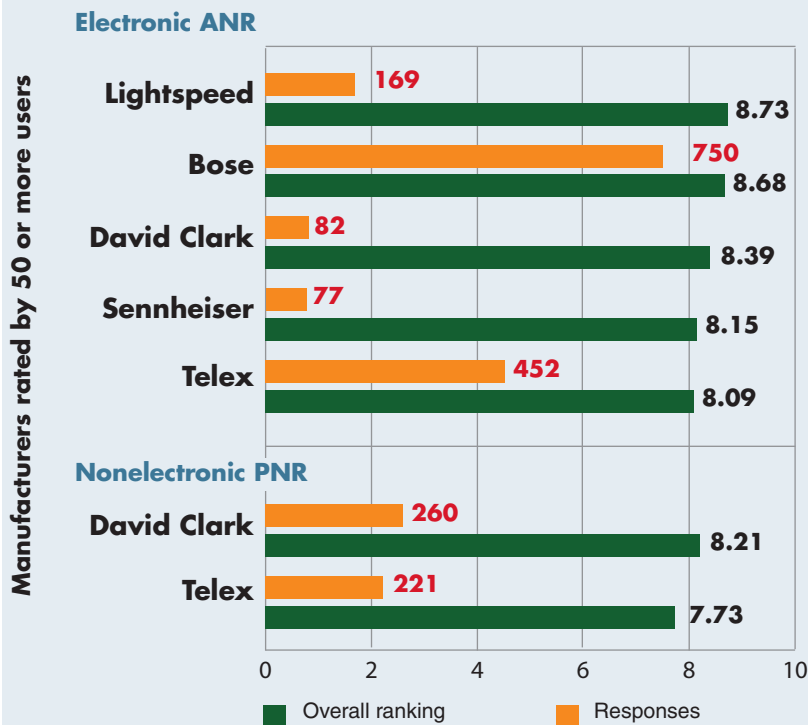
A word is needed to explain why only 2 PNR manufacturers are included here. A minimum of 50 responses were needed for ranking in both ANR and PNR. (See methodology, p 95.) Since we received only 34 responses for **Clarity Aloft**, 19 for **Plantronics**, 18 for **Sennheiser** PNR and 15 for **Lightspeed** PNR models, they were not ranked. □

## Headset OEM overall score

Manufacturer	Responses			Clarity			Comfort			Technical advancement			Durability		
	2012	2011	Dif	2012	2011	Dif	2012	2011	Dif	2012	2011	Dif	2012	2011	Dif
<b>Electronic</b>															
Lightspeed	169	97	72	9.04	9.07	-0.03	8.64	8.70	-0.06	8.75	8.82	-0.07	8.27	8.07	0.20
Bose	750	406	344	9.38	9.50	-0.12	8.42	8.54	-0.12	8.84	8.91	-0.07	8.49	8.44	0.05
David Clark	82	47	35	8.68	8.62	0.06	7.73	7.68	0.05	7.47	7.74	-0.27	8.84	9.06	-0.22
Sennheiser	77	36	41	8.71	9.11	-0.40	8.01	8.57	-0.56	8.01	8.03	-0.02	8.04	8.22	-0.18
Telex	452	224	228	8.28	8.64	-0.36	8.24	8.51	-0.27	7.53	7.95	-0.42	7.92	8.13	-0.21
<b>Nonelectronic</b>															
David Clark	260	128	132	8.42	8.41	0.01	7.20	7.09	0.11	6.61	6.59	0.02	9.28	9.43	-0.15
Telex	221	60	161	7.98	7.93	0.05	8.02	7.70	0.32	6.44	6.25	0.19	7.74	7.77	-0.03

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### Overall ranking



#### Do you select your own headsets?

	Responses	Percent
Yes	1261	77.0%
No	355	21.7%
No answer	22	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1638</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

#### Do you select headsets for other pilots in your flight department?

	Responses	Percent
Yes	609	37.2%
No	981	59.9%
No answer	48	2.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1638</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### comparisons 2012 vs 2011

	Product support			Value for price			Overall		
	2012	2011	Dif	2012	2011	Dif	2012	2011	Dif
<b>Electronic</b>									
Lightspeed	9.05	8.94	0.11	8.62	8.44	0.18	8.73	8.67	0.06
Bose	9.03	8.96	0.07	7.90	7.90	0.00	8.68	8.71	-0.03
David Clark	9.20	8.89	0.31	8.45	8.30	0.15	8.39	8.38	0.01
Sennheiser	8.25	8.65	-0.40	7.89	8.17	-0.28	8.15	8.46	-0.31
Telex	8.33	8.51	-0.18	8.24	8.50	-0.26	8.09	8.37	-0.28
<b>Nonelectronic</b>									
David Clark	9.00	9.13	-0.13	8.75	8.70	0.05	8.21	8.22	-0.01
Telex	7.99	7.88	0.11	8.18	7.85	0.33	7.73	7.56	0.17

## Methodology

This is the 12th year that *Pro Pilot* has used a paper ballot to ask operators to rate the performance of aviation headsets based on their preferences. For the 8th year the headset evaluations have been separated into 2 divisions—ANR and PNR. The survey form lists 6 categories—clarity, comfort, technical advancement, durability, product support and value for price.

During Aug 2012 a target mailing of 8885 survey forms was sent out to a random selection of operators from the *Pro Pilot* subscription list. A total of 2168 survey forms, representing a 24.4% return, came back to *Pro Pilot* before the Nov 10 cutoff date. A total of 1638 survey forms met the criteria and were used to compile the data, providing a total of 2150 evaluations—1553 in the electronic ANR division and 597 in the nonelectronic PNR division.

A total of 530 forms were disqualified due to inconsistencies, lack of information, errors or lack of a signature.

There were 13 manufacturers listed on the survey form with a blank line for write-ins of other brands. Rules for inclusion in the survey required a minimum of 50 evaluations in each division.

In the electronic division, 5 manufacturers met the criteria—Bose (750 evaluations), David Clark (82), Lightspeed (169), Sennheiser (77) and Telex (452). Other ANR manufacturers that didn't receive the 50 evaluations required were Beyerdynamic (3), Flightcom (11), Peltor (3), Pilot USA (2), Sigtronics (3) and SoftComm (1).

In the nonelectronic division only 2 manufacturers met the criteria and ranked in the survey—David Clark (260) and Telex (221). PNR mfrs that didn't receive enough evaluations were Beyerdynamic (1), Clarity Aloft (34), Flightcom (4), Lightspeed (15), Peltor (5), Pilot USA (1), Plantronics (19), Sennheiser (18), Sigtronics (6), SoftComm (4) and others (9). Therefore, they were not included in the PNR rankings.

Respondents were asked to rate aviation headsets on a scale of 1 (poor) to 10 (excellent) in each survey category. Conklin & de Decker of Arlington TX acted as research agent and performed the independent data analysis. They used an unweighted average to determine category scores and overall rankings. □

## LIGHTSPEED



Zulu 2



FlightLink

Have been flying over 8500 hrs and tried many headsets during my flying career including most top ANR brands. Yes, others are good but for me the Lightspeed Zulus are the most comfortable.

Steve Dieck  
ATP/A&P. Hawker 800XP  
Captain  
Fortune Brands Home & Security  
Lake Villa IL

We replaced our old Telex headsets with the Lightspeed Zulu 2s based on reviews. Of special interest were pilot commentaries we read concerning their high durability. The Zulu 2 is tough. Also it has great clarity and excellent noise reduction that is appreciated by us older pilots who have had our hearing ability reduced from lots of jet engine time. Another advantage is that in price comparison to other top ANR headsets I consider the Lightspeed Zulu 2 a good buy.

George Williams  
ATP. Learjet 35A  
Captain  
Heights Aviation  
Tucson AZ

My Zulu 2 is a super headset. I find it more comfortable than the Bose. Noise canceling on this headset is without equal whether I'm flying my usual jet or an occasional turboprop or piston-powered aircraft.

Michael Millsap  
ATP/CFII. Citation Ultra  
Captain  
Million Air Dallas  
Fort Worth TX

I give my Zulu all 10s in every headset category. But the customer service is so good it deserves special mention. Aftersale care of my Zulu has been excellent. Lightspeed folks will do anything to support their products.

Kim Welch  
ATP. Citation Excel and Sabreliner 65  
Pilot  
Cory's Crew  
Marietta GA

Lightspeed builds a good ANR headset with the Zulu. It provides very clear transmissions. But the power button can be unintentionally pressed while the headset is still in its case. If that happens power is on and batteries will deplete. It's happened to me. So I've worn my Zulu with dead batteries when I didn't have spares. I can tell you the Zulu still functions fairly well with no electrical power although noise canceling and sound quality are decidedly poorer. Even with no batteries Zulu works pretty well. But Lightspeed should fix that switch.

James Johnson  
ATP. Gulfstream III  
Lead Pilot  
PGI Aviation  
Azle TX

Based on my experience using the Lightspeed Zulu I wouldn't want any other headset. It's lightweight, comfortable and has unrivaled clarity, and I love the Bluetooth capability.

Bryce Albrecht  
ATP. Hawker 800A  
Captain  
C&B Entertainment  
Troup TX

I have been using my Lightspeed Zulu headset for 7 years. I find the quality, clarity and customer support to be top notch. My current Zulu has been rebuilt on 2 occasions due to heavy usage and each time Lightspeed has expedited the reconstruction process at no cost.

Ryan Klassovity  
ATP. Citation I/SP  
Chief Pilot  
Everwood Treatment  
Spanish Fort AL

For me Lightspeed Zulu sets the technical advancement standard along with providing the best value of the current ANR designs. I fly a mix of different aircraft including some noisy turboprops and I'm sold on Zulu.

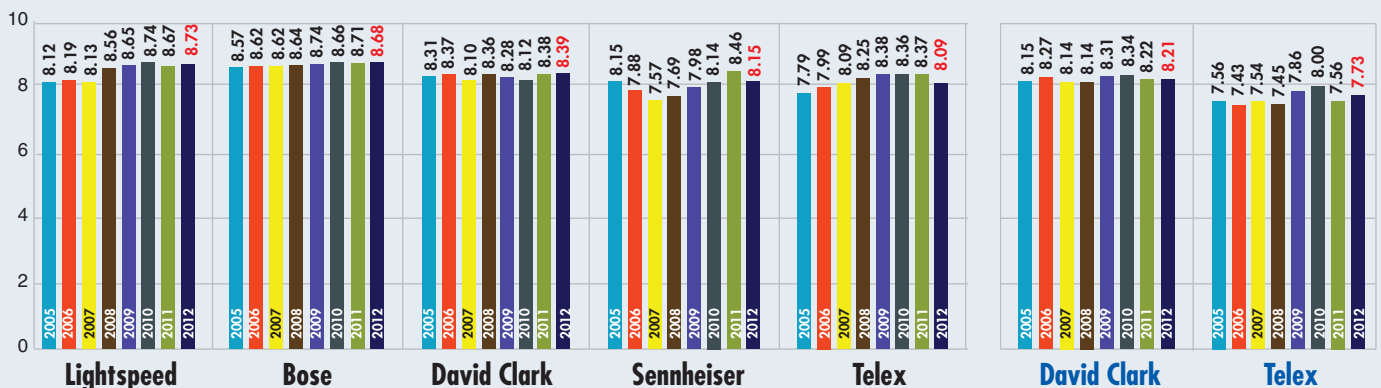
Jason King  
ATP/CFII. Citation CJ3, Caravan,  
Pilatus PC12 and TBM850  
Chief Pilot  
Tradewind Aviation  
Oxford CT

Zulu does the job for me. I probably fly 2 of the oldest and noisiest aircraft of any Pro Pilot reader. So my cockpits are loud and I give headsets a real testing. Zulu comes through. Noise reduction, clarity of transmis-

## Comparison of overall average scores

### Electronic ANR

### Nonelectronic PNR



## Rated 2005-12

Starting with 2005's survey, respondents were asked to distinguish between ANR and PNR.

sions, comfort, company backup and value are all topnotch with my Zulu.

Timoty Holmes  
ATP/CFI. BAe146 and  
Lockheed P2V Neptune  
Chief Pilot  
Minden Air  
Appleton WI

As a PC12 pilot I'm sitting right behind the single PT6, so I need a headset with super noise reduction. I've got it with my Zulu. Clarity is great. I hear all transmissions well and I'm comfortable in the cockpit.

Claude Blais  
ATP. Pilatus PC12  
Captain  
Kudlik Aviation  
Quebec City QC, Canada

Completely satisfied with my Zulu. It provides superb noise reduction and excellent clarity. And company product support is top notch showing Lightspeed wants to keep customers.

John Dale  
ATP. Learjet 35 and King Air 200  
Captain  
Mayo Aviation  
Englewood CO

The King Air TPs that I fly are great aircraft but with those big Pratt PT6 engines on either side of the cockpit you need a really good headset for noise reduction. I use a Zulu and love it. My Zulu gives me excellent noise reduction and clear transmissions.

David Gurkin  
ATP. King Air 350/200  
Captain  
Sheetz Aviation  
Martinsburg PA

## BOSE

Bose A20



In my company we use the Bose A20. This is a wonderful headset. Clarity is unsurpassed. Also the product support is great with no questions asked.

Harold Ratliff  
ATP. Falcon 900EX  
Chief Pilot  
Burnett Aviation  
Fort Worth TX

Bose A20 is amazing. Noise canceling is almost too good! This headset also provides great comfort so it doesn't hurt my head or ears even when I have some 10-hr flying days.

Mik Kovic  
ATP. Gulfstream V/IV  
Chief Pilot  
Horizon Flight Works  
Cumming GA

Flying in our Citation CJ3 we use the Bose A20 and so far this headset has been wonderful. The ANR is great so that outside noise is eliminated and ATC transmissions are very clear. Also battery life is long. We have had zero problems to date with the A20.

Paul Roddy  
ATP. Citation CJ3  
Chief Pilot  
Robins & Morton  
Birmingham AL

Long trips are now much more enjoyable for me with use of the new Bose A20 headset. We're using them throughout our flight department and these headsets have had a major impact on fatigue reduction. I give the A20 scores of 10 in all categories.

Timothy Patenaude  
ATP. Challenger 300, Gulfstream IV  
and Hawker 800  
Chief Pilot  
New World Aviation  
Allentown PA

Our previous headset was a Bose X and it was good. However, after a long day it was heavy and didn't seem very durable. Our new Bose A20 is lighter and has more clarity. Also we really like the Bluetooth capability. We have been using the new A20 for about a year now and have had no problems.

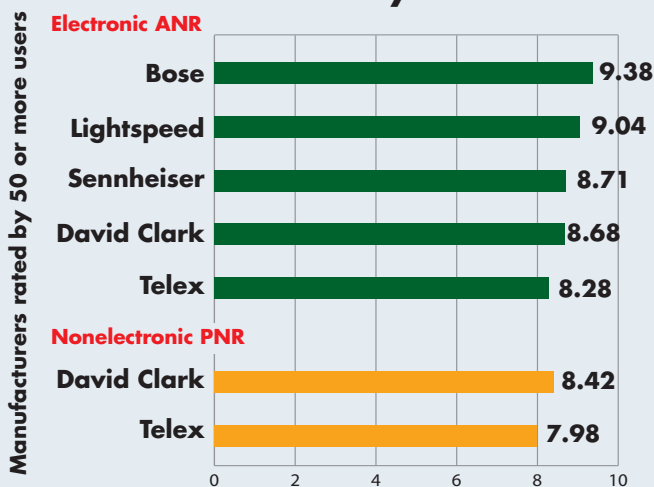
Carl Boylan  
ATP/Helo. Bell 206  
Chief Pilot  
Consumers Energy  
Jackson MI

For over 5 years our flight department has used Bose X headsets exclusively and with excellent results. Clarity, comfort and durability stand out as performance benefits of this headset. Minor issues have been sent in for repair with quick turnaround.

Jason Ideus  
ATP/CFII. Challenger 601, Citation  
Sovereign and Gulfstream V  
Chief Pilot  
Kimberly-Clark  
Appleton WI

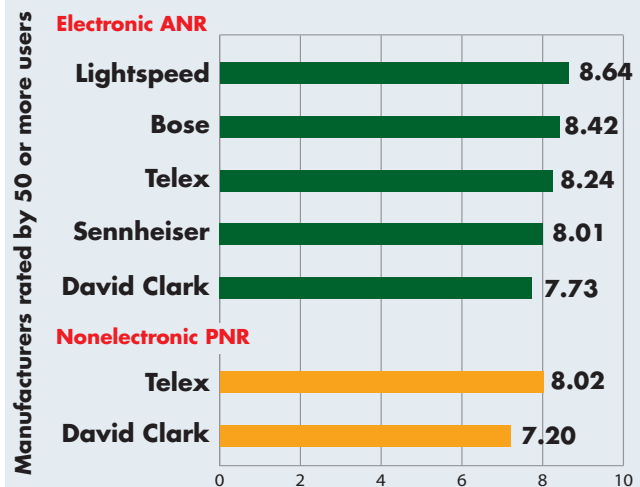
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#### Clarity



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#### Comfort





We replaced our Bose X with the Bose A20 headset and comfort is outstanding with unequaled performance. My only complaint is that the earcup cushions don't hold up and need replacement. Considering the initial purchase price of \$1099 that we paid for the A20 I would think the manufacturer could incorporate more durable earcup padding. But Bose is still the best and the A20 is tops.

Mike Dempsey  
Comm-Multi-Inst/CFII. King Air 200  
Chief Pilot  
Billion Air  
Sioux Falls SD

Bose has designed and built a superior headset with its new A20. It is excellent in all respects. Communications are clear. Background is quiet. Outside noise is eliminated. However, it is a bit bulky and during long flights it can become somewhat uncomfortable. But I can attest to great backup since I had an initial complaint when my A20 was new and Bose quickly repaired my headset and returned it with the problem eliminated and no service charge.

J Bohrer  
ATP. Phenom100  
Captain  
JetSuite  
Mission Viejo CA

Over the past 40 years I've logged over 12,000 hrs, have flown a lot of different aircraft and have worn a wide range of headsets. Bose A20 is by far the hands down best headset of the lot. I find it excellent in all measures. After hard use I sent mine back to the

factory where it was completely restored to like-new condition and there was no charge for the service.

Bruce Stanfield  
ATP/CFII. Learjet 45XR  
Chief Pilot  
Four S's  
Swansboro NC

While the older Bose X was very good the new Bose A20 takes sound canceling to a new dimension. Clarity of transmissions is also superior to any other headset I've tried. Advancements from Bose are impressive and the company's product support is also top of the line. My only difficulty is that my headset is a little tight since the overhead hinge can't be stretched or adjusted to accommodate larger heads.

Jeffrey Wilson  
ATP/CFII. Pilatus PC12  
Captain  
JW Pilot Services  
Miami FL

Fatigue from noise is a known fact. We eliminate noise fatigue with use of the Bose X. In addition to the utmost clarity coupled with crisp reception of transmissions, I also like the way the Bose headsets are built with intelligent design and durability. Although we are pleased with the X we are now considering switching to the A20. But one thing for sure, our headsets will continue to be Bose.

David Popowich  
ATP. Learjet 40XR  
Chief Pilot  
NFI Eagle Leasing  
New Castle DE

## DAVID CLARK



David Clark  
X11

I purchased my David Clark X11 ANR in Dec 2011. It replaces that non-electronic Telex 750 that came as original cockpit equipment in our Gulfstream G200. At a pilot shop I compared the fit of the X11 with that of a Bose and chose the X11. Now with the X11 I'm receiving fine comfort and great clarity.

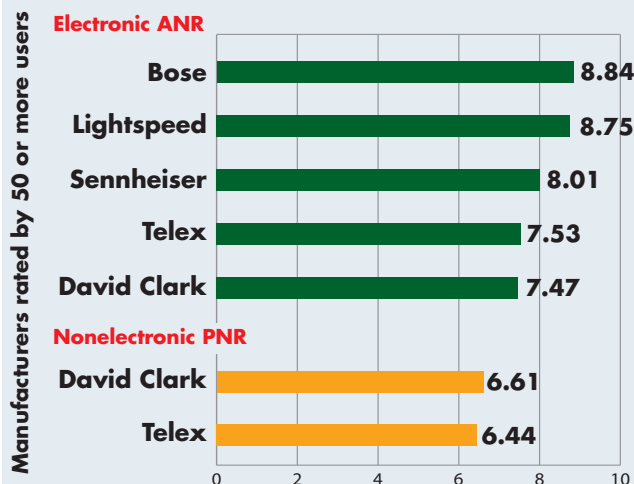
Roger Fallon  
ATP. Gulfstream G200  
Captain  
Netjets  
Salt Lake City UT

Various pilots reported having mike problems when broadcasting transmissions from aircraft having older Rockwell Collins radios while wearing issued David Clark X11 headsets. We returned all 7 headsets to the DC factory in Massachusetts. All 7 mikes were replaced with a new type and now all 7 perform perfectly. David Clark did it for free! Marvelous product support!

Carlo Cesa  
ATP. King Air B200 and  
Twin Otter DHC6  
Captain  
Air Works India  
Nyon, Switzerland

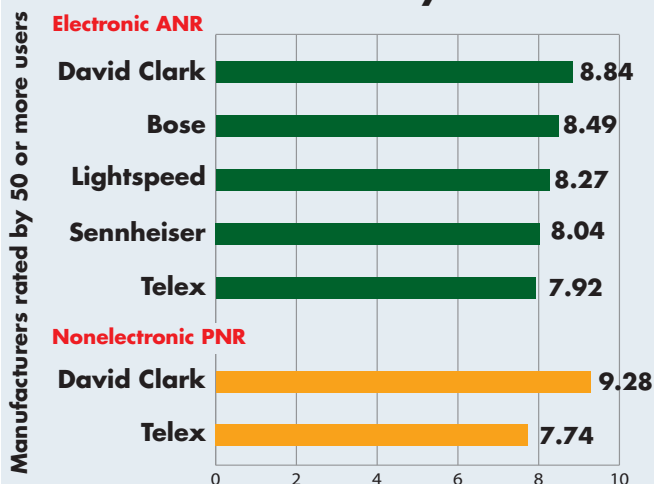
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#### Technical advancement



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#### Durability



For over 8 years I've flown a lot of hours while wearing my David Clark H10-13X headset. It works flawlessly and I'll match it up against any other ANR headset for clarity. But the 2 really great qualities of DC headsets are that they're super durable and the factory stands behind them with fabulous product support.

Timothy Daneau  
ATP. Citation Bravo  
Captain  
Waltzing Matilda Aviation  
Brighton MA

David Clark makes the best headset in the industry bar none. I use my H10-56XL with its superior ANR for helicopter operations. I still have my H10-80. It was my first DC headset and I bought it in 1987. It works as well today as it did when new.

Peter Mack  
ATP/Helo/CFII. Citation XLS+  
and Sikorsky S76C+  
Captain  
UT Flight  
East Granby CT

Most durable headset I've ever used is my David Clark H10-30. I find it especially good in hot climates. I operate in western Brazil where temperatures can climb to 105°F. My H10-30 always gives me excellent performance. Also backup support from the DC has been outstanding.

Flavio Lora  
ATP. Citation II and King Air C90B  
Captain  
Ceagro  
Campinas SP, Brazil

Everyone knows that David Clark makes the most durable headsets. They're like tanks, virtually unbreakable. I've owned my DC H10-40 since 1989. It still performs flawlessly. And during those rare times that I've needed company product support it's been excellent.

Richard Merkle  
ATP/CFII. Hawker 800XP  
Captain  
Cusick Aviation  
Bulverde TX

I give high scores to David Clark for clarity, durability and great product support. I feel I've received good value for the purchase price. My H10-30 has proved to be a rugged fine-performing headset that gives me superb sound quality and clear transmissions.

Chris Robey  
ATP/CFI. King Air B200  
Captain  
Air Affairs Australia  
Birchgrove, Sydney NSW, Australia

For the past 20 years I've used various David Clark headsets. My loyalty to DC is strong based on the company's solid products that have provided me with good clear reception and the knowledge that I always have outstanding factory support. My current DC headset is the X11 ANR and I'm pleased with it in all respects.

Scott Selleck  
ATP. King Air B200  
Captain  
Calstar  
Folsom CA

No problems with my H10-40 for 26 years. With my log showing 10,700 hrs I've worn this same David Clark headset for a long time. DCs are the industry standard for durability and product support.

Richard Humphreys  
ATP. Citation Excel  
and Citation 560  
Captain  
Virginia Tech University  
Blacksburg VA

Currently I'm using both the H10-40 and the H10-60. I've flown with David Clark headsets for over 30 years and I feel that they're just the best in the industry. For my money you can't buy a better headset.

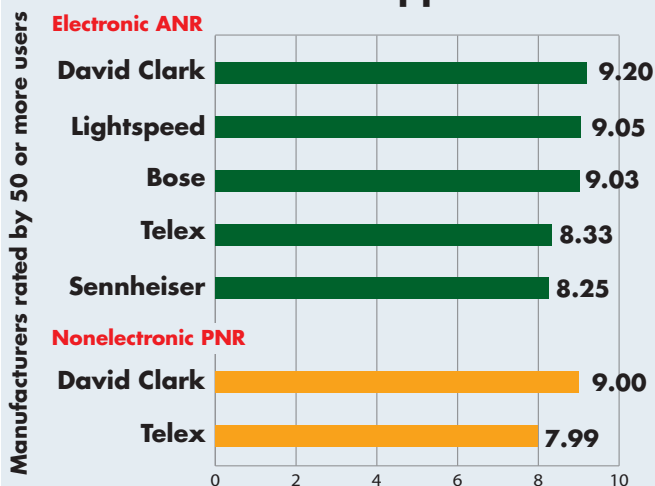
Lambert De Gavere  
ATP/Helo/CFII. Eurocopter AS350  
and Bell 212/412  
Captain & Check Airman  
Era Helicopters  
Anchorage AK

After judging all characteristics I believe the best headsets overall with the best value for the money are built by David Clark. I've flown almost 15,000 hrs and find DC headsets extremely rugged. They have excellent reception capability and backup support from the factory is legendary. Currently I use the H10-13.4 and it does everything I need to have.

Jack Wilson  
ATP/CFII. Beechjet 400A  
Mgr Air Transportation  
CTB  
Goshen IN

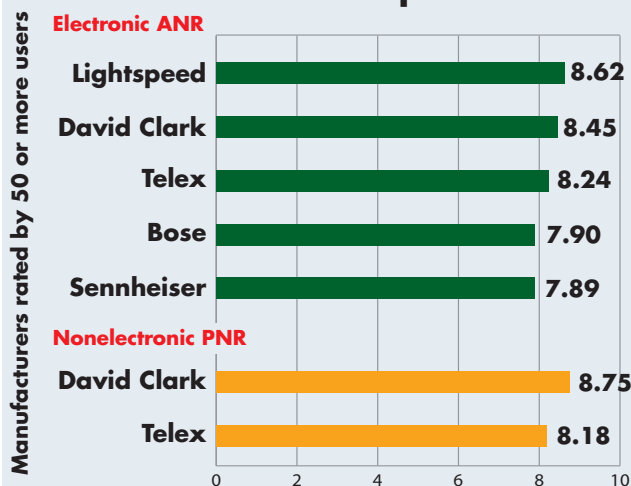
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### Product support



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### Value for price



## SENNHEISER

### Sennheiser S1



My Sennheiser HMEC25-KA has fine quality and the company has demonstrated excellent support. This is a really outstanding headset that provides super clarity and comfort and is good value for the price.

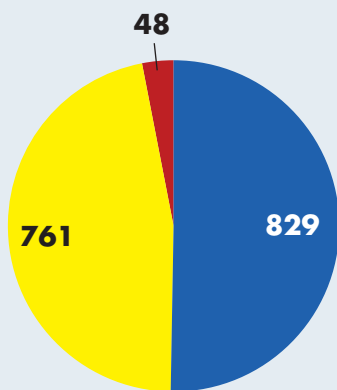
Matthew Harty  
ATP. Citation X  
Captain  
Jet Professionals  
Powell OH

Rating my Sennheiser HMEC25 is easy. It's a very good headset. It performs well with unsurpassed clarity and it is so well built that I have never needed to test Sennheiser's product support.

David Vargo  
ATP. Gulfstream IV  
Captain  
International Group  
Aurora IL

### 2012 Pro Pilot Headset Preference Survey

#### Job titles of survey respondents



- Aviation Dept Mgr, Chief Pilot, Dir of Aviation, Flight Ops Mgr or VP Ops
- Captain, Line Captain, First Officer or other Pilot
- Owner, Chief Executive, President, VP, other Corporate Officer or General Mgr

Sennheiser's HMEC ANR series of headsets are lightweight, comfortable, have added features such as a swing-away earpiece and are built with imaginative design and high quality construction. I've enjoyed this series more than any other headset I have previously used. Currently I'm flying with the HMEC46BK.

Jeffrey Murrin  
ATP. Hawker 800A  
Captain  
SkyQuest  
Medina OH

I like Sennheiser headsets. First I bought 2 for myself and my copilot for one of our aircraft and after some time in usage I was so pleased I bought 2 more for our 2nd aircraft. I give Sennheiser scores of 10 across my survey form in every category.

Andrew Benedict  
ATP/CFII. Gulfstream IV  
and Learjet 35A  
President & Chief Pilot  
Betops G4  
McMinnville OR

My Sennheiser HME26 does the job for me. I think it's a great headset with excellent clarity, comfort and technically superior design. It's strongly built, has a fine company behind it and it's priced fairly.

Tom Renfro  
ATP/CFII/A&P. Challenger 604  
Dir of Flight Ops  
Executive Flight Services  
Hilliard FL

I'm using Sennheiser's HMEC25-KA. It's built with high standards, has top notch quality and is very comfortable on extended flights. Noise reduction, clarity and comfort are all very good.

Timothy Kavanaugh  
ATP/Helo. Falcon 7X  
and Citation XLS+  
International Captain  
United Technologies  
Eagle River AK

The HMEC25-KA that I'm using is a very nice headset with good clarity, comfort and durability. However, the noise canceling feature tends to consume a lot of electrical power so that I run through batteries quite often.

Javier Ruano-Jadraque  
ATP. Gulfstream G550  
Chief Pilot  
TAG Aviation Spain  
Alcala de Henares, Spain

## TELEX

### Telex 850 ANR



The Telex 850 ANR is the only headset used throughout our aviation dept for the past 3 years. We fly CJ3s, a Falcon 900 and a Global Express. Initially we bought the first Telex 850s for our CJ3 crews but they became so popular with those pilots that company management also purchased them for the other pilots who fly our Falcon and Global.

Mario Lopes  
ATP. Falcon 900, Global Express  
and Citation CJ3  
Aviation Dept Mgr  
Valair Aviation  
Da Parede, Portugal

I like the Telex 850 ANR headset because it draws its noise canceling electrical power off the mike jack so that it never requires batteries.

Rod Ermen  
ATP. Global Express  
Captain  
YYA Aviation  
Sherwood Park AB, Canada

After a 6-hr flight I'm still comfortable with the Telex 850. This is a lightweight headset that has good ANR capability so you receive fine noise reduction, good clarity and excellent reception of ATC transmissions.

Lou Ravaris  
ATP. Gulfstream G200  
Captain  
Executive Jet Management  
Leesburg VA

We have been using the Telex 850 for 5 solid years. These headsets draw ANR power from the mike jack and have excellent reliability, clarity, durability and comfort. Overall, Telex provides us with a very intelligently designed headset in the 850 and it comes at a fair price. They do the job for us and these headsets fit perfectly on the Cessna-furnished brackets in our CitationJet cockpit.

Brian Forsberg  
ATP. CitationJet  
Chief Pilot  
Pinnacle Country Club  
Rock Island IL



Can't beat the price and performance of the Telex 750. In my book this headset gives you the best bang for the buck. Okay, it's not ANR but my Telex 750 works great and with 8300 hrs in my log they've lasted me a long time.

Jack Young  
ATP. Learjet 60 and King Air 350  
Captain  
Publix Supermarkets  
Lakeland FL

For the past 15 years I have used Telex headsets and have been very satisfied with their performance and durability. Currently I'm flying with the 750 and feel it is doing a good job in all respects, especially clarity and company backup.

Chris Hershberger  
ATP. Citation Bravo/Excel  
Captain  
Mid-Ohio Aviation  
Wooster OH

While satisfied with the noise reduction and clarity of our Telex 850s, I have an issue with the construction. Because the Telex wires from the headset to the receptors on the panel are very thin they tend to tangle around the headband. This is disturbing and wire breaks could occur where these wires connect to the speaker.

R Wheeler  
ATP. Beechjet 400A and  
Hawker 800XP/900XP  
Asst Chief Pilot  
Landmark Aviation  
Frederick MD

No complaints with my Telex 850. This headset is lightweight, comfortable, has excellent noise reduction to give me a quiet cockpit and it never needs batteries because the ANR power comes from the mike jack.

Dennis Walters  
ATP/CFII/A&P. Citation XLS  
Chief Pilot  
Lee Enterprises  
Milan IL

What I like best about my Telex Stratus 50D is that it has an accessory power cord so that if the automatic noise canceling fails, the passive reduction is still very good.

Scott Forse  
Comm-Multi-Inst/CFII. King Air 300  
and Piper Navajo Chieftain  
Captain  
Clear Skies  
Morrow OH

Even after hours of use the Telex 850 ANR is a lightweight, comfortable headset that provides me with a quiet cockpit where received transmissions are crisp and clear. The 850 also is a compact headset, not bulky like some others, so that it stores easily into its small carrying case.

John Scribner  
ATP. Falcon 2000LX  
Captain  
NASCAR Aviation  
Winter Springs FL

My Telex 850 ANR is the best headset I've ever used. With crystal clear sound, lightweight and comfortable even on long trips, no need for batteries because power comes from the mike jack and a fair price, you just can't do better.

William Rodriguez  
ATP. IAI 1125 Astra  
Astra Mgr  
Constructora Sambil  
Fort Lauderdale FL

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## 2012 Headset Preference Survey

Rate these headset manufacturers and models in the categories listed across the grid.

Headset manufacturer	Office use	Headset model number (Rate 1 model per mlr)	Noise canceling capability Check (✓) appropriate box		Must show							
			Electronic	Non-Electronic	Clarity	Comfort	Technical advancement	Durability	Product support	Value for price		
Sample: Telex		ANR 850	✓									
Beyerdynamic	1											
Bose	2	AZ0	✓		10	8	9	8	9	9		
Clarity Aloft	3											
David Clark	4											
Flightcom	5											
Lightspeed	6	ZULU	✓		10	9	10	9	10	10		
Peltor	7											
Pilot USA	8											
Plantronics	9											
Sennheiser	10											
Sigtronics	11											
SoftComm	12											
Telex	13	AIRMAN 850	✓		5	6	5	6	NA	6		
Other	14											

1 Do you select your own headsets? Yes  No

2 Do you select headsets for other pilots in your flight department? Yes  No

Comments BOSE - LIMITED SHORT BATTERY LIFE, EARS SWEAT AFTER 2 HOURS.

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TELEX NO DECENT NOISE REDUCTION - NOT SO CLEAR

ZULU - EXCELLENT BATTERY LIFE, NO EAR SWEATING COMFORTABLE FOR LONG FLIGHTS, EXCELLENT PRODUCT SUPPORT MY #1 CHOICE

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Gregory Hundrup, captain of a GV for Franklin Templeton of Clarkston WA, has logged 19,800 hrs of flight time and has had enough cockpit experience to know what he likes and doesn't like about headsets. His returned questionnaire scores reflect a preference for the Lightspeed Zulu. His form was one of 2168 received in the 2012 Pro Pilot Headset Preference Survey.