

Dell Alienware TactX Headset

SOUNDS FROM ANOTHER GALAXY

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Alienware is renowned and has been widely associated with the gaming community as they excel in giving gamers high-end gaming rigs that are able to handle all the most resource consuming games. To give gamers a more complete gaming experience, Alienware has also produced their own gaming accessories named the TactX series and this month we get to test out the TactX headset.

Being the staple color of Alienware products, this headset comes in black. As ordinary as they may seem, this headset is actually very comfortable and perfect for long gaming sessions thanks to its cushion and adjustable headband and also ear pieces. Another feature that we liked in the design is the retractable microphone hidden in the left earpiece. Not forgetting that some gamers love portability, this headset can also be taken apart easily as it comes in a three-piece design. The only issue we have with the headset is that the cord is a bit too long and tends to get tangled sometimes.

On the box, Alienware says that this headset "...was optimized for gaming and will single-out common in-game sound frequencies to help gamers better detect enemies by their footsteps, gunfire, reloads and more" and after testing them out we can say that Alienware has got it spot on. We were able to clearly hear where in-game conversations were coming from and actually tell how far or near our enemies were by listening to their footsteps. Other than just using them for gaming, this headset is also perfect for listening to all your favorite music as this headset has a perfect balance of bass and treble and manages to minimize background and outside noise. Although we do suggest that you do not turn the volume up to maximum as there will be distortion.

Communication is key when it comes to gaming, especially in multiplayer games and the TactX has a microphone that will get your message across loud and clear to teammates. We liked that it is retractable and can be adjusted so it is in an optimum position.

Another feature that we like is the dedicated in-line volume and microphone controls that are located in the middle of the cord. It is quite a hassle to constantly have to go to the "Options" screen to tweak audio or microphone settings and volume and with the control, gamers can just use the volume dial and also microphone button to change their settings without having to jump in and out of a game.

Although it isn't a 5.1 headset or has noise canceling features but for its reasonable price tag and overall design and performance, the Dell Alienware TactX headset is great for gaming or activities like listening to music or chatting with friends online. We recommend it to those looking to expand their Alienware collection or just need a good gaming headset.



Easily taken apart for storage

Comfortable & great quality audio that will make aliens jealous



Volume control for both mic and headphones



Slide the mic back in when you just want to chill to music

AT A GLANCE

ADJUSTABLE HEADBAND
Yes

DESIGN
Three-piece design

CONNECTOR INPUT
Gold-plated 3.5mm

MICROPHONE
Retractable

PRICE
RM273

SPECIFICATIONS FREQUENCY RESPONSE 16 Hz - 28 kHz // INPUT IMPEDANCE 40 Ohm // SENSITIVITY SPL at 1 kHz, 1 Vrms: 110 dB // EAR COUPLING Circumaural // CORD LENGTH - 10 feet // MICROPHONE FREQUENCY RESPONSE 75 Hz - 16 kHz // MICROPHONE INPUT IMPEDANCE 2K Ohm // SENSITIVITY -38 dB // PICK UP PATTERN Unidirectional // WARRANTY One-year // CONTACT MCL Berhad // TELEPHONE (03) 8024 9909 // URL www.dell.com.my

Verdict:

8.5

SILVER
HWM
MALAYSIA

PHYSIQUE: 9.0
FEATURES: 8.5
USER FRIENDLINESS: 9.0
VALUE: 8.5

VERDICT SCORES ARE OUT OF 10.

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