

Sensorcom ProGuard

If you've tried earplugs before and found them unsatisfactory and uncomfortable, then these custom-fit plugs from Sensorcom could be the answer...

How many times have you left a gig with ringing ears? If you're anything like Team iDJ, the answer will be plenty. Like all DJs, we know we should be protecting our hearing by wearing ear plugs, but like the majority of DJs we don't.

The excuses for this are numerous. For starters, off the peg ear plugs are uncomfortable and generally a bit rubbish, while custom ear plugs can be both expensive and inconvenient - getting them made is usually a task in itself.

Which is where Sensorcom's ProGuard range of custom-fit ear plugs come in. They claim to have taken the hassle out of the process. In the past getting custom ear plugs has usually meant an expensive trip to a specialist to have impressions of your ears taken and then a lengthy wait for the finished plugs to arrive.

The ProGuard process is much more simple. First, you purchase a pair of custom fit ear plugs online or over the phone. You'll then be contacted to make an appointment to have your ear impressions taken locally to you. There's no hanging around waiting or long round trips to another city - just turn up at the appointment, have the impressions made and ProGuard do the rest. A week after my appointment my custom clear earplugs arrived in the post and I was ready for action.

Each ear plug is tailored to the individual client, and it will fit like a glove in your complex ear anatomy. The custom-fit ear plug will fit deep into the ear canal and sit comfortably there for long periods of time without becoming uncomfortable or feeling obtrusive. Being manufactured from tactile soft medical grade silicon they require very little maintenance just the occasional wash in warm soapy water and a quick dry before inserting them into the ear and that's it.

The magic part of these music earplugs is the acoustic filters used. They are calibrated at various SNR levels to allow the sound to pass through with all the same complexity as it was originally played, but at a lower volume to save your delicate ears from the punishment of loud music.

FILTER LOVE

This is the technical bit: each ProGuard earplug comes with two choices of filter to suit your listening environment. The lower level (green), designed to give adequate protection for general gigging and concert goers, gives an SNR protection level of 23dB. There's also a higher attenuation version (red) for those in extremely high volume environments - typically DJs, drummers and musicians in very loud bands. This filter will give an SNR rating of 25dB. It might not seem that 2dB will make that much difference but you should

be aware that a 3dB difference is effectively doubling the sound so small differences in numbers can have quite an effect.

ProGuard acoustic filters can be retrofitted with new filters if you decide you should need a higher rated filter or a lower one. Just pop the earplugs in the post to ProGuard and they do the rest.

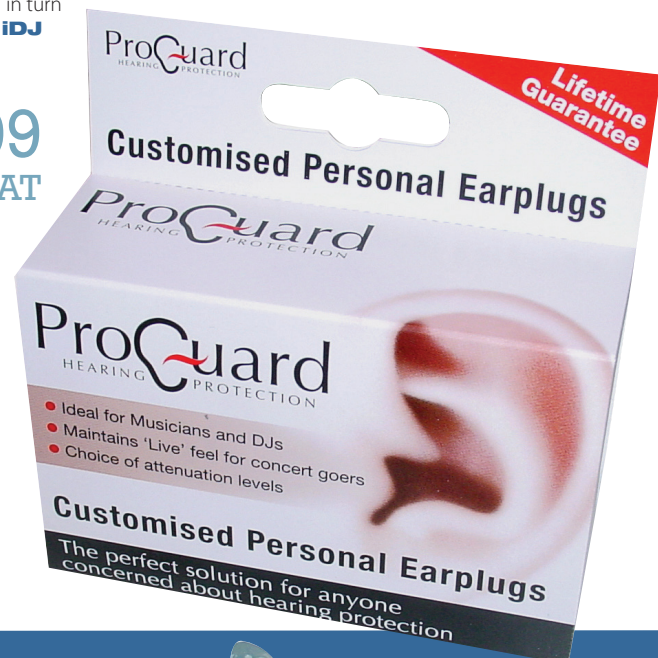
Hearing loss is usually a gradual process due to prolonged exposure to loud sound but other symptoms happen often and DJs can easily develop Tinnitus. It starts with a ringing, whistling and buzzing in the ear and isn't reversible. Don't take your hearing for granted!

Whether you're a DJ or musician, these earplugs will safeguard your hearing from excessive noise that can lead to tinnitus or at worst deafness.

The process is so easy, the ear plugs are comfortable and do their job well allowing you to hear the monitors, your headphones and the mix. A word of advice: it takes a while to get used to any ear plugs, put them in a short while before the gig so your ears become accustomed to them.

Oh, and another thing - take our advice: don't wait to get ear plugs, start looking after your ears now! Reduce the DJ monitors level and in turn your headphones. **iDJ**

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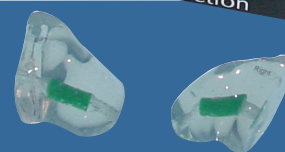


FEATURES

- Custom fit earplugs
- Lubricant
- Cleaning brush
- Carry case

IDJ VERDICT

SOUND QUALITY *N/A*
 BUILD QUALITY **19/20**
 EASE OF USE **18/20**
 VALUE FOR MONEY **17/20**
 FEATURE SET **19/20**
IDJ RATING: 92%
 A sound investment to protect your ears



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