

BEST IN CLASS

# Travel Speakers

Wireless streaming lets you fill any hotel room with music from your smartphone or watch a movie on your tablet with decent sound. As a bonus, speakers with AirPlay (only for Apple devices) offer “lossless” compression, so music sounds just as good wirelessly as wired, and a long range if you connect using a Wi-Fi network.

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**P.S.** In 2013, about 28 million people paid for subscription music services like Spotify—up 40 percent from 2012.



**Pick of the Month: Alpha Dog**  
For those times when you'd prefer to keep your music to yourself, slip on Alpha Dog headphones from MrSpeakers. They're the first production model to be manufactured through 3D printing, which results in a sonically superior, lightweight and downright cool pair of cans. Because your whole ear is covered, the headphones provide dramatically increased isolation on what matters most: whatever you're listening to. The design also ensures that the person sitting next to you won't be able to hear what you're listening to—so turn it up. \$599; [mrspeakers.com](http://mrspeakers.com)

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## LIBRATONE ZIPP

FOR THE  
**Apple Addict**

If you tote an iPhone, iPad or iPod touch, you can stream wirelessly with the Zipp. The sound is big, but at 4 pounds, the speaker won't weigh down your luggage too much. And the Scandinavian design, with wool covers in eight different colors, will satisfy style mavens. Starting at \$399.95; [libratone.com](http://libratone.com)

FOR THE  
**Business Traveler**

## MONSTER SUPERSTAR

Business meets pleasure with this versatile Bluetooth speaker. It can double as a speakerphone in the boardroom and is equally capable back at the hotel room, where it can be directed toward you or laid flat to fill the room with sound. It also boasts aptX digital processing for a cleaner Bluetooth sound with near CD quality. \$129.95; [monsterproducts.com](http://monsterproducts.com)



## JAWBONE MINI JAMBOX

At 6 inches long and weighing just 9 ounces, this go-anywhere Bluetooth speaker is almost as pocketable as your phone. Though not quite big enough to power a party (you'll want its brother BIG JAMBOX for that), it gives mobile music a significant boost. Its battery life is 10 hours and its elegant aluminum case comes in nine vibrant colors. \$129.99; [jawbone.com](http://jawbone.com)

FOR THE  
**College Student**

