

Home Audio Recording Setup Equipment / Software Suggested List (Good, Better, BEST)

First question is ALWAYS: Apple or Windows Machine? Your computer is the brains to the operation. It needs to have LOTS of RAM and a strong processor. It needs stability. And in the end you'll have to make a choice.

Me personally? I use Apple computers at home and office. And most producers I know and most studios I visit run Apple computers. Whatever computer have or intend to use, be sure it can run the Pro Tools software package. AND – be sure to check the [AVID website](#) to see what the Pro Tools system requirements are for your OS.

The intent of the following list is to be a *starting point*. You can definitely spend a lot more money! Prices listed are based on January 2023 prices and always subject to change. Connecting wires, stands, furniture are not listed here.

GOOD - \$600+ (ish)

- USB Audio interface: Focusrite Scarlett solo or 2i2 - \$120-180 • Microphone: Shure SM 58 - \$100. (don't forget to get a mic stand for your space) • Closed-back Headset: Beyerdynamic DT 240 Pro - \$70, Sony MDR-7506 - \$100 • MIDI controller keyboard: M-Audio keystation 49 MK3 - \$119, M-Audio Oxygen pro-mini 32 - \$120 • Basic monitor speakers: Presonus Eris E3.5 - \$100 pair (note: many stores create "bundles" that include interface, a microphone and headset, but they often include a cheap microphone, cheap headset, or both. Those are not designed to save you money as much as they are put together to maximize store profit. I tend not to recommend unless you know what you are getting).

BETTER - \$1500 (ish)

- USB Audio Interface: Focusrite 2i2 Gen3 - \$180 or Universal Audio Volt 4 USB-C - \$259 • Microphone: AT2035 - \$149, Rode NT1-A - \$180 (don't forget to get a mic stand for your space)
- Closed or open-back Headset: Beyerdynamic DT990 Pro open-back (250ohm) - \$159; Beyerdynamic DT900 ProX open-back - \$249 • MIDI controller keyboard: Native Instruments S49 - \$649, Korg D1 88 - \$730 • Monitor Speakers: Kali Audio LP-6 V2 - \$199 each; Yamaha HS5 - \$400 pair • Monitor isolation pads: Auralex MoPAD XL - \$34 (be sure they fit your speakers)

BEST - \$4500++

If you have to ask me, contact me; you are likely not ready to spend this much 😊 !