

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

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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 system requirements for Pro Tools 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 ballpark and always subject to change. Connecting wires, stands, furniture are not listed here.

GOOD - \$600+ (ish)

- USB Audio interface: Focusrite Scarlett solo or 2i2 - \$190 • Microphone: Shure SM 58 - \$100. (don't forget to get a mic stand for your space) • Open-back Headset: Yamaha HPH-150B - \$117, or closed-back Headset: Sony MDR-7506 - \$100 • MIDI controller keyboard: M-Audio keystation 49 MK3 - \$119, M-Audio Oxygen pro-mini 32 - \$119 • OPTIONAL: 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 cheaper microphone, cheaper 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+

- USB Audio Interface: Focusrite 2i4 Gen3 - \$259 or Universal Audio Volt 4 USB-C - \$229 • Microphone: AT2035 - \$149, Rode NT1-A - \$250 (don't forget to get a mic stand for your space)
- Open-back Headset: Beyerdynamic DT990 Pro open-back (250ohm) - \$169; Beyerdynamic DT900 ProX open-back - \$269 • MIDI controller keyboard: Native Instruments A49 219, Korg D1 88 - \$680 • Monitor Speakers: Kali Audio LP-6 V2 - \$199 each; Yamaha HS5 - \$400 pair • Monitor isolation pads: Auralex MoPAD XL - \$34; Ultimate support MS-80B - \$180 (be sure iso pads fit your specific speakers)

BEST - \$4500++

If you have to ask, you are likely not at the level that you to spend this much 😊 !