

Drum Mic Bundles

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There are lots of ways to choose microphones for capturing drums, and a near-infinite number of choices in terms of available models for the task. Microphone selection for such applications can be a daunting proposition; however an increasing number of manufacturers have been packaging transducers for drum miking into convenient bundles that are matched for the job. With that in mind, let's look at some top of the line offerings from numerous suppliers, in a wide range of price point and complexity to suit your situation.

AKG Drum Set Premium



Number of Mics: 8
Kick Mic: D12 VR
Snare Mic: D40
Tom Mics: (3) D40
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) large-diaphragm C214; C451B
Notes: Padded metal carry case; clip-on mounts for tom and snare mics; shock mounts for C214 overheads.
Price: \$1,999/street

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Heil Sound HDK8



Number of Mics: 8
Kick Mic: PR 48
Snare Mic: (2) PR 22
Tom Mics: (3) PR 28
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) PR 32B
Notes: Includes hard-shell case
Price: \$1,652/MSRP

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Lewitt DTP Beat Kit Pro 7



Number of Mics: 7
Kick Mic: DTP 640 REX
Snare Mic: MTP 440 DM
Tom Mics: DTP 340 TT
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) LCT 340
Notes: Includes carry case, six shock mounts and four clip-on drum mounts.
Price: \$1,099/street

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Audix DP Elite 8



Number of Mics: 8
Kick Mic: D-6
Snare Mic: i-5
Tom Mics: (2) D-2 (rack); D-4 (floor)
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) SCX1-c; SCX1-hc
Notes: Padded aluminum case; clip-on gooseneck mounts for tom and snare mics.
Price: \$2,199/street

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Avantone Pro CDMK-8



Number of Mics: 8
Kick Mic: Mondo
Snare Mic: ADM
Tom Mics: (3) Atom
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (3) CK-1
Notes: Tweed storage case, 8 metal shockmounts
Price: \$799

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MikTek PMD7



Number of Mics: 7
Kick Mic: PM11
Snare Mic: PM10
Tom Mics: (3) PM10
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) C5
Notes: Includes aluminum case and four clip-on drum mic mounts.
Price: \$1,499/street

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MXL PA-5K Pro



Number of Mics: 6
Kick Mic: A55
Snare Mic: 606
Tom Mics: (2) A-5
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) CR-21
Notes: Model 606 also suited for hi-hat
Price: \$299/street

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Beyerdynamic TG Drum Set Pro XL



Number of Mics: 7
Kick Mic: TG D70d
Snare Mic: TG D58c
Tom Mics: (2) TG D58c
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) MC 930 overheads; MC 950 hi-hat
Notes: Includes stands for kick, snare and floor tom mics
Price: \$2,499

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CAD Touring 7



Number of Mics: 7
Kick Mic: D12
Snare Mic: TSM411
Tom Mics: (3) TSM411
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) GXL 1200
Notes: Includes carry case and four DMC1 clip-on drum mounts.
Price: \$299/street

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Samson DK707



Number of Mics: 7
Kick Mic: Q71
Snare Mic: Q72
Tom Mics: (3) Q72
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: CO2
Notes: Includes hardshell case
Price: \$299/street

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Sennheiser e600



Number of Mics: 7
Kick Mic: e602 II
Snare Mic: e604
Tom Mics: (3) e604
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) e614
Notes: Includes aluminum case
Price: \$999/street

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DPA VO4 Rock Touring Kit



Number of Mics: 4
Kick Mic: none
Snare Mic: d:vote 4099
Tom Mics: (3) d:vote 4099
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: none
Notes: Includes Pelican case; (4) gooseneck drum mount clips (four sax/trumpet and two universal clips are also included); a 10-mic kit is also offered.
Price: \$2,479/street

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Earthworks DK25/L DrumKit



Number of Mics: 3
Kick Mic: SR25 with KickPad
Snare Mic: none
Tom Mics: none
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) SR25
Notes: Designed for minimal miking setups; includes Zero Halliburton case, and KickPad shaper for optimizing kick sound.
Price: \$1,699/street

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Shure PGA Drum Kit 7



Number of Mics: 7
Kick Mic: PGA52
Snare Mic: PGA56
Tom Mics: (3) PGA56
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) PGA181
Notes: Includes carry case and seven 15-foot XLR cables.
Price: \$499/street

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Telefunken DC7



Number of Mics: 7
Kick Mic: M82
Snare Mic: M80-SHB
Tom Mics: (3) M81-SH
Overhead/Hi-Hat Mics: (2) M60
Notes: Also includes flight case and seven mic cables with 90-degree XLR termination at mic end for tight placements.
Price: \$2,195/street

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