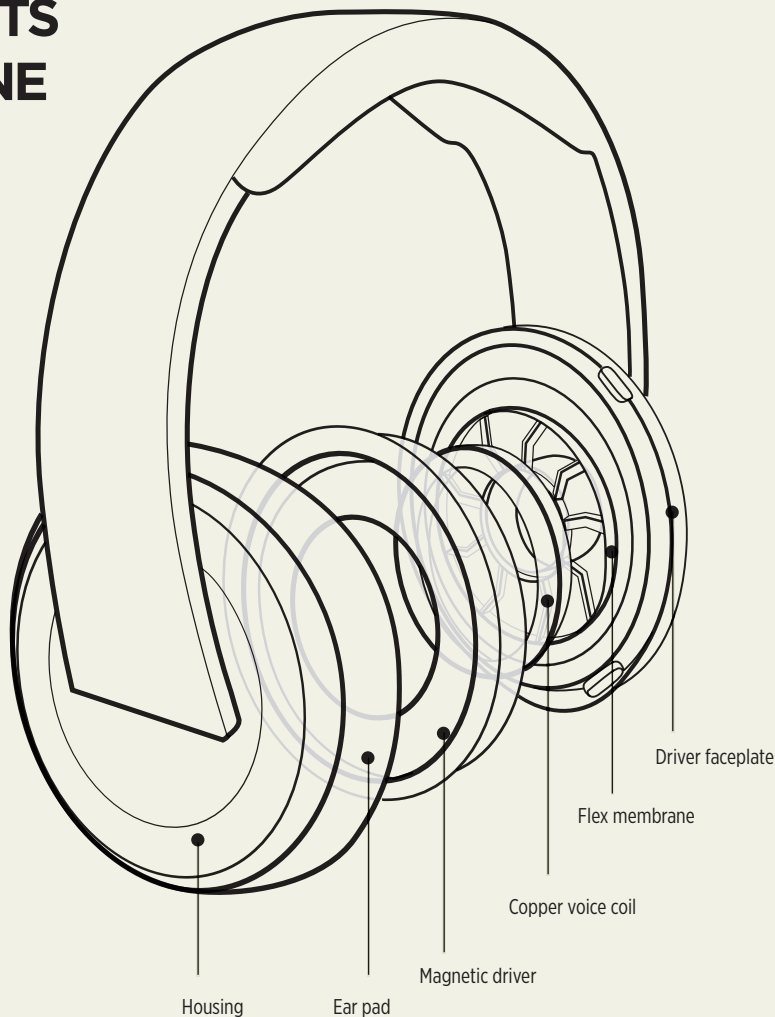


THE INS AND OUTS OF A HEADPHONE

Headphones have come a long way since their invention in the early 1900's. They now exist as several distinct types or styles to satisfy people's listening needs.

We've got headphones for private home use and we've got headphones for office use (and other semi-public environments). And specifically for gym use and other public places. All of them have their pros and cons. Let's see what the differences are.



DIFFERENT TYPES OF HEADPHONES

IN-EAR



Aliases: **In-Ear Monitor (IEM), Earbuds**

- The smallest of all headphone types
- Fit snugly within your ear canal
- Excellent sound isolation and virtually no sound 'leakage'
- Perfect for the gym or public travel (plane, bus, etc.)

ON-EAR



Aliases: **Supra-aural, Earpads**

- Medium sized
- Comfortably rests on the listener's ears
- Allows listener to still be able to hear what's going on around them
- Perfect for office use

OVER-EAR



Aliases: **Full Size, Circumaural, Earcups**

- The largest of the headphone styles
- Earcups completely surround the entire ear
- Often offers greatest bass response and biggest soundstage
- Perfect for home use for focused, serious listening