

## BlueParrott S450-XT HEADSET

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This product is a high-end listening device. It fits on your head and your ears. There is a mic boom affixed to the right ear piece that swings down for talking.

To use this device is easy. It comes with a partial charge, so you don't have to do that right away. What you do have to do, though, is pair it to your smartphone. This is easily done when you first turn the headset on.

There is a small slide switch on the edge of the right ear piece. Sliding it turns on the headset. The first time gives you a "Power ON" message by a pleasant female voice. You can pair in two ways, by NFC (Near Field Communications) and by regular pairing.



NFC (near field communication) allows pairing by putting the smartphone near the headset. If your smartphone is NFC-capable, it will recognize the headset and pair it without further action.

For normal pairing, your smartphone will search for Bluetooth devices. When you will see the S450-XT in the list of devices, you click on it to confirm the connection.

Now you can listen to your music or whatever your smartphone is connected

to. In my case, I'm listening to several of my downloaded songs.

The Company's material states that the headset provides crystal clear stereo hi-fi with advanced noise cancelling, to deliver uncompromised sound quality.

I test claims such as these with a few simple trials. I have one song that is mostly high frequency. It is actually higher frequency than I can hear, due to the age-related deterioration of my ears. I have another song that is loaded with low frequency music.

When I play the high frequency sound, it comes through as clear as a bell. Likewise, the low frequency song comes through clearly with no distortion. Low frequency and high volume produce distortion in most situations. I found that this headset works quite well with high frequency and fairly high volume.

Frequency response of the speakers is 20Hz to 20KHz.

To test the noise cancelling ability I turned the TV on, raised the volume level and, in addition, asked my wife to yell at me. I heard neither the TV nor my wife!

The headset is also capable of receiving calls. The boom mic is attached to the right ear piece and swings down to permit talking. When you get a call, the phone rings in your earpiece.

There are several buttons on the outside of the right earpiece. The Parrott button can be configured with a smartphone app for your favorite function (mute, speed dial, PTT, launch). The multifunction button controls playback and call answer. A pair of buttons control volume. A set of buttons on the front and rear edge of the right ear piece control next and previous selections.

The product comes with a very nice carrying case, padded, zippered and with a small storage section. It comes with a start-up guide composed solely of pictures. The kit also includes wires for charging and connecting with various media sources. More complete user information is available on the Company's web site.

The product comes with a one year warranty. You pay to return it to the Company for repair or replacement.

This is a very nice product for listening to your music and other media.

**BlueParrott S450-XT**

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Price \$179