



Recorder	Price ^a	Pros	Cons	Bonus Coolness Factor
Edirol R-09 	\$450 Get current price on Amazon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to use • Good onboard mics • Good menu & interface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windscreen not included • Tripod adaptor is optional 	Optional case & tripod are terrific
Korg MR-1 	\$899.99 Get current price on Amazon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding audio quality • 40 gig hard drive • Rugged metal housing with leather case • Universal power supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hardware rec level control • Internal battery • Hard to set recording levels 	1-bit audio is a huge improvement over PCM
M-Audio Microtrack 24/96 	\$499 Get current price on Amazon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to use • Audio quality • 1/4" TRS mic inputs with phantom power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal battery • Potential damage from phantom power & TRS jacks 	Smallest recorder with 1/4" inputs and phantom power
Marantz PMD620 	\$499 Get current price on Amazon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-touch recording • Mics well shielded from wind • Sharp OLED display 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awkward menu interface • Flimsy covers for USB port & SD card slot 	Mono recording useful for broadcasters
Olympus LS-10 	\$399 Get current price on Amazon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size • Easy to use • Audio quality • 2 gig internal memory + SD card slot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoom mic effects color sound • AC power supply not included 	Outstanding battery life and great audio in a tiny package
Sony PCM-D50 	\$599.95 Get current price on Amazon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rugged and ergonomic • Very high audio quality • 4 gig internal memory + removable memory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavier than the competition • Cannot record MP3s • Optional windscreen is expensive 	Outstanding limiter means worry-free live recording
Zoom H2 	\$199 Get current price on Amazon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front & rear stereo mics • Inexpensive • Doubles as USB audio interface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feels flimsy • Not exactly stellar audio 	Records 4-channel "surround"
Zoom H4 	\$494.94 Get current price on Amazon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 devices in 1: recorder, 4-track recorder & audio interface • 1/4" & XLR combo-connectors with phantom power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiny display • Confusing interface • It's big, Jim 	It's a portable USB audio interface with effects