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Noise Terminator Headset

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Noise Terminator Headset

review by Agrovale



According to Clearcom "The Noise Terminator is a throat mic that uses a method of induction that picks up voice signals through vibrations in the neck. The result is clear communication without any background noise from the environment. The Noise Terminator utilizes a technology concept previously used by the U.S. military. Under extremely loud conditions such as combat missions, Airsoft, paintball and as an aviation headset. The NT is ideal as a motorcycle headset, where a riding group can all use headsets to communicate clearly using two way radios".

Solomon at Clearcom.com sent me the Noise Terminator to check out. The model I received was for a Motorola Talkabout, and did not have the inline PTT switch. I, unfortunately, did not have a Talkabout radio. But Skizm was kind enough to loan me one of his for the duration.

Being a throat mic, I was expecting somewhat poor quality on my transmissions. Surprisingly, this was not the case. Most people thought I was using a traditional microphone. Occasionally, someone would inform me that I sounded like I was 'talking through a pillow'. This was due to the transducer slipping out of place on my neck, which I will cover later. I was happy with the quality of the transmitted audio from the Noise Terminator. I did not try the headset with the VOX function of the radio, since I feel that VOX is basically useless for airsoft.

The quality of the received audio was also good, I never had a hard time understanding what was being broadcast to my radio. The only issue I have is that there is an annoying pop at the beginning and the end of each incoming transmission. Without getting into the electronics behind what causes the pop, I will say that it is generated by the radio, but the Noise Terminator does not do a good job of dampening it. It is worth noting that I have not come across ANY headset in the under \$50 category that is capable of eliminating this popping noise.

Now that I have covered the electronics, let me describe the mechanical design. I was pleased to see that the jack that plugs into the radio is a 90 degree jack, which seem to stand up to abuse a lot better than the straight in jacks. I also liked how compact the whole headset is when you are wearing it. I could shoulder and fire my gun from the left or right, and not have the headset interfere, like traditional boom mics do. It was also a lot less prone to snagging on branches and other objects in the field.

There are two things I did not like about the Noise Terminator. The first is personal preference. I do not like earbuds, and unfortunately the Noise Terminator uses one. I find them uncomfortable to wear over long periods of time. The second could be fixed pretty easily. When I started to sweat the headset would tend to slip out of place on my neck, resulting in muffled transmissions. The neckband was comfortable enough that I would not notice when it slipped out of place or came off, and I would still receive because the earbud was still in my ear. This could be overcome easily by either adding some nonslip material to the band, or adding a strap to the band so it goes all the way around your neck.

I have been using this headset at our weekly skirmishes for a few months now, and I have been impressed. There are some good points and some bad points to the Noise Terminator. But, overall, the Noise Terminator has proven to be better than I was expecting. I would buy one again before I would buy any other headset in this price range, since I have tried most of the ones carried by retailers such as Wal Mart, and they have all failed on me. If you want to pick one up, head over to <http://www.clearcom.com>. Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have about my experience with the Noise Terminator.

1: Taken from <http://www.clearcom.com>

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