

Tempo USB Microphone by MXL – Review

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The Tempo from MXL is a cardioid USB Condenser Microphone that is designed to be used on a desktop for recording, podcasts and video chats. It comes with a small collapsible tripod stand that screws securely on to the base of the microphone. It connects to your computer via the included USB cable, and they recommend connecting directly, not via a USB hub, for best audio quality. The Tempo can be used with either a Mac or PC, I tested it using a MacBook Pro.

Summary

The Tempo from MXL is a cardioid USB Condenser Microphone that is designed to be used on a desktop for recording, podcasts and video chats. It comes with a small collapsible tripod stand that works well

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Set up was very easy. First you unscrew the base of the microphone to attach the tripod. Once the tripod is in place it holds the microphone securely and allows you to change the angle of the microphone to whatever is comfortable for you. There is a sign on the front to help make sure you get the microphone facing the correct way. On the back there is a light to let you know when the microphone is on and a headphone jack so you can attach headphones (not included) to monitor the quality of your recording.

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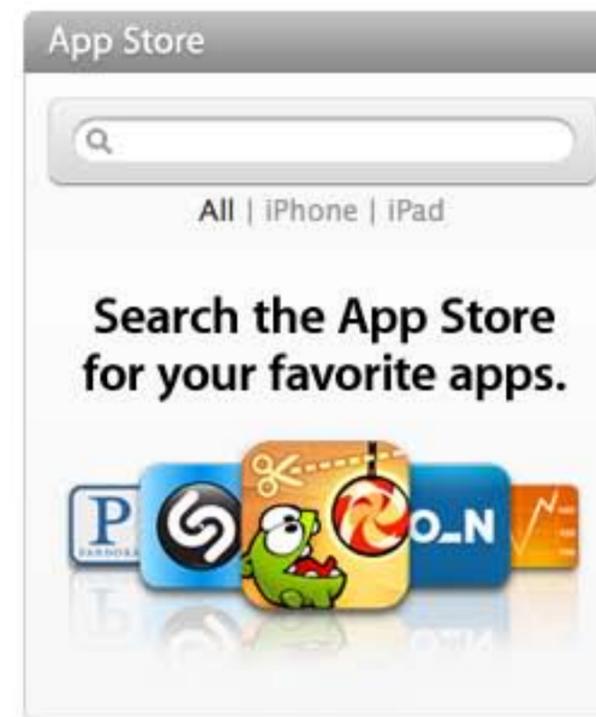
Before you first use the microphone you need to set it up with your computer. The manual gives easy step-by-step instructions. On the Mac this was very straight forward and quick to set up.

I have been using the microphone when recording videos on my computer and the sound quality has been very good, the microphone is sensitive so I keep it turned down for this type of recording and can turn it up if I need to for other uses. It also works well for Skype.

I have been very pleased with the build quality, ease of set up and sound quality with this microphone and would definitely recommend it. The Tempo is available from Amazon and other major retailers for approximately \$80-\$90



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Technical specifications:

USB condenser microphone

Frequency Response: 40 Hz – 18kHz

Sampling Rate: 44.1kHz – 48kHz

USB Compatibility:USB 1.1 and USB 2.0

A/D Converter:16-bit Delta Sigma with THD%N – 0.01%

Output:1/8" (3.5mm) Headphone Jack / USB

Sensitivity:-47 dB re 1 v/Pa

Power Requirements:USB powered

Compatibility:Windows and Mac® OS

Size:1.85" X 7.5" / 47mm X 190mm

Weight:0.65 lbs / 280g

Metal Finish:Silver / Black or Black / Red

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