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# Amazon Premium Headphones review

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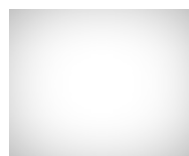
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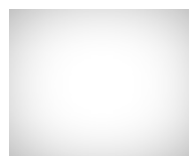
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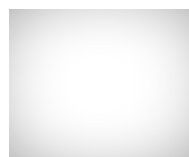
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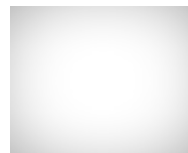
Prime Now order, a few Chobani yogurts that would come in for less than the local grocery store, with Amazon's free 2 hour delivery service. Unfortunately, the yogurts weren't enough for me to meet my \$15 order limit, so I threw in these **AmazonBasics earbuds** that were allegedly tangleproof, and didn't think much of it.

## ***UNFORTUNATELY, THE YOGURTS WEREN'T ENOUGH FOR ME TO MEET MY \$15 ORDER LIMIT.***

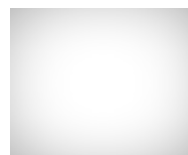
I loved these headphones like I'd never loved earbuds before. They were sleek, sounded good, and the tangle proofing lived up to the hype. I used them day in and day out until one day, they fell on the floor and my desk chair crushed them, along with my spirit.

After that, I reluctantly used Apple's EarPods that came with my iPhone. The EarPods were janky. Their white surface attracted dirt and grime. Their weird shape fell out of my totally normal and not at all messed up ears. They sounded "just okay." And don't even get me started on the tangling.

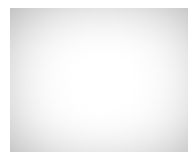
As much as I hated the EarPods, they weren't



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bad enough for me to invest in a more premium pair, or so I thought.

I'd been using the EarPods for months now, and I'd really gotten used to them. They were fine for my commute every morning, and were fine to use at work.

*AS MUCH AS I HATED THE EARPADS,  
THEY WEREN'T BAD ENOUGH FOR ME  
TO INVEST IN A MORE PREMIUM PAIR,  
BUT LIFE HAS A FUNNY WAY OF  
WORKING THINGS OUT.*

On Wednesday morning, as I rummaged through my bag on the train, the EarPods were missing. I'd forgotten them at home. This was a disaster -- I couldn't go to work without headphones, it would tarnish my reputation as a diligent and dependable young adult. I had to think fast, and fast I did. I fired up Amazon's Prime Now app and went looking for my old flame, the AmazonBasics tangleproof buds. They were gone. Discontinued. I had to settle for Amazon Premium Headphones (which are NOT from the AmazonBasics label keep in mind).

The app promised me a delivery between

10:00AM and 12:00PM today, which would be good enough in an emergency like this. My only hope was that Saul (my Amazon delivery guy) would get here on the earlier end of things. I got into The Verge's offices at about 9:30 this morning and camped out in the snack room--glued to the Prime Now app, hoping Saul would get here in time for me to perform my intern duties as effectively as possible.

At about 9:50, I saw that Saul was around the corner from The Verge's offices on 40th street here in Manhattan, so I ran to the elevator and excitedly shouted "I'm getting an Amazon Prime Now delivery!" to my boss, Ben Popper, as the doors were closing.

When I got down there Saul was nowhere to be found. I walked outside and looked around for him, but I couldn't find anything. I was looking down at my phone and Saul and I were practically on top of each other on the app's built in map-based location tracker. I panicked, and clicked the "Contact Saul" button in the app, barely making time for a mental Breaking Bad reference. Before I could press call, I got a call of my own. It was Saul.

I picked up immediately but something wasn't right. I couldn't hear Saul, and if I had to

guess, Saul couldn't hear me. My phone was trying to do a T-Mobile Wi-Fi call using the Vox office network. I was too far away, banished to the limbo of a WiFi call that didn't even realize it was failing.

I quickly switched off WiFi and walked back into the building, and then it happened. I saw Saul. He was everything I'd hoped for, the only problem was, he still hadn't seen me. I watched in horror as he tried again to call me. I picked up immediately, hoping he would see a man walking towards him picking up a phone at the same time as he made a phone call. He did. He looked me right in the eye, and I approached him. "Hi, do you have an order for Matthew?" I said. "Yup!" he replied (classic Saul). He scanned the Amazon bag's barcode and handed it to me. The headphones were mine.

At this point you might be asking: how are the headphones? Well, they're basically the same as the ones that came with the Amazon Fire Phone, which **Gizmodo said** are "what all cheap earbuds should be."

I guess they're right. These are pretty good. I used them to listen to Kanye's new track "Saint Pablo" and a few other tracks while I scrambled to recount my adventure this

morning. Everything sounds pretty good.

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