

# Tko

Technical Knockout  
Gear Worth Fighting For

AUDIO

## Rhythm and Bluetooth

These wireless speaker systems can provide your personal walkout music everywhere you go

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### MONSTER CLARITYHD MICRO

\$220

Wirelessly stream music and host conference calls via Bluetooth, and, even better, use voice commands to boss the Micro around. Say the trigger phrase, "Hello Monster Micro," followed by any of 24 commands. Just a heads up: "Teach me to love again," does not work. [monsterproducts.com](http://monsterproducts.com)

### G-GRIP

\$70

This little bargain box pumps a max volume of 93dB of power out of its rugged little body. It can shrug off a drop from up to eight feet and, with a weight-bearing rating of 1,339 pounds, you can deter theft by storing the device by parking your car on it. [target.com](http://target.com)

### BRAVEN 625S

\$179

A thick, shock-absorbing casing is meant to protect this beefy speaker from the rigors of the outdoors, but it also makes it a great gym radio. Its battery lasts up to 16 hours of continuous playback, and it even includes a water-resistant dry bag for when the sweat really starts to fly. [braven.com](http://braven.com)

### PHILIPS SHOQBOX

\$180

Two neodymium speakers and a set of bass radiators give this roughly beer-bottle-sized speaker a surprisingly balanced and powerful sound. The case is both shock- and splashproof, so it can stand up to the wildest outdoor barbecue. Plus, it does hands-free calling, in case you take it climbing and end up having to go all *127 Hours* on your arm. [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

### JAWBONE BIG JAMBOX

\$299

As the name suggests, the Big Jambox is a little chunkier than some other portable systems, weighing in at 2.7-pounds. But that size makes room for things like powerful bass radiators and a battery that can last up to 15 hours of continuous playback. [jawbone.com](http://jawbone.com)