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Blue = Philips SpeechMic Superiority

Red = Grundig DigtaSonicMic Superiority

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Hand-Held Microphone Showdown

Grundig DigtaSonicMic vs. Philips SpeechMic

Accuracy: Nearly equal with the DigtaSonicMic at 98% just edging out the SpeechMic at 97%.

Noise Cancellation: Out of the box equal but because the DigtaSonicMic includes 3 way adjustable mic input level control it is possible to artificially raise the noise cancelation levels a bit by speaking a little louder into the microphone when running audio setup wizard in speech recognition software. For this reason, we give a slight edge to the DigtaSonicMic.

Mouse Functionality: We prefer the Grundig's track point mouse control over the less popular Philips roller ball but the Grundig's under side left and right mouse buttons are difficult to deploy with one hand. We had to move our thumb off the track point and press it against the top of the unit in order to apply pressure to the left/right click buttons. By contrast, the Philips offers an under side left click pull back button, which doesn't require additional thumb movement and easy thumb access top mounted left/right click buttons which we really liked. We also liked the Philips built in mouse scroll wheel.

Programmable Buttons: Grundig offers 3 while Philips offers 8 or 10 depending on the SpeechMic model.

Mic Sensitivity: The SpeechMic offers 1 microphone input level which works well for most end-users but can be overloaded by loud dictation. The DigtaSonicMic has 3 input settings which makes it more universally acceptable.

Features: The DigtaSonicMic displays an optional blinking red light when the slider control is slid down from the Dictation position to the Stop position which lets the end-user know that the mic is in the ready position. When you activate the microphone the light changes to steady red. By contrast, you cannot turn on the dictation source of the SpeechMic unless you program one of the hotkeys to toggle the DNS mic on/off which is little slower.

Cost: The DigtaSonicMic is less expensive.

Bottom Line: We would only recommend using these microphones in a relatively quite environment as noise cancellation is a bit weak but we like both microphones and found them to be highly accurate. If you are looking for a handheld microphone that can double as a one handed mouse with numerous programmable buttons, we would recommend the Philips SpeechMic. If you are looking for something a bit less expensive, slightly more accurate, would like the option of being able to make digital recordings on removable DS media, prefer multi-level mic input control, a USB light to signal that you are getting a signal and the ability to turn on/off you microphone from the handset, the DigtSonicMic would be a better choice. Our personal preference is the DigtaSonicMic.