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Unless you have been holidaying in a distant solar system, you will be aware of the range of headphones from Coloud that have been slowly infiltrating their way into stores across the country.

I use the word 'infiltrate' as clearly they stand out from the serious, top-end headphones that usually vie for your attention. Yet they still manage to get displayed with their more serious brethren. They stand out due to the many and varied Marvel Comics and Star Wars designs that they sport. Aesthetically these bad boys really deliver. It is further enhanced by seeing the entire range, and appreciating how cool they look as an ensemble. Boba Fett, The Hulk, Wolverine, Rebel Alliance, Captain America, Silver Surfer – the list goes on and on. We were allowed to play with several pairs, and everyone in the Starburst Offices had their personal phones of choice. I personally loved the Hulk and Boba Fett designs. They had particulary great use of colours that further enhanced the designs. In essence, they look very cool, and have the added advantage of massive collectable status (and eBay resale value). Everyone will have their favourites (I have a friend who swears by her R2 D2 pair), but what about the sound quality? Surely there has to be a trade-off to compensate for the 'cool factor'?

As luck would have it. I just happen to be extremely qualified to render an opinion on the subject of sound quality. Myself and the News Editor, Kris Heys, have been using them for the Starburst Radio Show
. For the last three months I have been transmitting live with the aid of my trusty Silver Surfer headphones, whilst Kris wears his R2-D2 set with pride. A total coincidence that allows me to give you a genuine assessment.

In all honesty these headphones were never going to have Bose and Sennheiser running scared. However, they are totally adequate, with a nice tonal quality, and hefty bass. We had no problems using them for the Show. They are great value for money, and are more than adequate for a wide variety of purposes. For listening to iPods, and home stereo equipment, they are more than up to the job. If you want to use them for hard core music editing, then they will be light on detail, but that would be missing the point anyway. These little beauties look and sound great for very little money, with a lovely collectable vibe built in. If you don't get them now, I shudder to think how much you will pay on eBay in ten years.

8 out of 10

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