

# ARA

PROFESSIONAL DUAL-PATTERN USB CONDENSER MICROPHONE

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## HIGHLIGHTS ■

### Pro-Grade, High-Quality Sound

24-bit/96kHz High-resolution audio

### Two Audio Capture Modes

Two-capsule mic array provides two user-friendly capture modes

### Easy Setup and Universal Compatibility

Intuitive, plug-and-play setup and operation with support for Mac<sup>®</sup> and PC, plus iOS<sup>®</sup> and Android<sup>™</sup> tablets and phones

### Headphone Output and Volume Control

Zero latency monitoring while tracking with full control over output volume, mic gain and mute

### Versatile Mounting Options

Used with the integrated base stand, with a desktop boom arm, or a common microphone stand

### Modern Design

Camera-ready styling for on-screen appeal

### Complete Production Solution

Includes Ableton Live 11 Lite audio production software

The AKG Ara dual-mode USB microphone lets podcasters, bloggers, gamers and musicians capture pro-quality, high-resolution sound right from their desktops. Whether you're streaming or recording, capture audio at up to 24-bit, 96kHz resolution for crystal-clear speech clarity and stunning vocal and instrument tracks. Ara's dual pickup patterns let you focus on a single voice or instrument or everyone in the room. Choose the directional Front (cardioid) pattern to focus on sound directly in front of the mic while rejecting sound from other sides; use the Front + Back (omni) pattern to pick up sounds all around the mic, such as multiple speakers or a group of performers. Use Ara with the integrated base stand (included), on a desktop boom arm, or with a common microphone stand. On the go? Take an OTG adapter or Apple Camera Adapter with you, and use Ara when away from your desktop computer. It's plug-and-play simple, thanks to USB connectivity and class-compliant drivers.

## KEY MESSAGES ■

### Pro-Grade, High-Quality Sound

Record professional-quality audio at up to 24-bit, 96kHz resolution for ultimate speech clarity and stunning vocal and instrument tracks. Gamers experience the thrills of fidelity that outperforms headsets, and videoconferencing is elevated with crystal-clear sound that's far superior to built-in laptop or phone mics. And with a max SPL of 120 dB, there's plenty of headroom for recording high-output instruments like drums, horns and electric guitars.

### Record Anything With Capsule Array Modes

Ara provides two selectable pickup patterns for maximum versatility. The directional Front (cardioid) pattern captures sound directly in front of the mic while rejecting sound from other sides; it's perfect for podcast hosts, bloggers, gamers, videoconferencing and miking instruments. The Front and Back (omni) pattern picks up sound evenly from all sides, making it ideal for capturing interviews with multiple speakers, tracking multiple singers and instruments, or recording ambient sounds on location.

### Simple to Connect, Simple to Set Up, Easy to Use

Recording with Ara is plug-and-play simple. Connect directly to Mac and Windows computers and game consoles using a standard USB-C connector, to Android devices using an OTG USB adapter cable, and to iOS devices using an optional Apple Camera Adapter and a powered USB hub. Every function you need is easily accessible, including pattern selection, a mic mute button with LED indicator and a 3.5mm headphone jack for latency-free monitoring.

### Adaptable to Any Space

Ara's compact footprint and versatile mounting options make it ideal for both desktop use and studio recording scenarios. Set Ara on a desktop using the included yoke and base stand or attach to a boom arm or standard mic stand; use the included adapter for European mic stands.

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## APPLICATIONS ■

### Primary

- Podcasting and Video Blogging
- Web streaming, Web Conferencing, and Gaming

### Secondary

- Music and Speech

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS ■

### Microphone

<b>Transfer Protocol:</b>	USB 2.0
<b>Transducer:</b>	2 fixed-charge back plate, permanently polarized condenser capsules
<b>Capture Modes:</b>	Selectable; Front, Front & Back
<b>Frequency Response:</b>	20 Hz – 20 kHz
<b>Bit Depth / Sample Rate:</b>	24-bit / 96 kHz
<b>Maximum SPL:</b>	120 dB SPL (0.5% THD)
<b>Power Requirement/Consumption:</b>	5V USB / 75 mA

### Headphone Output

<b>Impedance:</b>	16 ohms
<b>Power Output (RMS):</b>	12 mv (16 ohm)
<b>THD:</b>	0.03% (USB -20dbfs input) 0.35% (Acoustic 94dbfs input)
<b>Frequency Response:</b>	20 Hz – 20 kHz
<b>S/N Ratio:</b>	91db (USB input) 76db (Acoustic 94dbfs input)

## ORDER SPECIFICATIONS ■

<b>Box Dims (L x W x H):</b>	182 x 114 X 221 mm
<b>Product Weight:</b>	0.665 kg
<b>Case Pack Qty:</b>	4
<b>Case Pack Dimensions (L x W x H):</b>	380 x 240 x 243 mm
<b>Case Pack Weight:</b>	3.89 kg
<b>AKG SKU:</b>	AKG-C22-USB
<b>UPC Code:</b>	885038048442
<b>EAN Code:</b>	9002761048452

## IN THE BOX ■

- Ara microphone
- 2m USB USB-C to USB-A cable
- 3/8" x 5/8" threaded mic stand adapter
- Registration card for Ableton Live 11 Lite
- Quick start guide, warranty, safety/regulatory sheet



MAP

\$99.00

LIST

\$140.00



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