

Philips Intros Lighting-Equipped Headphones

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Philips launches the the Fidelio M2L headphones-- the first set from WOOX Innovations featuring a Lighting connector, allowing direct digital connection with iDevices.



The Lightning connector allows the headphones to bypass the internal iPhone DAC in order to play high-resolution 24-bit audio through built-in DAC and amplifier. It also prevents crosstalk and interference during transmission to analog phone cables.

Inside the headphones are 40mm neodymium magnet speaker drivers within a closed-back acoustic architecture promising wide-ranging, noise-isolated audio with dynamic bass.

The ear pads are in breathable leather and memory foam.

"We're excited to launch the Philips Fidelio M2L, our first headphone that has a direct digital connection to your iOS device," WOOX says. "This means we can deliver an incredible audio experience today, and also opens up exciting opportunities for innovation for the future."

While not mentioned by Philips or WOOX, the updated Made for iPhone (MFi) specification potentially allows for headphones able to extract power from iDevices, or even provide power via external power source, all via Lighting connector. Further capabilities include automatic companion app launching and standard audio controls.

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The Fidelio M2L headphones ship from December 2014.

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