

Tritton to Launch 5.1-Channel USB Headphones

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Tritton Technologies on Monday is expected to announce a new set of USB headphones with 5.1-channel surround sound built in.

The "Audio Xtreme PC (AXPC) True 5.1 Surround Sound USB Gaming Headphones" will be priced at \$79.99, and available directly from the manufacturer as well as Tritton's distribution network, which includes well-knownetailers and retailers, such as Newegg.com and Fry's Electronics.

USB speakers have generally received mixed reviews, as latency and bandwidth issues can have detrimental effects on sound quality. But the new Tritton headphones are being aimed at gaming, and leverage the technology used in the company's AX360 gaming headphones, which used either coaxial or digital optical ports.

Each headphone "can" contains four speakers: center, front, rear, and subwoofer. Users can modulate the sound through 23 different equalizer settings, or let the included sound chip do it for them. A removeable microphone also allows voice chat to be used in games; a "mute mic" button is also included.

"The AX360 headphones paved the way for a new generation of high performance, true surround sound gaming headsets, and now the AXPC packages the most advanced audio technology for PC gamers," said Chris Von Huben, president of Tritton Technologies, in a statement. "These things are truly amazing, allowing any gamer to immerse

themselves in an audio nirvana, hearing and feeling everything that transpires in the game with depth and spatial accuracy."

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