

When a company provides a lifetime warranty against sweating, I say bring it on! I'm the king of sweating. Ever since my 8<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the roller skate rink, I knew I was up for the title. At 8, it's not the coolest thing to be the only kid at a birthday party with sweat soaked hair and wet t-shirt but I found a path where it would be cool.

Now, I'm the Cardio Coach and I have exercisers in over 90 countries who rely on me to guide them through their workouts. That means, lots of testing for workout structure and performance. Lots of testing means rivers of sweat. So, again, I say to JayBird, "*Let's see what you've got!*"

In the past year, I've gone through a half dozen pairs of headphones. I've tried the S9 by Motorola. They lasted a week before the buttons stopped working. Good concept, poor performance. I tried the Logitech Bluetooth headphones. Good concept, bad fit. Did Logitech design these for kids or women with small heads? No adjustment? What about those of us with bigger noggins? While both of these Bluetooth headphone companies had a good idea, I was ill impressed with their performance. The S9s especially did not perform well outdoors. If there's one thing that really gets under my skin, it's when I'm on a tough interval and halfway through, the music cuts out.

The quest over the last year has been to find a pair of headphones that make me feel like they are not even there. I don't want wire hanging down, that's distracting. I've got an expensive set of Bose headphones that are so 'ear bud' heavy that I would need some type of adhesive to keep them in my ears. When I exercise, I don't want to divert my attention to an ear bud slipping out of my ear.

So, who's going to meet my expectations of creating a set of headphones that perform with optimum quality and in a way that I don't even know they are there?

Enter JayBird Gear.

I wrote to JayBird, introduced myself and presented them with a challenge. I'm growing weary and skeptical about spending \$100+ on headphones that fail to meet the mark. Representatives from JayBird as well as the president & founder of the company wrote me back and asked, "*Where would you like us to send them?*"

Like any new technology, there is a brief amount of time getting to know the functions but with the JayBird headphones, it was pretty simple.

For my first test, I hopped on my road bike and headed out for the toughest hill I could find. While I never recommend using headphones while road cycling, I was inclined to test them out for the top two criteria. 1) Do they workout outdoors? And 2) Can I operate them without crashing into a tree.

The JayBird headphones passed the first test. Since there are no visuals and I had to rely on pure memory for where the buttons were and what they did, it took a few times for me to get into the swing of things. There is also a slight delay, so patience is a virtue. The delay component is just a fact of life and a trade I'm willing to make in order to have this technology.

The second test was on the tennis court while I was engaged in a fierce battle with the tennis ball machine. It was 90 degrees out and I was leaving a trail of sweat drops everywhere I went on the court. This was the sweat test. While only time will truly tell if the JayBird's are really sweat proof, I can feel comfortable in knowing that they come with a 100% guarantee against sweat.

After the tennis ball machine and I reached an agreement that we tied and were both winners, I looked like somebody sprayed me with a fire hose, all the while I could still hear the voice of the Cardio Coach streaming through the JayBird headphones and it didn't sound like I was underwater.

To the people at JayBird I say; Good job and well done but something tells me, I will be utilizing the guarantee at some point in the future. If I don't I'm not working out hard enough. All in all, JayBird satisfied my quest for finding a pair of headphones that I don't even know are there.

*"hey.. where's that music coming from?"*

Sean O'Malley, The Cardio Coach

Ease of use:	9
Sound Quality:	9
Fit:	9
Comfort:	9
Style:	10
Customer Support:	10
Price:	9
Recommended:	10