

# Nu Force ne800m Earbuds

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If you pay more than £100 for a set of earbuds then to me they must be special. So does the fact these are made from Carbon Fibre and Machined Brass mean they are automatically worth the money I was unsure so I used them for several weeks.

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When I think of brass I assume something will weigh a lot, the total weight of these earbuds is 18grams.

They are 1.23metres from the gold plated 'L' shaped connection to the siliconearbuds. The last 33cm are two leads the rest of the lead is one. The left lead has the tie-shirt-or whatever crocodile clip and above this the normal phone answer and music track control.

The distance from the back of the earbud to the tip of the silicon earpiece is 2cm and the buds are circular at just over 1cm.

While the lead is patterned at the joint to the right earbud is a tiny red circle almost

unnoticeable unless you look closely.

Different size buds in small, medium and large are in the box together with a padded zip up carrying pouch. Also provided are two pairs of isolation plus noise cancelling tips.

I was perfectly happy with the fit and feel of the silicon tips fitted when the earbudsarrived, I did try the isolation plus tips which fit easily to the earbuds in place of the silicon ones, they certainly did reduce traffic noise to such a degree that I was hearing my own feet through my body and to my mind these may even be a traffic hazard when walking or cycling.

A fold out sheet is in the box with three diagrams on one side showing fitting using the red band to insert in the correct ear, changing the silicon tips and explaining the in line controller for phone calls etc. all via diagrams. The other side of the sheet has links to the website; this is called a 'Basic User Manual'.

While sound quality is important and I will come onto that, another factor is comfort, often when ears are stuffed there is a reaction from the ear and it swells making even something like the bud seem as if it is swelling I did not suffer from this even when I had the buds in for several hours.

Running – except maybe a short trot for a bus – is not in my agenda but when walking they also stayed in place.

My tests with speakers, headphones and earbuds are all fairly similar, a good chunk of my favourite music and some with a good range of sounds both in the higher and lower bands as well as noting separation of instruments. These earbuds gave good range and enough bass and the separation was good.

In this case I also used them to clearly hear dialog in a couple of US films that I normally struggle to get clarity especially in the female speaking – muttering – voice.



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