



RODE COMPLETE STUDIO KIT

£339



Get on the right track with this studio-in-a-box

Recording your guitar doesn't have to be difficult, however, for some it is still confusing. The array of mics, cables, software, boxes and buttons is a necessary learning curve for newcomers to achieving what you really want to do: get your ideas recorded.

Rode's Complete Studio Kit takes the stress out of this by providing an all-in-one solution straight out of the box. The kit consists of an old favourite in the shape of the Rode NT-1A condenser mic, the newly-launched AI-1 – the first interface

from microphone veterans, Rode – a suspension mount, vocal pop shield and even a copy of Ableton's Live Lite recording software.

The NT-1A should be no stranger to budget-recording enthusiasts – since its introduction it has remained one of the 'quietest' (low noise) large diaphragm condenser mics on the market, and as such provides a brilliantly clear, transparent and noise-free way of capturing your acoustic or vocals, and is robust enough to position in front of your cab too (at sensible levels). The AI-1 interface takes a utilitarian approach: a combination mic preamp

(with phantom power to power the mic)/instrument level input socket means you can record one source at once, meanwhile, the back of the unit is home to a USB port, plus a pair of outputs for connecting monitors.

Overall, this represents an extremely solid entry-point to the world of recording: you might outgrow the interface, but for many it features exactly what's needed and no more. Plus the NT1-A will remain a decent go-to mic indefinitely.

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SUMMARY	FEATURES	★	★	★	★
	SOUND QUALITY	★	★	★	★
	VALUE FOR MONEY	★	★	★	★
	BUILD QUALITY	★	★	★	★
	USABILITY	★	★	★	★
	OVERALL RATING	★	★	★	★

AT A GLANCE

TYPE: Large diaphragm condenser microphone/1x2 audio interface

CONTROLS: Input gain, monitor level

INPUTS: Microphone/instrument combi input, USB power

OUTPUTS: Headphones (quarter-inch), stereo out

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