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The little story of the Mythical Sennheiser MD441

How born a legend



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Not all products come from focus groups and market research. Sometimes an old-fashioned bet helps.

At a Sennheiser summer party in the late 1960s, two development engineers made a bet.The team leader who developed dynamic mics wanted to prove to the team for condenser microphones that they were able to develop a dynamic microphone with the acoustic properties of a condenser microphone.

As expected, it was not an easy task. The difference with other dynamic microphones lies in the complex electronic and mechanical acoustic concepts which require specific and personalized solutions. The story goes that when the microphone was introduced to colleagues with ' ' golden ears ' ' (Sennheiser employees who are particularly expert with their passion and expertise in the field of great sound), they didn't could not hear any difference between this new dynamic mic and a condenser microphone.

