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# S5i Rugged

**Company** Klipsch **URL** [www.klipsch.co.uk](http://www.klipsch.co.uk) **Price** £119.99

## THE SKINNY...

**Likes** Rugged design, great audio quality and some useful accessories

**Dislikes** Expensive, poor manual

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**Tough tunes** The S5i Rugged is great for outdoor activities



**T**hey may be overkill for working out in a cosy indoor gym, but Klipsch's new S5i Rugged headphones are hard to beat for outdoor activities. The cables are made out of water-resistant rubber that

is just sturdy enough to avoid curling up and getting tangled all the time. The chunky remote control is also solidly built, with a microphone for taking calls on an iPhone, and large buttons that are easy to use without taking your eyes off the road ahead.

There's a small clothes clip included so that you can attach the cable to

your top when you're out jogging, but for more adventurous activities Klipsch also includes a tough carrying case with a metal belt clip. The carrying case even has a built-in flashlight in case you lose your way in the dark, and the microphone works very well so you can call for help if you get stranded on a windy mountain-top.

The earpieces have Klipsch's trademark tapered design, which allows them to fit comfortably and firmly inside your ear canal, forming a good seal so that you get the best audio quality. They're designed so you can wear them normally – with the cables simply hanging down

towards your neck – or you can use the 'sport fit' option, which works by rotating the earpiece and wrapping the cable behind your ear for a more secure fit.

The sound is pretty impressive too – warm and full-bodied, with plenty of detail on higher frequencies and a really robust bass that will keep you going on that long last leg of the trip. There are cheaper headphones available if you just want to listen to a few tunes while you're working out in the gym, but the S5i Rugged is the perfect companion for people who are serious about hiking and other outdoor sports.