



At Mixmasters, we endeavor to monitor comparisons between buying "**on line**" **overseas**, and **buying local (on line or from your dealer)**

Obviously any goods purchased overseas come into the country with **no local warranties or tech support.**

There is a threshold in value that the customs department charge duties and GST upon the goods entering the country.

This threshold at the moment is **\$1,000 Australian.**

This is taken straight from the Australian customs site: <http://www.customs.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=5549>

A full comprehensive explanation, with examples is available on the site:

Make no mistake **you WILL be charged these fees before you can take delivery of your equipment.**

**** If you arrange for goods to be brought into Australia, you are regarded by Customs as the importer of those goods. This includes purchases made over the Internet, regardless of whether or not you intend to sell or distribute those goods, own a business and if the goods are for your personal use or a gift for someone else.***

**** Your imported goods may arrive in Australia either by airfreight, express courier, sea cargo or via the post office. The method of delivery will determine the Customs clearance formalities and charges.***

**** Customs advises people purchasing goods over the Internet to be aware that, when those goods arrive in Australia, they will be subject to Customs controls***

** Irrespective of how your imported goods arrive in Australia, you will be required to lodge a formal Customs import declaration if their value **is above \$1,000, and to pay the calculated duty and taxes.***

An Example: \$1,560 usd purchase: (copied from the Australian customs web site)

	AUD\$
Customs value (Cval)	2000.00
Customs duty (Duty) @ 5% of Cval (Payable)	100.00
International transport and insurance or postage (T&I)	150.00
Value of the Taxable Importation (VoTI) (Cval+Duty+T&I)	2250.00
Goods and Services Tax (GST) @ 10 per cent of the VoTI (Payable)	225.00
Total payable Duty + GST	325.00

This makes the total landed costs for an item valued at \$1,560 usd will cost \$2,475 minimum, by the time you land it.

It should also be noted that most shipping and insurance will be more than this (more likely \$174 usd / \$223 aust + \$40 insurance), and this does not include a customs brokerage fee, usually about \$80. A self determined classification customs clearance can be executed with customs, but this can be exhaustive, and many opt for a brokerage fee.

Lets look at some examples of equipment **MIXMASTERS & FRONT END**
AUDIO distribute, keep in stock, offer full warranties, and local immediate support and advice:

Note: our price lists are calculated at the moment @ .75 to allow for exchange fluctuations.

UNIVERSAL AUDIO LA-610 MK-2:

USA PRICE: \$1,599

PRICE LANDED @ .78: \$2,616 Aust with duties, shipping, GST, insurance (no brokerage)

MIXMASTERS "RRP": \$2,891.....

EXPECTED AUSTRALIAN "STREET PRICE" (as on our web site..."buy price"): \$2,500

Usually shipped overnight, with full local warranties and support.

Take something at the lower end of the scale, where you (the punter) don't have to pay **GST or Duty** (we do)

EXTREME ISOLATION HEADPHONES EX-29:

USA PRICE: \$99

PRICE LANDED IN OZ: \$192 (\$115 + \$77 aust ship)

MIXMASTERS "RRP": \$189

EXPECTED AUSTRALIAN "STREET PRICE": \$159

FMR "REALLY NICE COMPRESSOR" (one of our best selling items)

USA PRICE: \$190

PRICE LANDED IN OZ: \$340

MIXMASTERS "RRP": \$384

EXPECTED AUSTRALIAN "STREET PRICE": \$350 or less.

So ... as you can see, we are doing everything we can, and are leading the pack when it comes to doing the best we can to offer you for immediate delivery equipment equal or often LESS than you can purchase on line over the internet, with full warranties and support, on the same time zone, we are always only a phone call away.

All of us at Mixmasters are working engineers, and own and use most of the equipment we distribute, we know the equipment intimately.

Help us to help you

SUPPORT LOCAL.....