

Availability of Quality Webcams

Has anyone found a supplier that has Logitech C9XX or C6XX webcams, or other devices of similar quality, in stock for immediate shipment (at non-inflated prices)? I'd like to get one before my next Zoom meeting, but I'm coming up empty after spending far too long searching...

I have had one on backorder since March on a major website. You can buy other webcams on Amazon, but I have not done so. They are not well-known brands, but may work, but I have not pulled the trigger.

You can also look at tablets or notebooks for the camera. Right now I am running Zoom meetings, hearings and so forth on laptops, one of which I bought on sale during the Covid period.

Darrell G. Stewart, Texas

They've been sold out everywhere since February. There are some other brands claiming similar statistics, but one of my business partners bought one recently (I don't know which one), and it doesn't come close to the Logitech C910. I have C910s and C920s, but I prefer the C910s.

There's another option. If you have a video camera (such as a Canon HF G30) with a clean HDMI output, you can get an HDMI to USB converter and use the camera as a webcam.

Mike Phillips, North Carolina

I purchased one on eBay recently for a normal price. Arrived within a week (as promised) and works as expected.

Loyd J. Bourgeois, Jr., Louisiana

I've bought two cheapos out of necessity - generics from China. The video has been good on both; audio not so good, but they've gotten me through multiple Webex hearings and ZOOM meetings. They were about \$30 apiece.

John Leonard, Connecticut

I've been on the market for a Brio 4k webcam, and I'm not willing to pay 50% above list price for a camera. Used ones are going for new camera list price. Because of supply and demand right now, the market is filled with overpriced cameras. I don't know why Logitech hasn't tried to scale up to meet this demand.

If you look at sites like Mercari and Offer Up, you might find some cheaper used ones of the type you are looking for.

Jarrett L. Silver

Thanks to everyone who took the time to reply. I found a Logitech C615 for about \$70 at Walmart. Not exactly what I was hoping to get, but good enough at a good price. Link to the webcam is below, if anyone is interested in ordering.

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Logitech-HD-Laptop-Webcam-C615-with-Fold-and-Go-Design-360-Degree-Swivel-1080p-Camera/16954486>

Andrew C. McDannold, Florida

Thank you very much! I just ordered one.

Stay safe.

Roberta Fay, California

No one seems to pay attention to my recommendation, but I'll try again. You should try to find a cardioid or unidirectional USB microphone for the voice portion of your Zoom conference. Using a camera or computer mic is terrible. The reverberation in the room makes at least some part of your audio intelligible to older people with less-than-perfect hearing.

I can make some recommendations, if anyone has any interest.

Mike Phillips

Mike Phillips, which cardioid or unidirectional USB microphone do you recommend? There are too many choices and the more expensive ones are regularly sold out on amazon. Yesterday I attended a zoom webinar with terrible sound quality from one of the speaker's video setup. (I cannot believe how bad the availability issue and price inflation has become in the last month.) Thanks in advance and thanks for this thread of messages.

Roberta Fay

If you are near a Best Buy, these may be in stock:

<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/blue-microphones-yeti-usb-multi-pattern-electret-condenser-microphone/4758301.p?skuId=4758301>

It's what I've been using and you can switch between cardioid and other directions depending on what your needs are (there's a dial on the back to make the switching easy). It's not the cheapest out there, but it's a great USB mic and it's in stock...

Andrew M. Ayers, New York

Your expertise is impressive and you are kind to share it. You are way above my knowledge. Perhaps you might provide more detail for those of us so we can understand.

Deborah Matthews, Virginia

Mike, I already have a Blue Yeti mic - I only needed a good webcam.

Andrew C. McDannold

A Blue Yeti is good for video use. Make sure it's in the cardioid mode, that you're talking into the front (side) of the mic, and that you are as close to it as you can comfortably get.

Mike Phillips

I picked up a logitech C920 on offer up.

Nicholas I. Fuerst, Arizona
