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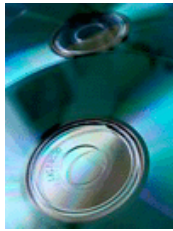
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Mention the name Monster to any audio or video enthusiast and the first thought to come to their minds will be "the premiere manufacturer of high end accessories designed to maximize the output of entertainment equipment." No longer just a producer of accessories, Monster reinvented the entire experience of listening to digitally recorded music with the ground breaking sound of Monster

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Surround Sound is a term typically reserved for the audio experience of home theater. A Monster Music Disc delivers a new genre of listening experience that can best be described as High Definition Surround Sound. To put it in the succinct words of a representative of Monster, "High Definition Surround sound lets you experience the music as if you were there, whether in the "Front Row" or "On Stage" in the middle of the band." The main sonic goal of Monster Music is to create realistic sound fields which are indistinguishable from their original performances. Monster has achieved this advance in audio mastering by taking the original master recordings and remixing them for a 5.1 surround field. Multiple surround mixes allow a listener to experience each performance from multiple aural perspectives, "On Stage" or "In The Audience."

The awesome sound Monster Super Discs produce is absolutely rich through your audio speakers and even more captivating through a pair of headphones. I auditioned the Ray Charles disc - "Genius Loves Company" through my STAX electrostatic headphones and was floored by the fact that my "cans" were capable of delivering a 5.1 Surround Sound listening experience with this disc. It felt like I was sitting on the piano bench, right next to Ray and his guest artists and getting my own command performance!

The Monster Music format is fortunately not limited to the digital disc, it can also be accessed via digital downloads (check the freebies out on Monster's website!). The new title offerings are thoughtful and broad in their appeal. They include such greats as Ray Charles, Peter Cincotti, and the Platinum selling rockers - 3 Doors Down (DVD of Live Concert).

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