

# Record industry faces the music

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is to investigate compact disc prices in the UK – the cheapest in the EC but still far higher than in America. Manufacturing costs are estimated at between just 58p and £1.28 per disc, with artists' royalties up to £1.32. Despite recession worries and the availability of cheaper cassettes, UK sales rose by 32.4% in the first quarter of 1993

Comparative European prices (popular music)



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## Government recommended UK retail price categories



Budget £5.78  
Mid-range £8.08  
Full price £11.74



### U.S. comparison

Budget \$9.95 £6.34  
Mid-range \$11.96 £7.62  
Full price \$13.99 £8.91