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Toshiba Encore 2 Windows Tablet – Atom Powered

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What is it? The Toshiba Encore 2 is a full featured Windows 8.1 tablet computer that's reasonably priced. It comes in both 8" and 10" versions. Based on the premise that our generation is more ...

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Bring Your Music System Into the 21st Century – Audioengine B1

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So here's the problem. You've got this great legacy music system. A dynamite set of floor standing speakers you've had for years. Maybe you have a top end amplifier like a Macintosh or Citation. And then you've got all this music on

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your tablet or smartphone that you've downloaded from iTunes, Amazon, or someplace else. Now, how do you get all that music that's stored on today's gadgets into a music system that you've had since 1973? And do it with great quality? The Audioengine B1 Premium Bluetooth Music Receiver is one answer. It's certainly not the only Bluetooth device on the market that will let you hook up your mobile device to a legacy music system. But the Audioengine may be the best. It couples a high end Bluetooth receiver with

Audioengine's excellent 24 bit Digital Audio Converter (DAC) technology. And it will upconvert your mp3 files to get the most from your music. Here's how the company describes what the device does:

The audio quality of most Bluetooth products isn't usually very inspiring and their limited range can be frustrating. The B1 solves these problems by implementing the aptX codec, which is a high-quality audio converter designed specifically for audio. The B1 also has special circuitry and a precision-tuned antenna to extend the wireless range, providing much more versatility than other Bluetooth receivers.



B1 rear view

I was able to setup the B1 in a matter of minutes. I opened the box. Plugged it into the wall. Connected the audio cords to the B1 and to my Hi Res Audio Receiver. Then I paired it to my iPhone (a process that literally took only a few seconds). Once I set the input on my receiver, instant great music from my smartphone. It worked equally well using the optical output on the B1. Then I tried connecting it to my Audioengine A5+ powered speakers with equal ease. There's no software to install, and no drivers to load. It's just plain simple. And yes, the music quality is substantially better than what I've gotten out of my iPhone with other wireless speaker systems. Price is \$189. Is this good for Boomers and seniors? A lot

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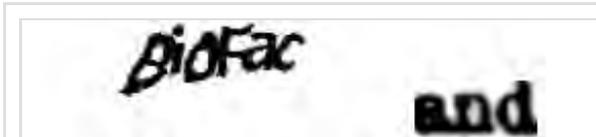
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Just because the boomers are now retiring from the workplace in droves doesn't mean they're easing into a rocking-chair life, or that they've lost any of their influence or commercial appeal. In fact, when it comes to technology, businesses are realizing that the baby boomer demographic -- which has at times been overlooked when it comes to the marketing of new technologies -- is actually a plethora of active tech consumers.

We aim to answer 4 things for you!

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