

MEETING NOTICE



This next month's great meeting topics are "Annual Membership Meeting & Elections, Keynote brief, and All I Want for Christmas" to be held at 7:00 pm, December 2, 2014, in Kennedy Hall at Immaculate Conception School, 1208 E. McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO. Feel free to bring your friends who are Mac or iOS users to visit any of our meetings.

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Audioengine B1 Receiver: The Sweetest Bluetooth Music

by Tom Piper



I enjoy music from my iPhone and iPads when I'm working or relaxing, but want more quality and fidelity than my earbuds (which I can get with over-the-ear headphones), but don't want to be tethered to a cord. One great alternative to AirPlay (using Wi-Fi) is via Bluetooth connected to quality speakers (my terrific Vanatoo Transparent One Powered Stereo Speakers).

The **Audioengine B1 Premium Bluetooth® Music Receiver** is a high-fidelity audio component that easily integrates into my music system and plays sound directly from my library and streams from any app. This B1 streams high-quality audio from my iPhone 5S (soon 6+), MacBook Pro 15" retina or 27" iMac computer, plus the iPad 3 and iPad mini

retina to my powered speakers. This is a simple way to get great-sounding wireless music from my devices.

Setup and pairing is really easy with no special software needed . . . just plug in the included cables, connect to an electrical outlet, turn on the device's Bluetooth, select "Audioengine B1" to pair, then play any music. If I want to pair with another device, I just press the Bluetooth indicator light on the front, and enter my device's Bluetooth setting to select the B1.

The B1 solves audio quality problems by implementing the aptX codec (A2DP and AVRCP also supported), which is a high-quality audio converter. Features also include special circuitry and a precision-tuned antenna to extend the wireless range, providing extensive versatility.

This results in stunning audio with Bluetooth 4.0, 24-bit upsampling DAC, and extended range. This unit's aluminum case reflects traditional excellent Audioengine design with high-quality components and audio fidelity. The bottom line is that

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music just sounds better!

I found this device to be exceptional in its immediate ease of setup (stereo 3' RCA cable included), and ability to use within minutes after unboxing. The connectors on the back include either a Toslink 24-bit optical output or traditional right/left analog audio output. The pairing process to my iPads and iPhone was simple since the unit immediately enters pairing mode when the power is turned on. Thereafter, all control was on my iDevice and available when and where I needed it. The range is very impressive allowing me and my iDevice to leave the room up to almost 100 feet away without interrupting the music.

Audioengine has created a product with the sound, looks, and overall quality of systems priced much higher. If you purchase the Audioengine B1 receiver (\$189 US, free shipping) from their online store (<http://audioengineusa.com/Store/Wireless/B1-Bluetooth-Music-Receiver>) to try it out, if you're not completely satisfied, then contact them (for return instructions and ship the product back in the original packaging in like-new, undamaged condition) within 30 days of purchase for a full refund of your purchase price.

This is the best Bluetooth receiver I've ever used, which produces reliable, consistent, high-quality sound from all of my iDevices. It also allows me (on my computer) to simultaneously use multiple stereo output devices (such as Bluetooth and USB) via Audio MIDI Setup (part of MacOS) to create true surround sound!



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