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## Audioengine D3 USB DAC Review

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So is the Audioengine D3 the best sounding DAC in its class ? Maybe not. The Music Streamer II offers slightly better performance in some areas but lacks a proper headphone amplifier. There are other DACs out there that might match the D3, however the performance of the D3 is exceptional given its diminutive size and power output that can drive almost any headphone out there.

If you are looking out for a small compact DAC and use mostly headphones the Audioengine D3 is an exceptional choice for you. Its USP is its simplicity. Plug and Play convenience and great performance to boot !

If you are looking for connectivity options or external controls then this DAC isn't for you. However for sheer simplicity and excellent sound I can safely recommend it to almost anyone. Only caveat is you shouldn't use it with very bass light headphones.

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- Excellent sound given its small dimensions
- Very small and compact
- No cables required
- Good build quality
- Good quality headphone amplifier built in

- Can get a bit hot after a short while
- Sub Bass has a slight roll off

## Review Overview

Build Quality - 9.8



Connectivity Options - 2



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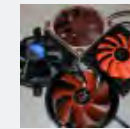
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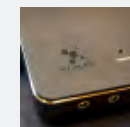
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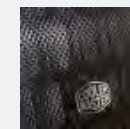
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Audio Quality - 9.5

Value for money - 9

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**Summary :** The Audioengine D3 has two main USPs - Size and Simplicity. No drivers, no cables, no additional power required, no switches/buttons just a DAC with a USB connection and having the size of a flash drive.

5. Conclusion

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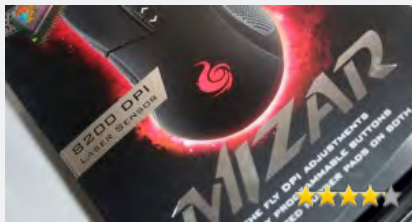
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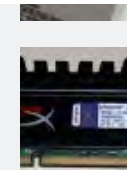
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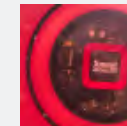
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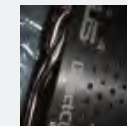
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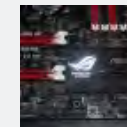
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