
Subject: Re: MP3 Player buying advice
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CarrierII wrote on Sun, 11 October 2009 16:02

My trusty (six? year old) Creative Zen-Vision:M is dying, the random crashes that have plagued it (previously brought on by cold weather, but now just by the player moving when I move) have increased in frequency and it's getting harder to use.

The trouble is, I do a lot of work and things outside, and therefore my requirements are a little... odd. My Zen, being a large, well constructed brick, has survived:

6 drops down my stairs (OK, this is more my clumsiness...),
A drop into the bath (accidental) whilst operating,
A drop onto a tiled floor from at least 4'
and exposure to farm environments (lots of rain, shit and animals trying to eat it, or tread on it etc).

Before I start: Apple iPods are too flimsy, and I dislike I-Tunes, and I want to be able to assemble WMD with my media player if I so choose... etc - No Apple products please.

- 1) Durability, my new player needs to be tough. Recheck the list of what my Zen has survived, size and weight aren't really concerns, I'm used to my Zen.
- 2) Stability, if it's HDD based, then it needs to be able to tolerate operating shocks, my car has no suspension, I'll be riding horses soon etc
- 3) Battery life.
- 4) Capacity, I only need ~8 GB, so this doesn't have to be huge.

Does anyone have any suggestions. Please note I live in the UK. I'm not too bothered about brand, but I will reiterate my personal issue with Apple.

Any suggestions?
<http://tinyurl.com/yg872fn>
