Subject: Re: Inserting Output Plug Into Input Socket
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The headphones only working halfway in usually means that the wiring has a short in it. A stereo headphone plug is a tip-ring-sleeve configuration and if you get sound with only two of the three contacting the jack and nothing with all three, then there is a short.

You say the hardware is fine on the card/mobo, but I've worn out many headphones jacks. I didn't know how at the time, but eventually you can wear the metal down to the point solid contact becomes impossible

I usually only call a microphone or guitar pickups a transducer myself, so that might have been confusing. Inverting the polarity of any speaker turns it into a (piss poor) microphone and vice versa. Microphones don't make good speakers as you can imagine except for certain supertweeters over the years doing this.