
Subject: Re: Problematic radio USB drive

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I tend to agree. If it worked before...then something has changed. It may be a device failure or as mentioned did you change the format of the music. I would figure that most likely a problem with the connectors. The USB connector is fine for what it was designed for, but not so great and being stuffed in and out of gear frequently and not very good at withstanding side pulls, or bending. Another possibility is if you are using a SS jump drive they are known to fail. I figure the real life of one depends on the manufacturer and quality of the device. A \$5 jump drive seems to last about a year, and even high quality ones seem to die around the 5 year mark. Running periodic checking software is IMO a must for any that have something you don't care to lose. If you check the specs on SS drives (really big nonvolatile memory chips) you will see they provide a number that relates to the times they are expected to be fine in write-read cycles. The same applies to jump drives though few actually give the specs on them. The most common failure I have encountered in either is the loss or scrambling of the file allocation tables. This makes the device unusable. The information is all there, just no way short of a recovery effort to get it sorted out.
