Subject: Re: Digital Streaming Radios
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I saw an interview with the Tesla Motors founders, Martin Eberhard and Marc Tarpenning, and I was impressed with those two guys. They were at the right place in time to develop a good electric car, and theirs truly is a good product. Before then, you really couldn't make a good electric car with lead-acid batteries. So technologies had converged and the time was right for making a decent electric car.

And really, from a user perspective, I think all the American car manufacturers are making better cars now than they were 30 years ago. This is an industry that is an exception to the complaints above, in my opinion.

It's consumer electronics that I'm so disappointed with. Not all, of course, there are some exceptions in electronics too. They tend to come from niche markets like tube amps. Of course those markets have good products, because the makers tend to be passionate and engaged.

But for the most part - especially digital devices - I'm seeing a bunch of disposable junk that isn't even completely working when it hits the retailer's shelves. If it can't connect to the internet to download the latest dozen bugfixes and patches, it's a useless brick. And it will again be a useless brick in just a few short years because it's junk that depends on a fragile infrastructure.