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Subject: Old Valve Radios as Speakers?

Posted by [Joelle](#) on Fri, 12 Nov 2010 15:44:16 GMT

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I've got a collection of old valve radios about 20 years ago I had some of them wired up as speakers to my vinyl spinning turntable + cassette player stereo system. Is there any way I can use them as speakers for my iPod? I know that their sound is not as crisp as today's MP3 player speakers but they do give a beautiful, rich sound and they are very stylish to look at.

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Subject: Re: Old Valve Radios as Speakers?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 12 Nov 2010 20:11:24 GMT

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That's the kind of stuff that will make you popular around here!

As for the iPod output, it's pretty much the same kind of analog signal, and you should have no trouble connecting it. Here are the pinouts:

iPod pinouts

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Subject: Re: Old Valve Radios as Speakers?

Posted by [Joelle](#) on Sat, 13 Nov 2010 08:14:27 GMT

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Hey! Thank you for that iPod pinouts information. It all looks double dutch to me but my trusty companion reckons he understands it - even though he doesn't speak English . . . I guess the technicalities are pretty universal language-wise.

Here's another mouth-watering photo from the old radio market that I mentioned in the collectors thread :

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### File Attachments

1) [stall2.jpg](#), downloaded 1794 times

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Subject: Re: Old Valve Radios as Speakers?

Posted by [Adveser](#) on Fri, 26 Nov 2010 05:30:00 GMT

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Don't tubes have to be matched preventing this from becoming a reliable option?

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