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Subject: Smartphones and music  
Posted by [Drury](#) on Wed, 12 Oct 2011 02:00:04 GMT  
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So I bought a smartphone, thinking it would mean I could use it as an MP3 player and not bother buying two things. But I find it drains the battery so fast it isn't worth it. Seems like I'll be shopping again sometime soon!

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music  
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 12 Oct 2011 02:35:19 GMT  
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Hi, Yes they certainly do drain the battery. You might run an app like juice defender and turn off things you don't need to run. Set it for checking the web, email and such every 15 minutes and it may help. It should be possible to run the mp3 part with the screen on minimum and nothing else going.

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music  
Posted by [Drury](#) on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 10:11:03 GMT  
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[gofar99](#) wrote on Tue, 11 October 2011 21:35: Hi, Yes they certainly do drain the battery. You might run an app like juice defender and turn off things you don't need to run. Set it for checking the web, email and such every 15 minutes and it may help. It should be possible to run the mp3 part with the screen on minimum and nothing else going.

Thanks for the tips. I'll definitely give them a try, and I have also found the second (spare) battery that came with it. It's worth carrying that as back up on longer journeys I guess.

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music  
Posted by [Kripes](#) on Sun, 23 Oct 2011 12:49:31 GMT  
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I've never been really into smart phones though I received one from my daughter when she upgraded but, to be honest, everything seems to drain the battery!

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music  
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sun, 23 Oct 2011 16:27:08 GMT  
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Hi, As earlier noted ... quite true. Most folks that leave them on continuously get about 8 hours of

use before they need recharge. If you want constant updating and connectivity that's the cost. Mine (Samsung Epic 4G) goes about 48-60 hours between charges. That is using Juice Defender (free app) and having it only check for new messages and updates to GPS and all else every 15 minutes. It goes to sleep (except phone) at night from about 1 AM to 6 AM. The phone part is fully operational all the time so no missed calls. The side advantage to this is I don't have to answer texts and such all the time, only at intervals. Yes I know that there are lots of folks that feel the need to answer immediately. I personally don't like the constant interruptions that this entails. I may be a bit old fashioned but I'll call someone before starting a back and forth text session.

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music  
Posted by [Poltroon](#) on Wed, 23 Nov 2011 14:25:16 GMT  
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There are extended life batteries that you can buy. But, still, I think we all want to have one device to do lots of things. A phone is a phone, and basically that is all it really needs to do for me.

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music  
Posted by [Danny](#) on Wed, 30 Nov 2011 23:31:47 GMT  
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I know we are all looking for that one gadget that will do it all. Even though we can get tablets that do this, and phones that do that, they all have a major function. The other stuff is just an added bonus.

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music  
Posted by [love4music](#) on Fri, 16 Dec 2011 00:58:14 GMT  
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I use my smartphone all the time for music. I own a Droid Bionic and I don't ever have a problem with the battery. Then again I have a car charger and I charge my phone every day.

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music  
Posted by [LoveJB](#) on Sun, 18 Dec 2011 14:42:32 GMT  
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What app makes the battery last longer? Playing music or surfing the net both uses a ton of my battery. I would be interested in knowing what app can help that and if it really works.

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music

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Posted by [j0ann3](#) on Tue, 27 Dec 2011 23:18:28 GMT

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I find multi-purpose gadgets a real pain. It seems the more it can do, the less efficient it becomes. I'd recommend just using your phone as a phone and get an mp3 player for playing mp3's. xx

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music

Posted by [Rockstar](#) on Thu, 29 Dec 2011 16:59:36 GMT

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How about getting an iPod touch - you can use that for your music, internet surfing and phone (facetime). I don't think smartphones are the way to go either for music.

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music

Posted by [GuitarStrings](#) on Mon, 02 Jan 2012 14:52:54 GMT

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I got myself a smartphone for Christmas with the same issue. I had an iPod anyway so I only use the phone music player if it's currently being charged. It does drain a ton of battery life and even with Juice Defender running, my phone only lasts an average of 5-6 hours. I only use it at home, especially if I'm doing something on the computer and don't want somethin else running during whatever I happen to be doing.

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music

Posted by [lilbambam718](#) on Tue, 03 Jan 2012 21:05:13 GMT

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I have an iPod touch and a regular, nothing special phone, and I actually like carrying them both around. While having a smartphone would take up less space in my pockets, I wouldn't be able to text and use the apps on my iPod at the same time!

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music

Posted by [audioaudio90](#) on Wed, 04 Jan 2012 00:01:00 GMT

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Yes, I'd rather have a separate mp3 player than try to use my smartphone for music. Actually I don't even have a smartphone, so I guess the point is moot in my case, but I have heard many complaints about battery drainage.

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music

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Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 04 Jan 2012 15:59:14 GMT

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Hi I have a smart phone, but use a Sony player. It is the size of a credit card and will run for about 30 hours straight before needing to be charged. All the features of the i-stuff and a lot less costly.

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Subject: Re: Smartphones and music

Posted by [Drury](#) on Thu, 05 Jan 2012 07:33:10 GMT

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Cheers for the replies and new ideas. I did look at the app recommended earlier, but in the end decided to get an MP3 player and stick with the phone being a phone. I was hoping I may get something like this for xmas but it didn't happen, so I will have to buy it myself.

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