
Subject: old PC speakers and ipod
Posted by [mikevirago](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 2011 14:48:52 GMT
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Newbie here. I have a nice set of Altec Lansing PC speakers w/ sub. Is there any way I can use them with an iPod? I'm sure I'll need some sort of amp, as just plugging in the jack doesn't work. I also still have the original PC sound card. Just curious. Would be nice to find a use for the speakers. Thx!!!!!!!!!!

Subject: Re: old PC speakers and ipod
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 2011 15:55:59 GMT
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Hi, If the speakers are like many others by Altec they have built in amplifiers. If they are powered by a wall wart then you can use them easily. Just feed in the ipod audio and plug in the wall wart. If they are USB powered you can still do it, but will need a device that plugs into the wall and can "charge" USB devices. They are quite common and even Wally World has some. Should cost under \$20. Plug in the charger and hook up the audio and you should be good to go.

Subject: Re: old PC speakers and ipod
Posted by [mikevirago](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 2011 16:08:05 GMT
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Thanks for the reply! I've actually tried that. The power adapter goes to the sub, and then on to the speakers. Still don't get any audio though. I thought that would work too!

Subject: Re: old PC speakers and ipod
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 2011 17:52:15 GMT
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Hi What is the model number of the Altecs?

Subject: Re: old PC speakers and ipod
Posted by [mikevirago](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 2011 20:21:32 GMT
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I'll take a look tonight and try to get the model#. Thanks for the help!

Subject: Re: old PC speakers and ipod
Posted by [mikevirago](#) on Tue, 15 Nov 2011 03:21:48 GMT

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My memory is terrible. Turns out they're not Altec Lansing, but rather Boston Acoustic, model BA7500G. On the back of the sub, there is a port labeled "Digital Audio Input". That was were the output from the sound card plugged in. Guess I need to look at analog-digital converter? Thanks again!

Subject: Re: old PC speakers and ipod
Posted by [Danny](#) on Tue, 15 Nov 2011 19:04:57 GMT

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If you can hook them up and they work, then go for it! You just may not get that great of a sound. But I am such a cheapskate, I usually use things until they just don't work anymore.

Subject: Re: old PC speakers and ipod
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 16 Nov 2011 01:18:33 GMT

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Hi, The 7500G speakers will not accept analog. Real bummer. It may cost more to get something that will make them work than sell them off and get ones that will work.

Subject: Re: old PC speakers and ipod
Posted by [mikevirago](#) on Wed, 16 Nov 2011 13:56:22 GMT

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That is a bummer. I had a feeling that would be the answer. Thanks again!
