Subject: Static!
Posted by Musicfan on Sat, 31 Dec 2011 01:19:21 GMT
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I can't stand the sound of any static when I'm listening to the radio. My kids don't mind a little bit of static. We tend to fight over this issue. As soon as I hear static, they know they have about 2 minutes to switch the radio station or the radio goes off. Are you the same?

Subject: Re: Static!
Posted by Wayne Parham on Sat, 31 Dec 2011 04:10:39 GMT
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Yeah, if it's an FM station, once it starts getting static it's pretty well shot - time to change the channel. AM will fade in and out over a considerable distance, but once FM goes, it goes.

Subject: Re: Static!
Posted by Rockstar on Sun, 01 Jan 2012 21:52:34 GMT
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Same here, no static - no way! You are right on though, once you get static just change it. It won't get better. It's funny how you can pick up a station with no static 20 miles from the radio station and sometimes you can't pick it up right next to the station.

Subject: Re: Static!
Posted by gofar99 on Mon, 02 Jan 2012 01:40:20 GMT
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Hi, What you say is true, and can be the result of multipath reflections. Not all FM receivers (especially newer ones) have the quality fronts ends needed to lock on the primary signal and provide a good signal to noise ratio. Standard cars radios which you would think ought to be good at this because they are moving are generally rather poor. I found a home unit that is quite excellent. It is a Sony XDR-F1HD. It is about the size of a large book and is BTW HD FM as well. There was an extensive write up on it about two years ago and it made the Stereophile A list and was runner up for best product. It excels at extracting high quality sound from very low level signal sources. With a 7 element yagi, I can get a number of Phoenix stations in Stereo (145 miles away) and dozens from Tucson (70 miles). The HD sub channels are nice. Clean, crisp and IMHO better than CD (but in all likelihood they are playing CDs). Amazing for a sub $100 device.

Subject: Re: Static!
Posted by Miami on Fri, 20 Apr 2012 17:47:11 GMT
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The only time I can tolerate static on the radio is when I'm on a long drive and not really in the mood for music, but don't want total silence either. I'll keep the volume down a bit and it really is a good kind of background noise.

Subject: Re: Static!
Posted by Csharp on Sun, 22 Apr 2012 15:37:30 GMT
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Static puts me to sleep on a good day and annoys me on a bad one. If I listen to the radio I'll make sure it's a station with a strong signal.

Subject: Re: Static!
Posted by Freddy on Thu, 03 May 2012 05:10:54 GMT
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It's not a problem for me now, but I used to live in an area where many stations often had a little static. I think there was just too much local interference. I didn't usually listen to the radio very much due to this, but when I did I knew I couldn't expect much consistency.

Subject: Re: Static!
Posted by TurnItUp on Mon, 07 May 2012 18:51:05 GMT
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Static is actually all we can get when you try to listen to the radio in the house. It's really kind of strange because if you take a radio in the yard you can pick up a station with no problem.