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Subject: Wire Recorders

Posted by [monster](#) on Sun, 18 Feb 2018 05:42:46 GMT

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After reading the description for this forum, "From wire recorders to vinyl to digital," I had to pause. I've never heard of a wire recorder before. Google returns a lot of results with the word "obsolete." Does anyone still use a wire recorder? Does anyone even own one?

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Subject: Re: Wire Recorders

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sun, 18 Feb 2018 21:22:23 GMT

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Hi, Obsolete for sure. As I recall they were used before mag tape and used with telegraph gear initially. Dictaphone used the technology for a while. I don't believe anyone uses them now except as a demo.

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Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Wed, 07 Mar 2018 18:32:07 GMT

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Posted by [TheRepublic](#) on Thu, 29 Mar 2018 19:11:03 GMT

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Yup, I'm pretty sure at this point they're all "rare." It would be a great conversation piece. \$400 is a little steep for a conversation piece though. Is this the one that you found? It's for cheaper than you mentioned, but it might not have sold last time. I don't know how well wire recorders sell.

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