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Subject: AM, FM, or SW

Posted by [Jazzy](#) on Mon, 12 Nov 2018 15:15:34 GMT

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I like listening to FM radio because the stations there commonly play music instead of news commentary. I included the shortwave because I remembered my father listening to a religious station on the SW radio.

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Mon, 12 Nov 2018 22:17:50 GMT

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For background...as it is not my main source of music (vinyl is) I use XM/SIRIUS. It works anywhere and particularly in the car you can go from coast to coast and not have to change stations. Once in a while you will get under a cover or inside a parking garage and lose it though. They have a new plan that only runs \$10 a month and IMO it is a good buy. All the over the air stations here are pretty poor. I have two Marantz receivers, a Sony FM/HD tuner and a Pioneer tuner and none have been hooked up for over two years. Sad, FM used to be my go to for sound.

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 12 Nov 2018 23:13:07 GMT

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Those three radio bands offer three totally different genres:

FM is mostly music, with a little bit of talk radio.

AM is mostly talk radio, with a little bit of music.

SW is mostly talk radio, international news, fringe politics, religion and amateur broadcasts.

I kinda like each of them at different times. When I run the roads in my car, I often listen to FM radio. Sometimes I listen to AM radio, depending on my mood. And occasionally, late night, I like to dial-through the shortwave band to find what I can come across. It's kind of like sitting around the camp-fire listening to someone tell ghost stories.

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW

Posted by [Junior](#) on Tue, 13 Nov 2018 14:09:30 GMT

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SW can be amusing to listen to. There are a few stations there where the speaker will talk about government conspiracies or supernatural happenings. We listen to FM when we travel, and we

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sing along during the trip.

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW

Posted by [Jazzy](#) on Thu, 15 Nov 2018 14:36:19 GMT

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Wayne Parham wrote on Mon, 12 November 2018 17:13

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Why are radio stations divided this way? Is it because of the licensing fees that each radio wave costs? The SW radio stations that I heard before had a little advertisement or none at all.

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW

Posted by [Lost the Remote](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2018 13:10:23 GMT

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I listen to AM radio for the local news and for traffic warnings. I listen to FM radio for music and NPR. I listen to SIRIUS when I'm in the mood for specific music genres.

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW

Posted by [Reggie](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2018 03:06:13 GMT

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I'm like the most of you here. I tune in to different radio stations or band waves depending on the time of the day and my mood. I mostly listen to FM stations for the music and news.

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW

Posted by [TheWanderer](#) on Mon, 31 Dec 2018 19:26:48 GMT

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I have not delved into SW radio before, but it sounds like I should. :lol:

I mainly listen to satellite radio. There are fewer commercials than FM or AM. When I switch over to FM or AM sometimes to see what I'm missing, it feels like I'm listening to one long advertisement. Boring!

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW

Posted by [Jazzy](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2019 16:41:44 GMT

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The advertisements are indeed a big let down from FM or AM radio stations. We have to endure it though, because that is how these stations get their income. New radio stations usually don't have advertisements yet so I try searching for them if there is one where I currently am.

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW  
Posted by [Azuri](#) on Tue, 23 Mar 2021 03:07:47 GMT  
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Fairly soon now, I plan on putting a shortwave in the garage. I think it would make great background noise when I'm working on my car.

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW  
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Tue, 23 Mar 2021 13:43:35 GMT  
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My radio listening has waned significantly over the years. I have an old Soundcraftsman tuner sitting in my stereo cabinet rarely used. If at all, in the car and NPR. The commercial FM stations are bland and/or obnoxious. I've never listened to SW. I guess you need a dedicated tuner for it? I can imagine the content being full of the conspiracy garbage popular today. Guess that's everywhere else though.

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW  
Posted by [noodle](#) on Sun, 18 Jun 2023 03:51:47 GMT  
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Never listened to SW. I have faint childhood memories of my dad driving me places, and I'd hear great pop songs on AM. Besides that, it's been FM with the occasional Sirius in rental cars.

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Subject: Re: AM, FM, or SW  
Posted by [Csharp](#) on Mon, 14 Aug 2023 01:07:19 GMT  
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It's FM with me too. There is a local AM station I'll listen to because they have a "marketplace" show during the noon hour when people call in to the station, go on air and sell stuff.

I live in the country where there's nothing but small towns around.

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