Subject: Handheld analog scanner consider obsolete or convert to digital?
Posted by Madison on Wed, 14 Nov 2018 06:37:47 GMT
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The scanner came from either Circuit City or Radio Shack, so there's no chance of finding guidance at a brick and mortar store. It's a Uniden Bearcat. The model number is tough to read, but I believe it is BC8OxCT. There are 50 channels. I've found a couple of articles about this type of scanner. On Fixya's website it appears there's a slight consensus that it's better to consider it obsolete and to buy a digital scanner instead. Do you all agree? If it's convertible can you share a resource for DIY conversion from analog to digital?

Subject: Re: Handheld analog scanner consider obsolete or convert to digital?
Posted by Porter on Thu, 31 Jan 2019 19:55:05 GMT
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I'm not sure whether your analog scanner is convertible, but digital scanners are fairly affordable so it's probably easier to just buy the more modern version.

Subject: Re: Handheld analog scanner consider obsolete or convert to digital?
Posted by TheWanderer on Wed, 13 Feb 2019 17:19:59 GMT
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Digital scanners have higher sound quality and more range than analog. I don't see a reason to stick with the analog scanner. I'm usually a stickler for the older versions of things, but in this case, go for the upgrade.

Subject: Re: Handheld analog scanner consider obsolete or convert to digital?
Posted by Augustus on Sat, 11 May 2019 04:05:18 GMT
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If you don't want to buy an updated digital scanner, try using one of the apps that work on smartphones. I use this app from iTunes and it's a decent replacement for a standalone scanner.

Subject: Re: Handheld analog scanner consider obsolete or convert to digital?
Posted by Madison on Mon, 13 May 2019 05:18:53 GMT
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I should have known to search for an app, Augustus, but it never crossed my mind. That's a fantastic solution because I already have a some tablets and a couple iPod touches lying around that my grandfather and uncles can use.

Subject: Re: Handheld analog scanner consider obsolete or convert to digital?
Posted by mamoss on Mon, 13 May 2019 06:26:58 GMT
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I am also a stickler for older versions because most of the time, they are of great quality but in this case, you are better off searching for newer digital versions. Augustus, I have heard great reviews about the app you just shared and I think I will now have to download it.