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Subject: Digital Recorders Price Range and Quality

Posted by [Zart](#) on Fri, 13 Aug 2021 15:56:06 GMT

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I thought of sticking with my phone to do some recording but reconsidered when I saw the lowest available price of digital recorders. There are already decent ones that are below \$30, while others are at \$400. I'm worried that sound quality would change depending on the price. Does recording quality vary with the price, or is it more about the features that make other recorders more expensive?

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Subject: Re: Digital Recorders Price Range and Quality

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sun, 15 Aug 2021 02:15:37 GMT

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Hi, I believe you will find that both are true. Features can be important particularly on the input side. Things like sample rates and types of files generated are IMO very important. A recorder that only does 44K at 16 bits and converts the output to MP3 files is IMO useless. I personally don't use anything below 96K/24bit with uncompressed output files. I generally use .wav files even though they are large. Other loss less outputs are fine as well. But with storage space so cheap now I like the long term compatibility of .wav. Just this week I saw a 2TB drive for \$55. How can you go wrong at that cost?

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Subject: Re: Digital Recorders Price Range and Quality

Posted by [Acacia](#) on Tue, 07 Sep 2021 06:59:01 GMT

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[gofar99](#) wrote on Sat, 14 August 2021 21:15 But with storage space so cheap now I like the long term compatibility of .wav. Just this week I saw a 2TB drive for \$55.

It's good to have a great storage capacity at a small price in the market. At least in that way, you can focus on buying a recorder with better features without worrying about storage and having the sound quality you want.

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Subject: Re: Digital Recorders Price Range and Quality

Posted by [Beck](#) on Fri, 10 Sep 2021 05:23:54 GMT

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If you're looking for a portable recorder, there are cheap ones below \$50. Digital recorders are helpful to have around, but I also suggest you think about what you'll use them for and then decide how much you're willing to spend.

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