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Subject: Is It Cheating?

Posted by [Csharp](#) on Tue, 20 May 2025 11:29:04 GMT

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How many purists do we have here who consider streaming AM radio stations, "cheating"?

FM bands now so much, but my memories of AM radio always include varying degrees of static. Something you don't hear on apps so, in my opinion, you don't get the full effect.

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Subject: Re: Is It Cheating?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 20 May 2025 17:02:44 GMT

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When I lived in Tulsa, I could easily receive stations 500 miles away at night. Oklahoma is flat and radio reception is excellent.

But now I live in Bella Vista, in the Ozarks. I literally have a transmitter in my house to broadcast material to my old tube radios, which I love. There are no AM stations in my area, and the terrain makes any DX reception impossible.

So streaming radios are a must in my area for anyone that doesn't want to setup their own little transmitter.

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Subject: Re: Is It Cheating?

Posted by [Concorde](#) on Wed, 04 Jun 2025 18:13:32 GMT

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Streaming does have a practical purpose and I don't think many purists are too upset about it.

I remember driving through New Mexico many years ago, and the static on the AM band would go in and out with the same station, then fade to another, etc... It's kind of a mesmerizing thing on an empty highway through the badlands down there at two in the morning.

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Subject: Re: Is It Cheating?

Posted by [Madison](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2025 07:11:55 GMT

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I only bother with AM radio when I'm checking for information about the roads and travel. I believe it's popularity has died down so much, that some car manufacturers are no longer including it as a listening option. What can a purist do but adapt?

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