

Environmental MP3 Players

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Are you sick of having to dim the display lights of your MP3 player? Tired of recharging your iPod every other day because the battery life offers less than what is advertised? Or does the video application kill its life span after watching just two videos? Well, I don't have the perfect solution, but I do have one that can help the environment!

I'm talking about a project introduced by the Taiwanese company Micro-Star International Corporation (MSI). Its proposal of using on-board solar panels as the battery's source of energy for notebooks and MP3 players could usher in a new generation of MP3 players to the market. Although the idea is still in its infancy, it wouldn't be a bad idea to save some polar bears while listening to your favorite songs. The solar panels are still in a testing phase, and are not yet available on the market. However, the company might be ready to start manufacturing these devices as early as the end of the year. The MSI Mega Player 540 was used for initial testing, of which a special model was required to accommodate the panels. Results showed an extension of the battery life by up to 3 hours, offering a total of eleven hours of head-banging heavy metal. Since it is solar powered, you could also continue to listen to your favorite tunes while it charges...until sunset. By then, the device should be fully charged, affording an additional 3 hours of restless inner ear trauma. On the other hand, if you are satisfied with your current Media Player's battery life, you still have the option to go green and charge your device on the go. Solio Hybrid 1000 is a universal-appliance solar-powered charger that allows you to charge your device while on the go. This charger supports iPods, iPhones, Blackberries, Motorola, and some Nokia cell phones. Plus, it has a clip so you can hang it to your belt, purse, book bag, or any hanging-place of your choice. As long as it is exposed to the sun, you are good to go. Thinking about the environment has also brought other ideas for powering your MP3 player and saving a few trees at the same time. Wind, bicycle, and even yoyo-powered MP3 Players are just a few of the vast options for alternative power sources. So, whether you are a runner, bicyclist, or just like to play with your yoyo, the simple act of listening to music can still be done in an environmentally conscious way.

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