
My iPod has just died.

Posted by Villain - 08-04-2008 22:36

I pressed pause, whilst I went out for a ciggie. Decided upon returning to move onto the next track. Pressed play.

Nothing.

The backlight is on. It aint doing nuffin.

Ive tried plugging it in. Ive banged against stuff. Gone. Backlight still showing, no music not a peep.

It was 1 min 43 secs into Hanging on the Telephone by Blondie. Oh the Irony.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 08-04-2008 22:45

My old one did that, but I found some tips on the Apple website or somewhere equally findable. Don't give up, Pat.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Villain - 08-04-2008 23:08

Fucking Apple. Ive taken a look at their site Tubbs, and they are the usual style over substance cunts they always have been.

Their advice was try the hold button for a few seconds. Well fuckin DUH. Cunts. Looking on the inside of it, (yes Ive opened it up) there still is no off switch.

Can anyone recomend a decent MP3 player?

This piece of shit is going in the bin tomorrow.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Bryan - 08-04-2008 23:21

Can you not disconnect and reconnect the battery?

What kind of disk space do you want on your new one?

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Villain - 08-04-2008 23:28

Looking on the inside Bry, the battery seems soldered under the tape.

Disk space I dont need much, I bought a 60GB one but never used anywhere near that amount. I had planned on having a couple of my fave films on it, only after buying it do I find that they didnt sell films in the UK via Itunes. Back then that is, never got round to loading anything up.

I only had about 500 songs on it but still.

The light is still on. Its committing suicide I reckon.

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by erwin - 08-04-2008 23:54

I've got one of those machines (of which thou speaketh), and, although it's never given me any trouble so far (touch lots of wood), I've always thought that the touchpad looked very fragile.

I depend on it now as my music file, so if it failed, I don't know what I would do.

Possibly look in the kitchen for a sharp object.

Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Bored Of The Dance - 08-04-2008 23:55

I think the advice is turn the hold button on and off again and then hold the centre button and play button down simultaneously until it turns itself on and off again.

Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Phoebe Disco - 08-04-2008 23:58

Get a Creative MuVo or similar. In fact, just make sure it's Creative. Thy piss all over Apple, look nicer, and aren't as expensive.

Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by WornOldMotorbike - 09-04-2008 00:12

It sounds like it's frozen. Just hold down the Menu button and the centre button simultaneously for about ten seconds. It will reboot itself.

Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by imp - 09-04-2008 02:00

You heartless bastards. His iPod died, goddammit. Don't we usually have a queue of compassionate posters offering their condolences for these threads?

Very sorry for your loss, Villain. (The iPod, that is, not the recent shellacking at Old Trafford.)

Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by WornOldMotorbike - 09-04-2008 02:02

Nah, it just froze. However, he likely fucked it when he opened it to poke about the innards.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by EIM - 09-04-2008 02:07

Shellacking. Quality, much underused, word. Thank fuck imp is back.

Anyway, my iPod is fine. Except it's a little scratched and is only 2 gig. If I pretend it's broken, will apple send me a new, better one?

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by WornOldMotorbike - 09-04-2008 02:13

This kid at work has a nano, which froze last week. He goes "Ah fuck, that's like 6 times now." So, I pressed the Menu/Play combo to reboot it for him and he says "That's all you do?" And I said "How have you been fixing it?" And he says "I just leave it until the battery runs out and it reboots itself." "How long's that take?" ask I. "About five or six days." Bahahahahahahaa. And he's done this 6 times? Bahahahahahahaha.
I'm a prick.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Villain - 09-04-2008 06:53

Thanks for all the advice guys.

Not wanting to leave an electrical gadget on overnight inside the house incase it caught fire (Ive not much faith in these things) I put it outside in the barbeque thing with the lid on.

This morning I tried the center and play button, got 'Ok to disconnect' then I put a bit of power in it, and then tried the menu and center buttons.

All is well. Thanks folks.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by The Purple Cow - 09-04-2008 07:00

For the record the best place for iPod trouble-shooting is www.ilounge.com.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Pan Tau - 09-04-2008 09:42

I depend on it now as my music file, so if it failed, I don't know what I would do.

Don't you back your stuff up, erwin? Everything that is important to me music-wise, I have backed up on CD or DVD and on my external HD. I'd be fucked if a fire burnt down my house, but otherwise I don't like taking chances.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 09-04-2008 10:30

"I've got one of those machines (of which thou speaketh), and, although it's never given me any trouble so far (touch lots of wood), I've always thought that the touchpad looked very fragile. "

I had one touchpad give out on me, but it was after a couple of years and only shortly before I filled it up and had to get a bigger one anyway.

Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Lyra - 09-04-2008 10:36

I have a hate-hate relationship with my ipod. It tries to undermine me all the time. What you want to do is ignore it. Let it have its little tantrums. Don't give it the satisfaction of knowing it's upset you.

Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by JtS - 09-04-2008 10:39

My iPhone gets better the more I use it. For watching TV programmes (i.e. SouthPark) it's great.

Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by WornOldMotorbike - 09-04-2008 13:28

Does it make South Park funny? That'd be a good iPhone.

My father-in-law bought my mom-in-law an iPod Touch (the iPhone without the phone bit) and it's brilliant. I could play with that for hours.

Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 07-05-2008 11:37

Mine's properly died now, soon after a nasty drop onto the floor. I'm cursing my failure to replace my damaged case promptly, especially as I was going to upgrade to the larger iPod Touch when it's released in summer. Now I've got to decide whether to buy a soon to be redundant 160GB classic now, wait and rely on my phone and a dictaphone as substitutes until August or so, or buy another brand, most of which don't have as much storage. I need at least 120GB and preferably a lot more.

Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by wingco - 07-05-2008 11:45

I lost my iPod a couple of weeks ago when travelling down from Nottingham. But it turned up a Nottingham Station's Lost Property Office. For a small fee, they sent it back.

And that's the end of my story about my iPod and me.

Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Lyra - 07-05-2008 11:48

120 GB?! is that for like videos and stuff?

I rue the day I found out there is SOILTAIRE on my ipod.

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by The Horse - 07-05-2008 12:10

It'll have been the barbeque that swung it for Villain. Looking at Apple users' forums, it seems sheds and cement mixers work equally well.

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 07-05-2008 12:19

My current, dead iPod is 80GB and it only has about half my music collection. Using it as a dictaphone takes up a lot of storage, as does feeding a podcast habit.

Does anyone apart from Apple even make large storage players any more? I could have sworn Creative had an 80GB+ model but I can't find it on the website. None of the other major players seems to come close.

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Lyra - 07-05-2008 12:28

I now feel very lacking in music. Granted, I have to delete something every time I put something noew on, but still.

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 07-05-2008 17:06

Having thought about it a bit, I reckon the best solution is to buy a cheap flash mp3 player with a few gigs of storage and a built in mike, then see what comes out over the summer. iPod seems to be my only option storage wise, but it makes no sense buying a new one until the next range comes out. Anyone have any suggestions? I need to be able to plug in a 3.5mm jack and record directly.

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Nico Rijnders - 07-05-2008 17:10

What is happening soon that will supersede the 160GB?

I had a 60GB Creative and never had a problem with it, very easy to use, sounded great (though it looked like a Bulgarian cassette player from the 80's) but as you say, they seem to be concentrating on smaller flash models.

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Villain - 07-05-2008 17:19

It'll have been the barbeque that swung it for Villain. Looking at Apple users' forums, it seems sheds and cement mixers work equally well.

It has behaved itself ever since. Job done.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 07-05-2008 19:04

"What is happening soon that will supersede the 160GB?"

Hopefully, the 160GB (or more) iPod Touch. When they introduced the touch interface, they only included it on the iPhone and low storage iPods. They've already said they're going to be updating the iPod Touch this year, and it makes sense to expand it to higher storage models. The only question is how far up the scale they choose to go.

I paid a visit to Tottenham Court Road after work and it looks like I'm stuffed. None of the cheap mp3 players can cope with line-in recording, so I'm stuck with a dedicated voice recorder, which aren't as cheap as you'd think, and using my phone for podcasts for a while. There goes my battery life.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Lyra - 07-05-2008 19:51

No secondhand options?

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Nico Rijnders - 07-05-2008 20:10

Hmm. iPod Touch has only gone up to 32GB and I'd thought it was restricted by using flash memory. It seems a bit of a leap even to 60 or 80GB.

I'm looking to buy a new mp3 player myself and was tempted by the current 160GB iPod model (I'd need at least 80, I think). Is there anything else I ought to be aware of about the 160GB model, does anyone know? I'd heard the volume limiter is a bit strict, but assume this wouldn't be a problem if using decent or noise cancelling headphones.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Pan Tau - 07-05-2008 20:17

How do you record stuff on an iPod? You need a special iPod microphone for that, don't you?

I have a massive music collection, but I'm very fussy about what I put on my 80GB iPod, because I can't be bothered to scroll through loads of stuff I'm unlikely to play to get to the Wilco album I do want to play. So my iPod isn't even half-full.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Lyra - 07-05-2008 20:20

I had an idea a bit ago that you could have personal image consultants for your ipod, they would go through it and remove everything that's a bit rubbish or that you never listen to, and add you some things that you ought to have because they suit you, etc.
Like I can imagine it now, "Ms lyra, no one needs this many lloyd cole albums, when was the last time you listened to the whole of Gotterdammerung all the way through, and why have you got no girls aloud, let us remedy that" etc.

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 08-05-2008 09:40

Pan Tau: yes, you do, but there are lots of third party manufacturers.

I have a massive music collection, but I'm very fussy about what I put on my 80GB iPod, because I can't be bothered to scroll through loads of stuff I'm unlikely to play to get to the Wilco album I do want to play. So my iPod isn't even half-full. I realise I'm in a minority here, but this to go against the whole appeal of mp3 players for me - being able to listen to anything in your music collection whenever you want.

I've decided to go for this voice recorder, which at least nominally can be used for podcasts. Anyone had any experience with the Olympus DS-50?

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Max Payne - 08-05-2008 12:50

I have backed up on CD or DVD and on my external HD. I'd be fucked if a fire burnt down my house, but otherwise I don't like taking chances.

You're right Pan Tau. I wonder when online servers are gonna get the space to allow me to remotely backup everything (about half a Terabyte)?

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by Not me - 08-05-2008 13:40

The headphone jack seems to have disconnected internally, so that I can only get the left channel through my headphones (I thought it was the headphones at fault at first, but some jiggling proved otherwise).

That's all that's wrong with it though. Is there any way to fix it, or am I going to have to buy another one?

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by hobbess - 08-05-2008 13:49

Ms Iyra, no one needs this many lloyd cole albums
Heresy!

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by WornOldMotorbike - 08-05-2008 13:52

Lloyd Cole has managed to pack 5 years worth of excellent music into a twenty year career.

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Re:My IPod has just died.

Posted by WornOldMotorbike - 08-05-2008 13:58

Hmm. iPod Touch has only gone up to 32GB and I'd thought it was restricted by using flash memory. It seems a bit of a leap even to 60 or 80GB.

Keep in mind that absolutely nothing Apple does is limited by technology. It's their marketing scheme. The way they market new technology and memory size and 'desirability factor' is nothing short of astounding. To wit, if you go to their online ordering page, the way they step the pricing on iPods with regard to memory is designed so that you upsell yourself to the next unit by saying "Well, for another \$XX I can get double the memory, and then for just another \$XX, I can get quadruple that. Well, fuck, I may as well just....etc etc". New technology is priced far above that, while you get less, simply due to the desirability factor (and a few additional features). Touch is a great example of this.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Not me - 16-05-2008 19:11

So I bit the bullet and bought another iPod on Saturday, and already it's dead to me.

By unplugging it from my PC while I was playing a track from the iPod itself, I sent it into meltdown. There's a dreaded "unknown error" message - 1418 - which is all I've got left to show for my £160. Not only that, it blew my fucking amp up while it was at it - so now I have no way at all to listen to music at all.

What do you reckon my chances are of getting a replacement or refund from the Apple shop? Somewhere between 0 and 0, I'd guess. Fucking hell.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 17-05-2008 00:16

It's within warranty. You shouldn't have any problem.

Here's Apple's support page for the problem, if you want to try to fix it before taking it to the shop, but you might as well just take it and get a new one.

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Re:My iPod has just died.

Posted by WornOldMotorbike - 17-05-2008 00:24

Based on my own sordid experience (posted at length on the old board), my only advice is to purchase an iPod with whichever credit card gives you extended warranty protection. When mine cacked after 15 months, my MasterCard Purchase Protection extended the warranty to 2 years, which got me a new (albeit rebuilt) iPod (which also died, but in 3 months). The replacement replacement one, knock on wood, is still working almost 2 years later.

Oh, and save every bit of paperwork, including all receipts and your credit card bill. Mine was purchased online, so I could reprint all the documents I needed. Otherwise, I'd have been effed.

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