

E-List View: Boomboxes

Queries:

I'm looking for a portable waterproof boombox that plays cd's as well as ipods that has really great sound quality. Any recommendations! We go through one at least every six months due to CD's skipping and connection/power issues. Please post make & model on elist.

Responses:

I bought a waterproof boombox from Brookstone, but it is ONLY for ipods. It has a remote, which is really great, and the ipod is protected in an enclosure. GREAT Sound, even for an outdoor pool! About \$99.

The construction industry makes outdoor moisture boomboxes that play ipods. They are built to stay in on piece if a bomb goes off. Check the tool department in large hardware or home stores building.

Sony ZS-H10CP Heavy-Duty CD Radio Boombox. Found it on Amazon.com for \$109.85. It requires a patch cord to plug in an ipod. I have owned 3 Sony Waterproof boomboxes over the last 20 years and all had superior sound. It is bigger than most portables and is encased w/sturdy plastic w/a handle for ease in carrying. It plugs in or works on battery. This heavy duty box replaced several others which did not stand the test of time, and the assault of air travel, salt and fresh water and salt air. It has been going strong now for quite a while without a hitch and still looks good. It does not use cassettes but does use CD's and has an ipod connection.

Currently I use one from Frontgate catalog for about \$300.00. It has inputs for waterproof microphone and graphic equalizer. It is very heavy and stays at YMCA. It has wheels and a telescoping handle. Looks like an amplifier. It comes with an attached corded mike that quit working shortly after the Y purchased it.

We just got one of these (Sony ZS-H10CP Heavy-Duty CD Radio Boombox) where I work. Good sound, easy to operate & with batteries I can put it right at the edge of the pool for my Ai Chi class.

Sony ZS-H10CP Heavy-Duty CD Radio Boombox. I just purchased one at my local Best Buy for \$109.00

I have taken all my CD's for the pool and ripped them into MP3 files then used an MP3 player at the pool. It avoid any mechanical issue

that might be affecting the CD player and reduces the amount of stuff that I have to carry. Most modern players have an auxiliary plug-in with which to attach an MP3 player.

I am using a Sony Xplod boom box and it works inside and outside. My group loves the Elvis playlist I made for them. Most of the time I use my ipod that never skips. Sometimes a CD or player will get condensation on it and will not play CD's inside in the winter months. It usually happens if I leave player in a cold car and then take it into a warm damp pool enclosure. I have never had any problems outside or summer months.

I use an old ipod from my kids and have put all my music on there. I have also burned copies of my cds and use those when I go out so that it is not a big deal if they get wrecked. Most facilities that I have been at have ipod/mp3 hookup, otherwise the cds work well!

I use an iPod nano with a boombox and it works great. Have taken in powered speakers and found that my boombox with D batteries does just as well without the electrical danger.

I used portable players/systems poolside for years. Other than Sony's old portable cassette players (yellow plastic case), I could not find anything that would last a year due to humidity. I now use an iPod player & have been happy with Brookstone's Indoor/Outdoor wireless speaker. The receiver/docking station needs an outlet, but that can be in the office (as long as it is pointed toward the speaker.) I've had the speaker up to 25 yards from the docking station & it's worked fine.

My Nano ipod is difficult to see outdoors in the [sun](#). Otherwise it has been great indoors.

Several years ago my Sony Waterproof CD player started to give me humidity problems (actually I think it was the moving parts but I am not an expert on these things). On these boards I read that an Ipod was the way to go. Also from the boards I read about an Altec Lansing Inmotion (IM600) speaker system. I went on E-Bay and got the ipod and speaker and it has performed beautifully. The speaker folds to a very compact size and has a rechargeable battery so it does not need AC power at the pool. I have never had it full blast so I do not know exactly how much more sound I would get from it! Not sure if this model is still available but I must agree that an ipod with a speaker system might be the best investment for you

I purchased a Brookstone ipod player/boombox, which encases the ipod, protecting it from the pool environment. Sounds great, even outside. It was ON SALE for \$69.

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