

USB Cassette Capture Device

Rediscover those old songs with USB Cassette Capture by turning your tapes into MP3's to use on your computer, iPod or in the car! USB Cassette Capture is a portable, handheld USB tape player that works with all kinds of tapes. It has an easy-to-use USB connection for converting the music on your tapes into MP3 files. You can listen to MP3's on your computer, load them onto your portable music player, or record them onto a CD and listen in your car. Its portable size allows it to fit in virtually any bag and enables you to play and transfer music anywhere. It runs on battery or USB power when connected to your computer for flexible operation. This powerful yet easy-to-use program guides you through transferring your Music and even can integrate with your iTunes Music Library. In addition to transferring your tapes, USB Cassette Capture has an audio output that enables you to listen on your stereo, headphones, or other speaker systems for hours of enjoyment!

Main Features

- Rediscover your old cassette tapes on the go
- Convert your old mix tapes and cassette to MP3 to Playback on iPod/MP3 player or burn to CD
- Portable design fits in virtually any bag and enables you to play and transfer anywhere you go.
- Plug and Play USB device (No drivers required)
- Flexible battery or USB-powered operation
- Comes with Tape Converter software to guide you through transfer
- Audio output enables you to listen on your stereo, Headphones, or other speaker system.

System Requirements

Available USB 2.0 port

Pentium 4 CPU or above

Minimum 512MB RAM

1GB free HDD space

CD-ROM for installation

Windows 2000, XP, Vista, 7

Package Contents

USB Cassette Capture

USB Cable

Software CD

User Guide

Power Supply

You can run the USB Cassette Capture via batteries or your PC's USB power.

To insert the batteries, open the cassette drawer using the switch on the side. Once this is open, you will see the compartment for the batteries. Open the battery compartment and insert 2*AA batteries. Make sure the batteries are correctly aligned and replace the battery compartment.

To use with USB power, connect the USB output connector of the device to PC's USB Bus.

Software Installation

Insert the Software CD into the CD drive, and read it. Please double click the "Audacity.exe" file and follow the onscreen instructions to install the software. Once the software is installed, and connect the USB Cassette Capture to your computer with USB cable to transfer your audio.

Description of parts

1. Eject: Slide this switch to open the cassette holder.
2. Volume: Adjusts the volume of the headphones and USB connection.
3. Headphones: You can connect 1/8" headphones here
4. USB Connection: Use the included USB cable to connect USB Cassette Capture to your computer. For transferring your recordings to your computer, we have provided a software package on the included CD.
5. Play: Press to play the tape
6. Stop: Press to stop the tape
7. FF/REW: Press to fast forward or rewind the tape

NOTE: These buttons will become "reversed" when the tape changes direction

8. DIR: Selects the direction of tape playback. This is useful if you want to play the other side of the tape without having to eject it.

9. Play Mode: Selects what the tape does when it reaches the end of a side. When set to the "loop" icon, the tape will automatically switch direction and begin playing the opposite side when one side has finished. When set to the single arrow icon, the tape will simply stop when a side has finished.

Audacity Software Guide

Begin by inserting the software into the CD drive. If the disc does not automatically run setup, go to "My Computer" and double click on the CD drive. Locate the file called "Audacity.exe" and double click to run. Follow these steps:

1. When the setup window opens, click "Next".
2. Choose "I accept the agreement" on the next window and click "Next" to go forward.
3. Again click "Next" to go forward.
4. Select the destination location for the software to be installed and click "Next" to go forward.
5. Select whether or not you would like a desktop icon installed and click "Next" to go forward.
6. Please click "Install" to install the software.

7. Wait for the installation to finish. When it does, click "Finish" to exit the setup. Restart your computer to save the changes made during installation.

Now, you will need to set the software for capturing and editing audio. Double click the "Audacity" icon on your desktop and select your language.

Next, click the "Edit" button on the software panel, and go down to select "Preferences".

Please set the recording device to be "USB Audio Device" and channels to "2 (Stereo)". Select "Software play through (Play new track while recording it)".

You can now start to record analog audio to convert to the digital MP3 file format. Begin playing your vinyl or cassette and click the red "Record" key (shown as a red circle) to start recording audio. When you want to finish, click the yellow "Stop" key (shown as a yellow square).

The first time you do this, you will need to follow a few more steps if you want to export as an MP3 file. Click "File" and select "Export as MP3". You will need to select a file name and a location to save it.

If requested, you may need to locate the plug-ins file named "lame_enc.dll", located in the "Plug-Ins" folder.

You may be asked to provide additional information about your recording (title, artist, album, etc.) for ID3 tagging.

You will now be able to use the file with your iPod through iTunes or other MP3 player.

Setting Audacity for Windows Vista or 7

If you wish to use this device on Vista or Windows 7 operating systems, you may need to change the following setting in order to record two channel audio:

Right click the "Speaker" icon located in the taskbar (lower right corner of the screen) and select "Recording Devices" or "Audio Settings", depending on your operating system.

Select "USB PnP Audio Device" and then click on "Properties".

In the "Advanced" panel of pop-up properties settings, set the rate to "2 channel", 16 bit, 48000Hz" and select "Apply". Click "OK" to save the settings.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: How to use the 'Effects' functions provided in the drop-down menus on Audacity software (such as noise removal or bass boost)?

Answer: You need to select the portion of your recorded music to be changed. To do this, click, hold and drag (with your left mouse key) the section of music from the horizontal time bar found in the Audacity window on the screen. Simply select 'Effect' from the top menu and choose your desired effect.

Question: Why is the recording so distorted with a lot of excess noise and interference?

Answer: Set the "Volume Control" by double clicking on the little speaker icon at the bottom right of the screen. Change the mixer device to "USB Audio Device" and then click "OK". Check the volume level on the popup panel. Drag the level bar down to lower the level and you will get better quality sound.

