



MP3 is now a very popular and convenient digital format for music, especially music 'on the move' where disc changing and size of playback device would be problematic or cumbersome. MP3 recordings use a form of compression which greatly reduces the amount of data required to represent the audio recording. The idea is that the end result should still sound like a faithful reproduction of the original uncompressed audio for most listeners.

Advantages: Widely available playback/recording devices. Playback devices have no moving parts. No blank media is required. Music can be downloaded directly from retailers, or transferred to/from PC's, Tablets, Mobile Phones and other digital devices easily. Quantity of tracks is only limited to the size of the storage device, enabling hundreds/thousands of tracks to be instantly available for playback.

Disadvantages: Standalone playback devices often have very small screens/buttons, this can make life a bit awkward in a live singing environment. Laptops are sometimes used, however these usually take up more space than a dedicated playback machine and have a greater potential for component/operating system failure, due to the vast amount of extra non-audio related components required to run the machine.

Which Backing Track Format?



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