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# IPOD FOR ADVANCED USERS

Although it's not a network player, but rather a hard drive player, the **Colorfly** is one of the more ambitious digital players. Even if in its audiophile aspirations it forgets a few of the basics.

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With dimensions of 12.7 x 7 x 2 cm and its hefty weight of 259 g, the Colorfly can be regarded as the least handy portable unit in the world. However, you could also consider it one of the smallest hifi players in the world. The Colorfly effectively is a split personality, a schizophrenic genius with application options which are as diverse as they are difficult to understand. It can easily play 24/192 material from its 32 gigabyte hard drive. However, only if saved as

WAV - the Colorfly only accepts FLACs in standard format.

Alongside the mini jack output - standard for portable devices - it also boasts an additional 6.3mm socket which can not only drive large, high-impedance hifi headphones problem-free, but can also easily supply power amplifiers as a line output. The two SPDIF interfaces are not just dummies: the Colorfly can be used either as a D/A converter or even a digital sample rate converter, projecting the output material to up to a resolution of 24/192. Whether this is useful or not remains a matter of taste; in the AUDIO listening room the boosted variants seemed rather diffused. The Colorfly's sound capabilities on the other hand are undisputed; as a player it even gave big network specialists their troubles. Not even the rather lacklustre OLED display can detract from the charm of this unusual player. Maybe the sluggish reaction of the push-buttons and the clumsy operation are a bit too much retro.

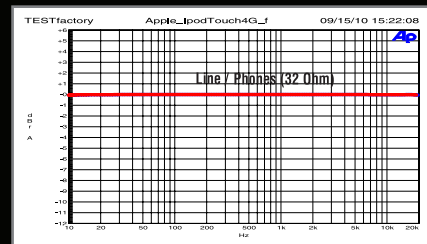
## IN AND OUT:

It is docked onto the PC via USB. The Colorfly accepts digital sources via SPDIF-IN.



## MEASUREMENTS

With an output resistance of 1.1 ohms and an output voltage of 1.95 volts, the Colorfly is very capable of driving power amplifiers and large hifi headphones. The distortion measurement is impeccable and the signal-to-noise ratio, at 102dB, is exemplary. The Colorfly produces a digital output of up to 192kHz.



## COLORFLY POCKET HIFI

Very linear frequency responses for all sample rates. The small 32-ohm headphones have a bass roll-off of up to 100 hertz.

## COLORFUL COLORFLY POCKET HIFI

Sales and distribution	Colorful-europe
Telephone	040 / 555 83496
www.	colorfly.eu
RRP	600 Euros
Memory	32 GB Flash
Analogue in/out	- / 6.3 and 3.5 jack
Digital in/out	SPDIF / SPDIF
SD card slot	Mini-SD
Gapless	-
Special features	Sample rate conversion
Dimensions W x H x D	12.4 x 7.2 x 2 cm
Weight	259 g

## AUDIOGRAMM

	● Good sound, very eye-catching.
	● Clumsy operation.
Sound	95
Equipment	good
Operation	satisfactory
Workmanship	very good
SOUND RATING	<b>95 POINTS</b>
VALUE FOR MONEY	<b>VERY GOOD</b>

## CONCLUSION



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The user can use the Colorfly to project incoming digital signals. He can drive power amplifiers directly and plug in hifi headphones. He can listen to music brilliantly on it. And he can consider himself the proud owner of one of the most curious hifi devices in the world.