

# TraxCatcher Rips Songs from FM Radio

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Washington-based Time Trax Technologies announced Friday a product sure to catch the eye of many ... and probably the RIAA, as well. The TraxCatcher is a MP3 player that sits on top of a FM radio docking station. It will tune into your favorite FM radio station and record songs from the radio into "near perfectly cut" (whatever that means) MP3 files.



The first model to be announced is the TraxCatcher Classic, retailing for \$159.99 USD and providing basic functionality. According to the company, future higher-end models would include HD radio support, digital inputs and outputs, USB connectivity, versatile MP3 docking capabilities, clock-radio functionality and satellite radio receiver integration.

Those models are expected to range from \$99.99 to \$499.99 USD, Time Trax said. Source: [BetaNews](#)

**We Say:** Questioned about the legality of this, Time Trax said the TraxCatcher it falls under Fair Use ... and I would agree. I remember (yes, it was a loooong time ago) recording songs off the radio onto tape. I don't see this as any different. Plus the TraxCatcher will embed product serial numbers within that file to track files that reach P2P networks. I do wonder how the device will make the "cuts" between songs. And yes, I still think the RIAA will take a cloooose look at this.

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