

# iPods and HiFi



Hereafter you can see what options you have for quality listening to the music stored on your iPod, ranging from simple docking stations, over streaming and design to integrated HiFi DAC solutions.

## 1. Docking stations.

In this basic solution one has the advantage of simply docking the iPod in a base station already connected to a sound system and or computer system. The goal is to have a hassle free immediate connection and playback via the analog output of your iPod's DACs.

Examples:



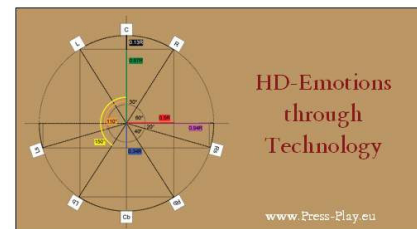
**Boston Acoustics Duo-i :**  
External iPod Docking  
Station for Duo



**Boston Acoustics Duo-i :**  
iPod Dock with FM/AM  
Clock Radio



**Boston Acoustics iDS-3plus :**  
Powered Speaker system with  
wireless subwoofer



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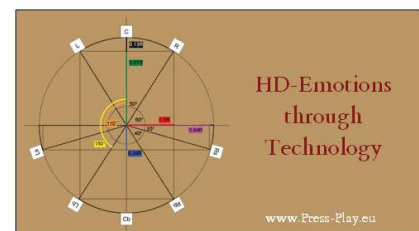
## 1. Docking stations –Examples – cont'd



**Marantz IS201 docking station :**  
S-Video out en stereo-audio out



**Focal XS Satellite & Subwoofer:**  
Powered docking + iTunes sync +  
USB sound card.



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## 2. Streaming.

New development in WiFi & Bluetooth protocols (A2DP) enable you to digitally stream audio directly from the source to the receiver or via a cradle and remote receiver already hooked up to a stereo system.

Instead of using the mini digital to analog converters in your iPod The digital stream is handled by more precise & performant DACs, some even enhance the analog signals & audio quality.  
Examples:



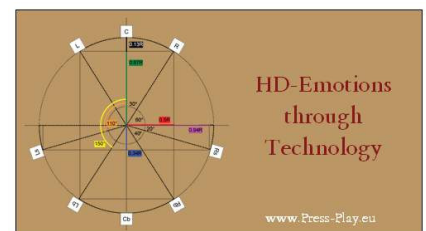
**Marantz IS301 Bluetooth docking and wireless receiver**



**Chord QDB76 :**  
24 bit/96 kHz DA converter +  
A2DP bluetooth receiver +  
upscaler



**Chord Chordette GEM :**  
24 bit/96 kHz DA converter +  
A2DP bluetooth receiver



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### 3. Design.

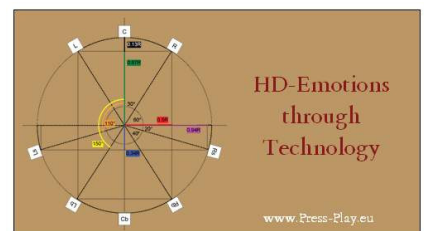
Those who understand the shortcomings of MP3 media in conventional HiFi systems, can opt for an adequate Mid-End solution dedicated to the acoustical and musical performances of the iPod capabilities.

Often those solutions carry the same design statement as the original iPods and other Apple products.

Examples:



**Geneva M, L, XL:** all-in-one iPod dock + CD, FM, amps, speakers



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### 3. HiFi.

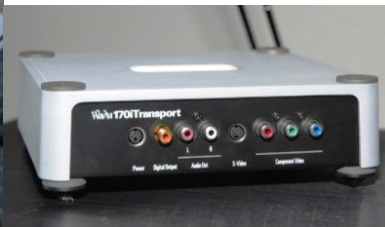
With special equipment you can get pure hi fidelity audio from an iPod by

- Drastically enhancing the low quality MP3
- Using superior digital FLAC or Apple Lossless formats and running this through a hi-end system component on a regular hi-performance audio system.

Examples:



**Wadia 170i transport:** all-in-one iPod dock + CD, FM, amps, speakers



**Chord Indigo iPod Dock:**  
The nec-plus-ultra edition of hi-end iPod experience

