

Digital Players

Bergen County Cooperative Library System of New Jersey [known as “buckles”] has a wealth of information on downloadable audiobooks. BCCLS has done their own in-depth testing of MP3 players.

The following chart is also available at <http://www2.bccls.org/eAudio/netLibrary/>

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Portable Player	DRM WMA Files	Bookmarking	Working Timer	Pause/Resume Function	Fast Forward/Rewind	Color Display	Batteries vs. rechargeable	Storage Capacity	Price Range	Supported Operating Systems	Additional Comments
Sandisk Sansa E2xx Series	Yes	(pause/resume)	Yes	Yes	Slow	color	rechargeable	2, 4, 8 GB	\$109.99 - \$199.99	Windows XP	Player has slow fast forward/rewind that could be problematic with NetLibrary vs. ListenNJNW audiobook file lengths.
Philips Go Gear (SA9200)	Yes	(pause/resume)	Yes	Yes	Slow	color	rechargeable	2 GB	\$149.99	Windows XP	Player has slow fast forward/rewind that could be problematic with NetLibrary vs. ListenNJNW audiobook file lengths.
Samsung YP-U2JZW	Yes	(pause/resume)	Yes	Yes	Yes	black and white	rechargeable	1 GB	\$69.99	Windows XP	
Creative Zen Nano	Yes	(pause/resume)	Yes (latest firmware)	Yes	Yes	black and white	batteries	1 GB	\$69.99	Win 2k, XP	Older product, but still available at local retailers.
Palm LifeDrive	(Requires PocketTunes Deluxe)	Yes	Yes	Yes	With quick jump feature	color	rechargeable	4 GB	\$399.99	Win 2k, XP	
Creative Zen V (and V plus)	(ListenNJNW Only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	color	rechargeable	1, 2, 4 GB	\$89.99 - \$179.99	Windows XP	Player only supports ListenNJNW (Overdrive) content, but can crash if you fast forward all the way to the end of the book. Otherwise, this device can not handle large file sizes successfully.
Samsung YP-Z5	Yes	(pause/resume)	Yes	Yes	Yes	color	rechargeable	2 GB or 4 GB	unknown	Win XP	No longer available through local stores, but available at some online retailers.
Samsung YP-T7JX or Z	Yes	(pause/resume)	Yes	Yes	Yes	color	rechargeable	512 MB or 1 GB	unknown	Win XP	No longer available through local stores, but available at some online retailers.
Creative Zen Micro *	Yes	Yes	up to 3 hrs *	Yes	Yes	black and white	rechargeable	6 GB	unknown	Win 2k, XP	No longer available through local stores, but available at some online retailers.

* This player has a difficulty with keeping track of time above 3:03:03 - This might be fixed in the future if the manufacturer releases a firmware upgrade.

Players that did not work or had problems in testing:

- Samsung (YP-T9JAB/YP-T9JQU) - Player constantly skips (every 15-20 seconds) while trying to play back audiobooks.
- Philips Flash Audio Player (SA1100) - Player does not support DRM protected WMA files.
- Rio Eigen 1.5GB Digital Audio Player - Software would not transfer DRM protected WMA files.
- Dell DJ Ditty 512 MB Player - Played downloadable audiobooks with no method of monitoring time (timer remained at 0:00 throughout the book).
- Sandisk Sansa M230/240/250 Player - Could not handle large audiobook files, does not keep track of correct location when pausing/resuming, and has no method of fast forward or rewind.
- iRiver IFP-895T Player - Did not support playback of DRM protected WMA files.