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Review: Edifier if350 encore



As a lover of all things music and musical I was excited when the postman delivered the Edifier if350 to my door, and the excitement didn't end there because as I unwrapped and opened the box the first thing that struck me was just how light it is, the whole thing weighs in at just 1.5KG which is about the same as a bag of flour, being so light, it makes it **perfect for taking it with you on family days out such as a picnic or just in the garden with you as you fire up the barbecue in the summer** (not that we've had much of a summer this year) and enjoy a few drinks with friends and family, All it takes to charge is 4 hours using the supplied charger and you have up to 20 hours of power.

The if350 will dock most ipods using the supplied dock adapters although I did find that there was no dock adapter for a 32GB ipod touch but I was still able to dock without using the adapter and although it didn't seem quite so stable, I don't think it was going to fall out, but I wouldn't have liked to knock it too hard so it wasn't too big of a problem. **The Edifier if350 will also charge your ipod when docked** but only when the speaker system is plugged in, it would have been nice if it would have charged my ipod without having to plug in the entire system but I guess it makes sense, as you wouldn't get as much playback time if was charging all the time. But **even if you don't have an ipod or an iphone you can still plug any mp3 player into it using the supplied 3.5mm jack cable and selecting the auxiliary setting.**

The if350 also has a built in radio but it is only an FM radio which is a little old fashioned but **you don't have to hunt around trying to find a station as it has a handy search function and 18 pre-set channels**, the only downside to the radio being the bug aerial which you have to put up at the back and I'm always scared that I'm going to break that off somehow, particularly if I'm sat outside having barbecue and a few cheeky vimtos and it accidentally gets knocked, but that's really just a minor complaint. **The if350 comes with a remote control as well, which works really well from almost any angle and has a pretty good range too, it also has a nifty little storage area in the back of the system for the remote so you'll always know where it is, unless you lose it, but if you do, you can always use the buttons the dock to control everything.**

So that's all of the different features of the the Edifier if350, so lets look at what this was designed to do...play music. As some of you may know from earlier pieces I've written, I have a fairly diverse and eclectic taste in music liking everything from Miley Cyrus to Drowning Pool and everything else in between, and **the if350 doesn't disappoint with any of my music, playing it loud and proud without any distortion from the bass notes (even while playing the bassiest songs I have)**, The sound is provided by 2 6 watt speakers and although that doesn't sound like very much, its more than enough for all but the biggest gardens, however it would have been nice to have a graphic equalizer, but that's probably me being a bit harsh on it as I love to play around with EQ settings (I think that comes from me being a musician in my younger days!).

So overall I really like the edifier if350, and I think **its a tremendous ipod dock/radio with the added bonus of it being fully portable, it gives great sound**, especially when you consider the size and weight of it (it measures in at 11 x 6 inches). The only thing letting it down for me is the fact it only has an FM radio rather than a DAB radio but that's really only a minor thing.

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