

Using your MP3 Player in your car with an FM Transmitter.

Firstly let's make sure we understand the difference between an iPod and an MP3 Player.

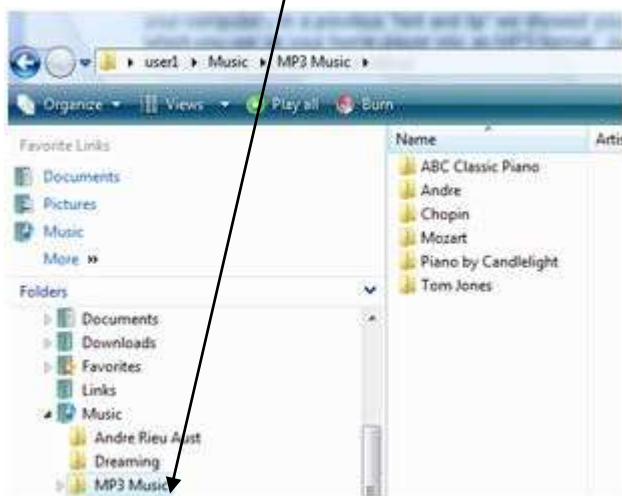
iPod is made by Apple and the music can be purchased from an iTunes store or from the Internet it is MP4 format put out by "Apple". In other words you pay for the music. However, some of the later iPods will allow the transfer of MP3 music from your computer to the device and will play those songs.

An MP3 Player is a device which allows you to load MP3 format music from your computer onto the player and play. In other words this is "free" music. How does this music get onto your computer – in a previous "hint and tip" we showed you how to convert a normal CD which you use on your home player into an MP3 format. Just follow those instructions and then continue as explained below.

Using the USB cord supplied with your MP3 device connect to your computer, switch on the MP3 device.

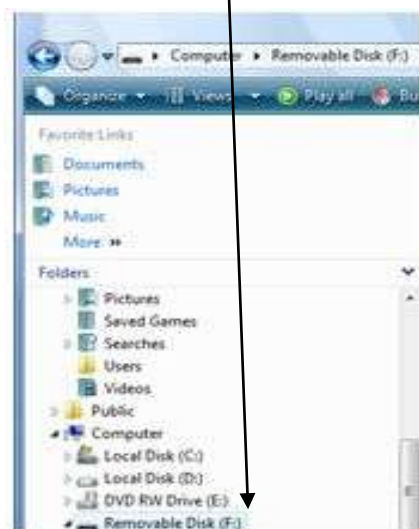
On the computer click Start/All Programs/Accessories/Windows Explorer.

And find your MP3 Music file. (Most likely in Music).



Now find your MP3 Device. It will show up as a drive.

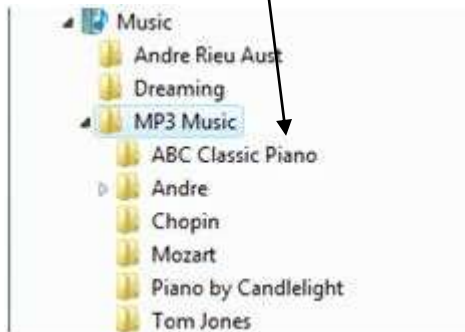
Go to Computer (My Computer XP) and locate the device which will be a removable drive (Mine is removable disk F).



Open the disk by double clicking.

Create a new folder on the device – call it MP3

Go back to your Music folder and double click on the MP3 folder. This will show all the albums you have saved in MP3 format.



Now all that remains is to click on a folder and drag it into the MP3 folder on the device.

Your music will now be on your MP3 Device and ready for playing.

Follow the instructions in your Manual to play.

Next step – if you have an FM Transmitter for your car.

The FM Transmitter for an iPod has a very different connection to that of the MP3 player, so just make sure which device you have.

Make sure when purchasing your FM Transmitter that it has the correct size “jack” for your MP3 Player. The standard size is 3.5mm but there are some around with only 2.5mm. Also make sure you purchase an FM Transmitter that will play from an MP3 and not just an iPod.

Having said the above we will now get on with the job of setting it up. I suggest you read the instructions carefully which will be included with the Transmitter. It will be basically:

Switch on your car to accessories.

Plug the Transmitter cord between the Transmitter and a car power adaptor (which looks similar to a car cigarette lighter).

Place the car power adaptor into the cigarette lighter in your car. (In the new cars it is a 12volt plug)

Turn on the radio and find a station which is not receiving a broadcast very well. I found 101.0MHz suited fine. Now turn on the Transmitter and find the same station. The two have to synchronize.

Plug your MP3 Player into the Transmitter. Switch the MP3 on and find the music you wish to play.

Adjust the volume on your radio and MP3 Player.

Bingo you should have your favourite music coming through the FM Stn.

Happy listening. Peggy

