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FULL REVIEW

The small sized audio player, Apacer Audio Steno AU581 MP3, comes with
2GB of flash memory, an FM Radio with recording feature, and non
customizable seven preset equalizers (EQ). It has a basic four-way
directional pad, a center OLED display and a two-way button for EQ and
recording on the front. The power button, headphone and mini USB port
find their way on the sides.

The AU581 plays MP3, WMA and wave files. The interface is basic and
straight-forward. However, there is a slight delay every time the buttons
are pressed. And we were let down by lack of resume function. Playback
just stopped when switching to menu and did it resume the track when
returned to the main screen. Tracks are play backed in Direct Play or
Folder mode but playlist feature is left out. The track browsing could have
been better as it shows only one track at a time. With drag and drop
support, transferring 161 MB of songs took 5 minutes and 18 seconds
which is slow for a USB 2.0 device.

The sound quality is average. The preset EQ helps, with Normal mode
impressing the most. The earplugs bundled failed to deliver with muddy
bass and blunt highs. The FM radio with no auto scan worked just fine.
Voice recording is good enough for casual recording. The rated battery life
is 9 hours and the battery is non-removable. If you don't mind, the
unpolished interface and sluggish controls, the AU581 is a decent basic
MP3 player with average performance.

—Laldinfela Pachuau

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