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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 Pachuu

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