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## **Boostaroo Revolution**®

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Boostaroo Revolution High-Definition Personal Audio Amplifier and Splitter by Up /Beat Audio "improves quality, clarity and expands the field of sound," adds volume and allows you to share your music with someone close to you. It retails for \$79.95. This is one gadget that does everything the brochure said it will do. But pay attention to the kinds of headphones you listen with because it won't be the ear buds that came with the iPod.

There is a noticeable difference in quality and clarity while listening with the Boostaroo Revolution. The volume increases 400% according to the brochure, so be careful...not only can you blow headphones, you can blow your ear drums too. With this little gadget, you can actually listen with the volume turned lower than you would normally.

Up /Beat Audio pictures the Boostaroo Revolution with the iPod and the ear buds that come with it...but I wouldn't use it with those ear buds. It is designed for use with high-end 60 ohm+ impedance headphones, which

leaves out most ear buds which are between 16 and 32 ohms. In fact, it is hard to find ear buds that will even give you the ohm rating much less ear buds that have 60 ohms. With middle of the road headphones the Boostaroo will only increase volume not quality.

Boostaroo Revolution works with any audio devise that has a headphone jack which includes DVD players, Pocket PC's, Satellite radio and computers. For computer gamers it is should be a must-have. The 3-channel surround sound increases your gaming pleasure helping you forget you are at your computer and not in side the game.

I can use the Boostaroo with my laptop with headphones or small speakers. It increases sound quality for work presentations, which makes me look good.

The size is about a third of the iPod, so it is small and portable. However, even with its small size it is a bit more to haul around in pockets and purses. The cords keep your listening partners within arms reach, which is good on the airplane or even on the back of a motorcycle hooked up to the intercom gear which I unfortunately haven't had the opportunity to try out on the road...yet. It actually seems to reduce the outside interference background noise, which is great on the train or airplane. The sound quality isn't affected by "splitting" and sharing it with others. There is no distortion what so ever.

Exercising with the Boostaroo is a bit of a challenge...where to put it and its cords? But you know where there is a will there is a way.

The battery life has been beyond the advertised 24 hours of the AAAA batteries (no that is not a typo and yes they are included). There is a concern as to the AAAA batteries availability. I had trouble finding the AAAA batteries at the stores. They can be ordered online, of course, but then I have to wait...so stock up.

Just a word of caution...I had it sitting next to my computer and the little thing slipped off the desk taking the iPod with it. So be careful that both are well away from the edge.

Just like the Boostaroo Revolution's brochure said, "You want more volume and better audio for your players. Now you can have it all and you can share it, too." And for this little gadget, it isn't just hype.

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