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# Best DAB radios 2022: portable, Bluetooth, in-car

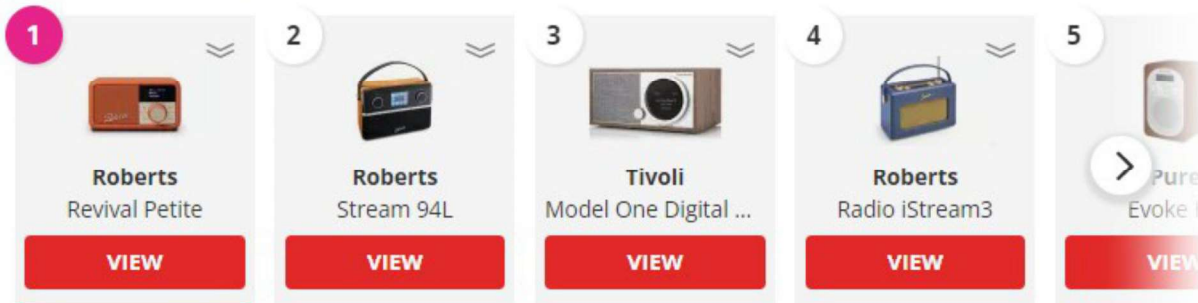
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Budget, portable and Bluetooth options...



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Included in this guide:



*Best DAB radios Buying Guide: Welcome to What Hi-Fi?'s round-up of the best digital radios you can buy in 2022.*

We still have a lot of love for the original 'wireless' – the radio. OK, we now have myriad options for listening to music and accessing news headlines, but there are still times when sticking the radio on in the kitchen just can't be beaten.

With the advent of DAB, [internet radio](#) and Bluetooth streaming, the humble radio has come a long way since its bedside clock integration, too. However, digital DAB radios' popularity changes depending on which part of the world you're in: still popular in the UK for instance, while if you live in the U.S., you may have more of a struggle finding a DAB radio and less use for one.



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For a truly tiny product, the Revival Petite sounds as big as you could reasonably hope to achieve; a credit to Roberts' know-how when it comes to gleaming the best possible sound from a portable design.

A tiny and fantastic-sounding portable radio that looks great in all retro colourways. (Image credit: Roberts)

## 1. Roberts Revival Petite ★★★★★

A whimsical little Bluetooth DAB radio that delivers serious sound.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Radio: FM, DAB+  
 Connectivity: Bluetooth, USB, 3.5mm aux in  
 Spotify Connect: No  
 Dimensions: 7.6 x 12.4 x 7.3cm

### REASONS TO BUY

- + Big, clear sound from a small enclosure
- + Textured vocals
- + Classy aesthetic

### REASONS TO AVOID

- Charges via microUSB

(Image: © Roberts)



### What Hi-Fi? Verdict ★★★★★

For anyone yet to invite the joys of the original wireless into their lives, the Revival Petite is an ideal gateway radio

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### Verdict

Occasionally, a product ventures through our testing facility that not only surprises us sonically but makes its way into our everyday lives, to the point that we miss it when the time inevitably comes that we have to return it. The Revival Petite is one such device.

For anyone looking for a reliable Bluetooth speaker with DAB and FM radio that you can throw into a bag and know that it'll last throughout the afternoon and long into the evening, this little Roberts should be on your list. Any individual yet to invite the joys of the original wireless into their lives will find this device a compelling gateway product. It's also a decent Bluetooth speaker, it offers wired listening, and it sounds every bit as good as anyone can ask for the price.

### SCORES

- Sound 5
- Build 4
- Features 5





# Roberts



An entertaining and friendly radio that you can listen to all day, this updated Roberts remains a solid best buy. (Image credit: Future)

## 2. Roberts Stream 94L ★★★★★

The updated and fantastic Stream 94L continues to set the bar high for digital radios.

### SPECIFICATIONS

**Radio:** FM, DAB, internet

**Connectivity:** Bluetooth, wi-fi, USB, ethernet, 3.5mm

**Spotify Connect:** Yes

**Dimensions (hwd):** 16.6 x 25 x 13cm

### REASONS TO BUY

- + Enjoyable sound
- + Easy to use
- + Plenty of radio and streaming options

### REASONS TO AVOID

- Not a huge leap over the previous model

## What Hi-Fi? Verdict ★★★★★

The updated Stream 94L radio remains a firm favourite, with its extensive playback options, unfussy nature and hugely enjoyable sound

### Pros

- + Enjoyable sound
- + Easy to use
- + Plenty of radio and streaming options
- + Price remains the same

### Cons

- Not a huge leap over the previous model

This is such a fun radio to listen to. The updates might seem slight, but we applaud Roberts for packing in more streaming options and not increasing the price tag a jot.

Its performance remains as enjoyable as ever, and we never find ourselves running out of things to listen to thanks to the world's radio stations available at our fingertips. The new Stream 94L remains a smart, well-featured and great-sounding radio at this price. Highly recommended.

### SCORES

- Sound 5
- Features 5
- Build 5



Love the retro radio look? This talented Roberts has a warm, musical sound and is portable, too.

## 4. Roberts Revival iStream 3 ★★★★★

A stylish modern twist on the traditional wireless.

### SPECIFICATIONS

**Radio:** FM, DAB, DAB+, Internet radio

**Connectivity:** Bluetooth, DLNA, Tidal, Amazon Prime Music, Deezer

**Spotify Connect:** Yes

**Dimensions :** 11 x 25.5 x 16cm

### REASONS TO BUY

- + Full, musical sound
- + Built-in streaming services
- + Portable

### REASONS TO AVOID

- The Stream 94L is a better performer for its price

## What Hi-Fi? Verdict ★★★★★

Roberts knows what it is doing with the Revival radio, and the iStream 3 is proof of that. It is a fine all-rounder with a lengthy feature list

### Pros

- + Full, musical sound
- + Built-in streaming services
- + Classic design

### Cons

- Nothing at this price

## Verdict

You're not going to get a performance comparable with a dedicated wireless speaker like the Award-winning [Audio Pro Addon C3](#) – don't underestimate how much of the cost is going on the Revival iStream 3's built-in services and connectivity – but you'd be hard-pushed to find a more enjoyable listen from a radio at this price.

For that reason, we'd be more than happy taking one home. Six decades on, Roberts's Revival radio line is still going strong.

### SCORES

- Sound 5
- Features 5
- Build 5

THE BEST DAB RADIOS: THE LIST



(Image credit: Roberts)

1. Roberts Revival RD70 ★★★★★

A 1950s-styled 'wireless' for your kitchen that doubles as a Bluetooth speaker

SPECIFICATIONS

- Radio: DAB, DAB+, FM
- Display: 2.7-inch colour LCD
- Charging method: AC adaptor
- Dimensions: 106 x 250 x 160mm (W x H x D)
- Audio: Mono
- Connectivity: Bluetooth, headphones jack, 3.5mm AUX in / out

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REASONS TO BUY

- + Retro styling
- + Warm and detailed sound

REASONS TO AVOID

- Bulky size
- Bluetooth streaming lacks volume

TechRadar Verdict ★★★★★

Buy the RD70 if you want a great sounding, 1950s-styled 'wireless' for your kitchen. It also works as a portable Bluetooth speaker, though only on AA batteries when away from the mains. Better in the kitchen than the bedroom, this is nevertheless an excellent attempt at a DAB radio with extras.

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Pros

- + Retro style
- + Large colour LCD
- + Bluetooth streaming
- + Portable design
- + Line-in and headphones jack

Cons

- Bulky design
- Not suitable as a bedside radio
- Bluetooth streaming lacks volume
- Uses AA batteries
- Bass-heavy out of the box







### 3. Roberts Revival Petite ★★★★★

A diminutive digital radio with Bluetooth

#### SPECIFICATIONS

- Radio: DAB, DAB+, FM
- Display: 50 x 23mm OLED screen
- Charging method: Micro USB
- Dimensions: 73 x 124 x 76mm (D x W x H)
- Audio: 40mm speaker with passive radiator
- Connectivity: Bluetooth, 3.5mm AUX IN

#### REASONS TO BUY

- + Small size
- + Decent bass response

#### REASONS TO AVOID

- Recharges using micro USB
- Lacks built-in aerial

If you mainly listen to DAB radio then basic Bluetooth speakers can be a bit of a fiddle. Cue the Revival Petite, which combines both and can be used anywhere. It's cleverly designed, easy to use, and features a surprisingly good bass response - though it's best used indoors.

It's 12-hour battery life makes the Revival Petite a decent portable speaker, though the fact it charges via micro-USB feels quite dated. Still, it oozes retro cool, and we can't get enough of its cute design.

Read the full [Roberts Revival Petite DAB radio review](#)

#### TechRadar Verdict ★★★★★

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#### Pros

- + Small size
- + Decent bass response
- + Battery lasts 12 hours
- + OLED screen
- + Unusual design and colours

#### Cons

- Recharges using micro USB
- Lacks built-in aerial
- Mono sound quality
- Some distortion at high volumes



(Image credit: Roberts)

### 5. Roberts Rambler BT Stereo ★★★★★

A pricey retro-styled DAB radio that adds boom and Bluetooth

<b>SPECIFICATIONS</b>	Radio: DAB, DAB+, FM    Display: Colour LCD Charging method: AC adaptor or 4x AA batteries Dimensions: 94 x 235 x 142mm (W x H x D) Audio: Stereo Connectivity: Bluetooth, headphones jack, 3.5mm AUX in
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<b>REASONS TO BUY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ 1970s retro design</li> <li>+ Good audio quality</li> </ul>
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<b>REASONS TO AVOID</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No EQ settings</li> <li>- Portability requires AA batteries</li> </ul>
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### TechRadar Verdict ★★★★★

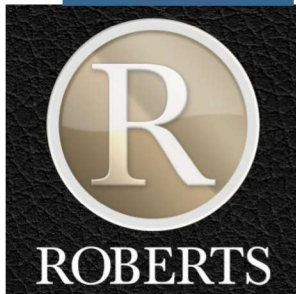
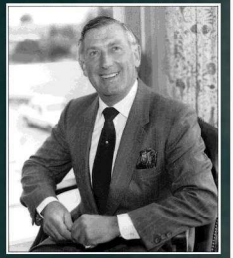
An excellent, if expensive DAB radio that also deals in decent Bluetooth streaming, the Roberts Rambler BT Stereo lacks a few niceties but impresses on build quality, an unfussy retro design and good all-round sound quality.

<b>Pros</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ 1970s retro design</li> <li>+ Tactile knobs</li> <li>+ Small and lightweight</li> <li>+ Good audio quality</li> <li>+ Portable</li> </ul>	<b>Cons</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basic mono LCD display</li> <li>- Lacks EQ settings</li> <li>- Portability requires AA batteries</li> <li>- Expensive compared to the competition</li> </ul>
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