

## Digital media adapter

# Terratec Noxon

Wireless music streaming at home is a hot topic this year. With big companies from Philips and Cambridge Audio to Pinnacle and Netgear offering different forms of Wi-Fi music, it's no surprise to see Terratec, a firm known chiefly for its audio hardware, jumping in with its own box of tricks. The Noxon is a wireless LAN audio player with remote control for accessing music collections and web radio.

Obviously you need to have a wireless network in your house, active speakers and a big selection of tunes on your hard drive, but at a mere £100, the Noxon is a great way to get music anywhere in your home.

The lightweight silver device is powered by an adapter, so it can be placed anywhere there's a spare plug socket. Audio information is shown on the sizeable blue letterbox LCD display, which can be navigated using the bundled remote control. There's also an audio cable to connect to your speakers.

Codec support is limited, which means no Atrac, Flac, APE, OGG, AAC or MP4 - but MP3 and WMA are by far the most popular, and you can always use an audio converter if you really want to play tracks that you have in different file formats.

The device acts as a client to transfer music, supports 802.11b and g and can be connected in a number of ways. You can set up an ad hoc link (directly to another device) or go via the router. Either way, you have to install the Music Match software, which has an option to run as a server that can be detected by the Noxon.

Setting things up on a wireless network can be tricky - we had problems. Although we could access all the tracks in the Music Match Library, playback was intermittent. This was despite the Noxon reporting an excellent wireless signal. Internet radio playback was perfect.

### Verdict

The problems we had may have been specific to this model, and if we'd had a clear run on testing we would have given a Gold award because the Noxon is an excellent product. Considering the prices of some of the other wireless streaming devices, it's extremely cost-effective too.  **Spencer Dalziel**



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- Terratec: 0870 458 0011
- www.terratec.com
- £100 inc VAT

### Specifications

802.11b/g-compliant; UPnP; WEP encryption; 64/128bit key support; wireless access point/ad hoc (peer to peer); internet radio; MP3; WMA; line out; power supply; remote control; 155x40x95mm; 300g

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