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iPod (1st generation)



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The **original iPod**, retroactively referred to as the **1st-generation iPod**, **iPod (Scroll Wheel)**,^[1] or **iPod 1G**, was announced on October 23, 2001 and began shipping on November 10. It was still available on the market until April 2003. The iPod 1G existed in 5 and 10 GB variants.



Various views of a 1st-generation iPod



Box of the original iPod shown here (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShQo8b_mypc)

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History

When first introduced, the iPod 1G only existed in a 5 GB version. The 10 GB version was added on [March 30, 2002](#).

The iPod 1G is the only [iPod](#) ever to have a physically-movable **scroll wheel**. Apart from this, other unique features of the iPod 1G include:



An original iPod in use

- All 5GB models are iPod 1Gs
- There was no cap to protect the [FireWire](#) port

The last version of the [iPod Software](#) that can be applied on 1st-generation iPods is version 1.5. Support for all 15 languages (standard with [Mac OS X](#)) was included with version 1.0.4 (although version 1.0.3 included it first, despite a compatibility problem with blue-and-white [Power Macintosh G3s](#)).

The 1st-generation iPod sold for [US\\$399](#). There was also a 10 GB version of the 1st-generation iPod.

Alternative uses

Early iPods were acquired by the production crew of *[The Lord of the Rings](#)* film series due to its ability to be used as an external [FireWire](#) drive to store digital video. When the iPod became a fad item, a crew member once had to run to escape thieves in [London](#) while delivering one to director [Peter Jackson](#).^[2]

Models

- **M8513** and **M8541**: original scroll wheel, 5 GB for [Mac](#)
- **M8709**: original scroll wheel, 10 GB for Mac
- **M8709**: new scroll wheel, 5 GB for [PC](#)^[3]

Versions of supported iPod Software

- [iPod Software 1.0](#)
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- [iPod Software 1.0.2](#)
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 - iPod - Technical Specifications (<https://web.archive.org/web/20011103172549/http://www.apple.com/ipod/specs.html>) (archived 2001-11-03)
- iPod (Original) User Guide (https://manuals.info.apple.com/MANUALS/0/MA518/en_US/iPod_OriginalUserGuide.PDF) (PDF) at Apple Support
- Apple iPod (Original/Scroll Wheel) 5 GB, 10 GB specs (<https://everymac.com/systems/apple/ipod/specs/ipod.html>) at EveryMac
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- iPod Classic: 1st generation at Wikipedia

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iPod mini: 1st gen | 2nd

iPod nano: 1st gen | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th

iPod shuffle: 1st gen | 2nd | 3rd | 4th

iPod touch: 1st gen | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th

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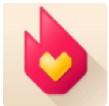
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