



## Howling At The Moon

*Howler's little box of delights brings easy recording and streaming capabilities to all DJs*

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**H**owler is a new device that allows DJs to effortlessly record or stream their sets. Something as simple as this should never be as complicated as it is in reality, and we're often being asked about the quickest and easiest way to do this. Howler provides a way to do this with the minimum amount of fuss. It's a compact recorder that fits into the palm of your hand. It can record or stream your DJ sets (actually, it can record anything going through it), the concept being that users connect it to the rec output of the mixer and capture their mixes directly to a microSD card. Simple as that, it takes less than a few seconds to set up and get recording. If there isn't a dedicated record output available, it can still be introduced into the signal path by utilising its output 'Thru' function. Simply place it in-between the output of your audio source/mixer

and your powered monitors or amplifier/speakers. Again, your performance will be recorded while the audio runs through the box into your speaker system.

Howler can record in WAV or MP3 formats – this can be selected via the micro switch on the input side of the device. This is also where streaming mode can be selected. The output side is where the power button and microSD card slot are located. On top of the unit is the record button, and battery indicator and input level LED. The unit is well-built, and feels like a pro piece of kit with its all-metallic casing.

In use, as we said it is all very simple – plug in and go, select what you want to do and that's it. With streaming, Howler basically becomes an audio interface porting the audio to your streaming device/server of choice.

With all that, the real test is how the recordings sound, and we have to say very good – Howler gives high quality clean, clear recordings at high bitrates (24bit 48kHz lossless). Transferring your recordings to your computer is an easy drag-and-drop affair, so no need to remove the microSD card, just connect via USB. Everything about this device is designed to be easy. For DJs looking for a simple quick and easy device to take with them on the go to record their sets or even for home use, Howler is a no-brainer.

### At a glance

#### HOWLER RECORDER + STREAMER

£169

• [howler-audio.com](http://howler-audio.com)

BUILD QUALITY	<b>9.0</b>
EASE OF USE	<b>9.0</b>
FEATURES	<b>8.0</b>
VALUE FOR MONEY	<b>8.0</b>
SOUND QUALITY	<b>9.0</b>

#### Hype

Quick and easy way to record or stream your sets.

#### Gripe

None.

#### Summary

**Howler recorder/streamer is a wicked little black box that keeps things simple, with great results.**

**Verdict 8.6/10**