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Sangean Digital Radio Mixes Funky Design & Handy Features

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Sangean has released a digital radio with an unconventional design but a heap of audible features with the DCR-200+ Digital Radio.

Sangean, who specialise in digital, analogue, Internet and iPod-integrated radios, released the DCR-200+ as part of its portable range, with home radio features.

The radio sits at a slender 120mm x 201mm x 120 mm, weighing in just under a kilo, with a curvaceous frame that gives it more of a computer-speaker look than any typical radio. Adding to the subverted design are the flush-to-surface buttons on the top of the unit.

The DCR remembers up to 28 station presets (14 for digital and 14 FM) and can play audio from MP3 players via Aux-In cable (no iPod-specific connection for simultaneous charge and play).

On the sound side, the DCR uses a downward-facing speaker to project sound around the room rather than in a single direction.

In a bid to be a handier radio option around the home, the radio also features a countdown timer of up to 120 minutes, adjustable mood lighting and simple volume, tuner, and alarm settings on the small screen.

There's also a voice recording function that can record two separate messages of up to ten seconds for setting voice reminders or leaving messages. Since there are no external memory inputs, this feature is limited and can't be extended.

The DCR-200+ comes in black and white varieties and can be either battery or plug-powered. It's being sold through Canohm around Australia across the major electronics retailers for \$299.



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